

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXV Niedziela zwykła

October 4, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm: Ps 128:1-6

The Lord upholds my life.

Epistle: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Intention: 9:30 – śp. Stefan Swyst

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite), Exposition & Benediction, Blessing of Pets
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite), Blessing of Pets

Solemnity of the Christian Family

Święto Chrześcijańskiej Rodziny

October 11, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 39, Canon, page 52.

First reading: Genesis 1:26-28,31

Psalm: 128:1-5

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

Epistle: Ephesians 6:1-9

Gospel: Luke 2:42-52

Intention: 9:30 - For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Hodur Rite)
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Hodur Rite)

Abba John who had been exiled by the Emperor Marcian said: we went to Syria one day to see Abba Poemen, and we wanted to ask him about purity of hearts. But the old man did not know Greek, and no interpreter could be found. So seeing our embarrassment, the old man suddenly began to speak in Greek, saying the nature of water is soft and that of stone is hard. But if a bottle is hung above the stone, allowing the water to fall drop-by-drop, it wears away even the hardest stone. So it is with the word of God. It is soft, and our heart is very hard. But the man who hears the word of God often opens his heart to the fear of the Lord. – Sayings of the Desert Fathers

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **October 4: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Commemoration - St. Francis of Assisi/Blessing of Pets, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 7: Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary**
- **Wilcox Baby Shower, Parish Hall 3-7pm**
- **October 11: Solemnity of the Christian Family, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 12: Columbus Day**
- **October 18: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free lunch on Sunday.**
- **October 19: Feast – St. Luke (translated). Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meets.**
- **October 24: Rummage Sale 9am to 3pm.**
- **October 18: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

Are our hearts hard?

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment.

This is the day – the set of readings and gospel – we dread to hear. God is laying out His plan for our lives, how we are to act, what we must believe, and the fact that we just cannot make our own rules. These things are difficult for us to hear. As with Israel, we want things our own way.

God is great when He blesses us, but when He tells us the way we must go, the narrow road we must tread, then we balk. We fear the hard questions because the answers are not easy to hear and are even

harder to carry out. We often ask – well why can’t..? Why can’t those two people marry? Why can’t we just live together? Why are you getting in the way of my good time?

These and other questions are certainly with us. To get to the answers we must start with a more basic question: Who am I?

As humans we are both honorable and shameful. We are God’s glorious creation, made in His image. We are also fallen from innocence and marred by the sin that pushes us further and further away from the image of God in us. Great evil occurs most readily where the answer to ‘Who am I?’ gives way to hard-hearted, egotistical, and self-centered answers. These offer the wrong answers to the question of who we are.

At an even more fundamental level, we must ask the most important question anyone could ever ask. This is, of course, the

question of who God is. Who is this god – the God revealed to us by our Lord and Savior or another deity? Is God pure truth, without lie or deceit, or just a great bunch of suggestions?

In order to understand the image of God within us, we must first decide Who He is. To find the answer to all questions we must fix our eyes on life according to God who does not lie. Otherwise we end up with nothing more than a take-it-or-leave-it menu god, a set of options that offer no real path to life. We end up with ourselves, life according to us. Then we remain with hard hearts because there is nothing else. I am all I have.

Jesus understands our struggle in answering hard questions – finding Him and ourselves. To cure our hard-heartedness He told us to have the faith of a child: "for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." That kind of trust, unquestioning and unrestrained, will melt our hearts and give us every answer.

He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

Psalm 62:6

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 Peter 2:9
MONDAY: Romans 6:1-5
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 3:15
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 34:4
THURSDAY: Psalm 91:1-2
FRIDAY Proverbs 3:5-6
SATURDAY: Matthew 6:33

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may find all answers in You and that I may do all in accord with Your will.

Thank you... Thank you very much...

To all who made the celebration of Erickaa’s and Eden’s First Holy Communion so special last Sunday. Thank you to their parents and grandparents for faithfully bringing them to Church and to class.

Thank you to all who prepared for, cooked for, set up, broke down, volunteered at, and attended and supported our annual Craft Fair. Thank you especially to Stephanie Dominy for leading this effort. We made \$1,000.

To all who attended our Bible Study this past Wednesday. The weather was a bit chilly and rainy, but we gathered and were warmed by God’s word and each other’s company.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. We will be inviting area pastors and Churches to join with us in studying God’s word. We will ask them to present as well so we can share and learn from each other in the Body of Christ. Please stop by and join is to support this new ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, October 28th.

Month of All Souls

If you would like the souls of loved ones to be remembered during the Commemoration of All Souls and at every Holy Mass throughout November, please send the names of these loved ones to Fr. Jim by Sunday, October 25th. Alternately, you can E-mail the names of those you wish commemorated to Fr. Jim at frjim@holynamencc.org. We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Sunday, November 1st during our 9:30 and 11:30am Holy Masses along with the reading of the names of all the faithful departed. Fr. Jim will also celebrate the memory of the faithful departed interred at Good Shepherd cemetery on Sunday, November 1st at 2pm.

Rummage Sale Help Needed

Fall is here –time to clean out. Our Fall Rummage and Bake Sale will be held Saturday, October 24th. You may drop off items for the Rummage Sale in the parish hall.

Oh Ohhh...

Looks like we have a problem with our roof. Initial bids have come in around \$12,000. Please pray over this.

Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is October 18th. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ. Our free lunch on Sunday program is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzyninski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Martha Fields, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Lisa Wilson, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Brittany Lawrence, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover.

- All in need of God’s healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Pattric Jones
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish, Sanok, Poland and its pastor Rev. Ryszard Rawicki.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held every week after 9:30am Holy Mass. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week. If you can, please help out.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men’s Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women’s Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---