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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 9, 2016

Solemnity of the Christian Family Święto Chrześcijańskiej Rodziny

October 9, 2016

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: 9:30am and 11:30am for all our families

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Hodur Rite).
- Coffee Hour/School of Christian Living.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Hodur Rite).

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXIX Niedziela Zwykła

October 16, 2016

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

First reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm: Ps 121:1-8

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Epistle: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour/School of Christian Living.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

“See, Fire and Spirit in the womb that bore you! See, Fire and Spirit in the river where you were baptized! Fire and Spirit in our Baptism; in the Bread and the Cup, Fire and Holy Spirit!” Christ, the Light of the World, dwelt first in the womb of the Virgin—who was thus “baptized” by her Son—and then in the womb of the Jordan; he emerged from both as the Incarnate Word, the Savior of mankind. Those who are baptized thus become the children of Mary and partakers of the body, blood, soul, and divinity of her Son. – St. Ephrem the Syrian

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 518-453-2258

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Upcoming...

- **October 9: Solemnity of the Christian Family. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 10: Columbus Day (observed).**
- **October 15: Rummage and Bake Sale - Parish Hall 9am - 3pm.**
- **October 16: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Heritage Sunday/ Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 17: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.**
- **October 18: Feast – St. Luke.**
- **October 23: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 24: Feast – St. Raphael the Archangel**
- **October 28: Feast Ss. Simon & Jude**
- **October 30: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 31: Vigil of All Saints**
- **November 1: Solemnity of All Saints/Holy Mass at 7pm.**

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.

On the level.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created man in his own image.

As family He created them! God’s plan, set out from the very beginning was that we were to live as family. God’s creation and intervention follows along a singular thread that is family. On this special Solemnity, found only within our Holy Church, we focus on what it means to be the Christian family.

As we have just heard, the family that is our God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – created us in their image. Four chapters later in Genesis God calls out to Cain: "Where is Abel your brother?" Cain replied, "I do not know; am I my

brother's keeper?" God was asking such a basic question – where is your brother, why didn’t you see him as your brother, why didn’t you love your brother? Cain’s insufficient answer, his excuse is a lesson to us. God holds us to a much higher standard.

From the beginning God communicated to family. Abraham came from Ur with his wife and brother, and all their family. God saved Jacob and his sons through their brother Joseph. Those sons were the progenitors of the twelve tribes. God’s people were one family, one genealogy. God sent Moses and Aaron to bring His people, His family out of Egypt. They would be victorious and they would fail together. They would do penance together and they would enter the land of promise together. Over and over they fell and rose together. Together they awaited the promised One of God. Together they failed to recognize Him. The gospel as recorded by St. John, which we will hear at the end of

today’s Holy Mass, calls to mind: *He came to his own home, and his own people received him not.*

St. John goes on to proclaim our hope: *But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God.* What was a family genetically related, born out of the sons of Jacob, has been replaced by a new definition of family. It is the Christian family born as children of God in the blood of His Son, Jesus.

Christian family is inclusion and participation in the Divine family. It means we live in a different way. We live as family from our first profession of faith and our baptism in water and the Holy Spirit. This family means no artificial barrier, no distinction in race or class. We are one family standing at the foot of the cross, where the ground is level, where we all look up and recognize our hope. There we receive salvation on the level. We say with the Psalmist: *My foot stands on level ground; in the great assembly I will bless the Lord.*

“For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

Acts 2:39

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: John 17:20-21
MONDAY: Acts 16:31
TUESDAY: 2 Timothy 1:5
WEDNESDAY: John 16:21-22
THURSDAY: John 16:27
FRIDAY: Matthew 8:14-15
SATURDAY: Luke 13:34

Pray

Brother Jesus, grant that we may perceive the reality of our Christian family and act in every way as brothers and sisters to each other.

12th Diocesan Holy Synod

The 12th Holy Synod of the Central Diocese of our Holy Church concluded at noon yesterday. Thank you to Marilyn Hietala for representing us. Prophetic messages were received, deliberations were well thought out, work was begun anew. We are walking with Jesus Christ. We are guided by the Word of God. We are enlightened by principles of Bishop Hodur.

A Great Gift of Charity

Our former pastor, the Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski, Diocesan Bishop of the Western Diocese has been waiting for some time for a kidney transplant. Please continue to pray for Bishop Stan as he awaits this procedure. The Church is seeking those who may be interested in giving the selfless gift of serving as a transplant donor in this case. After much prayer, if you are interested in helping Bishop Stan, please reach out to him at (847) 698-0578 to discuss this matter.

Rummage/Bake Sale Next Saturday

Our **Rummage/Bake Sale** will be held Saturday, October 15th from 9am through 3pm. You can bring goods you wish to donate throughout the week. We need help all week in setting up and organizing our many generous donations. Baked goods may be dropped off Saturday morning. Please see Donna Panfil.

Christian Family Webinar

Prime Bishop Mikovsky's National Webinar on the Christian Family was absolutely wonderful. The presentation is recorded on YouTube. Go to **www.Youtube.com** and then in the search box type in "PNCC Future Direction." Then click on PNCC Future Direction and then click on: "A Presentation on The Solemnity of the Christian Family.”

SOCL Classes

Parents are reminded that when they had their child baptized, they vowed to have the child educated in the Christian Faith. All youth of the parish should be enrolled and attend SOCL every Sunday. Sign up sheets are on the back table.

A Prayer for Families

God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed each of us with the gift of family, that through our family life we may learn to love and care for others. Open our eyes to recognize in all people the bonds of kinship. May we unselfishly serve them who with us have been made co-heirs with Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ. Amen. -- A Book of Devotions and Prayers of the Polish National Catholic Church, page 95

The Political Season

As Christ followers we are not bound to any ideology, party or even form of government. We are citizens of His kingdom. During these days of political tension and conflict let us practice forgiveness and remember where our true home is.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright, Fr. Ray Drada, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Muse En Lystrala, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr.

- 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 National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for the clergy and people of Holy Trinity Parish, New Castle, PA, Very Rev. John A. Rencewicz, II.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. Please volunteer to help.

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. Help is always needed for SOCL especially in instructing and encouraging our youth. Please see Fr. Jim.

--- Share the Spirit and invite others to the Kingdom of God. ---