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When Life Feels Empty

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 11, 2015

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)

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXIX Niedziela zwykła

October 18, 2015

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

First reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm: Ps 33:4-5,18-20,22

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Intention: 9:30 – 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 and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite),
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Free Lunch on Sunday (Goulash Today!!!) 11:30am – 1:30pm

Let us therefore entertain great solicitude for our wives, and take great care of our children, and of our servants, and of ourselves. And in our government both of ourselves and of them, let us beseech God that He aid us in the work. If He shall see us interested in this work, and solicitous about it, He will aid us; but if He shall see us paying no regard to it, He will not give us His hand. For He does not vouchsafe us His assistance when we sleep, but when we labor also ourselves. For a helper, (as the name implies,) is not a helper of one that is inactive, but of one who works also himself. But the good God is able of Himself to bring the work to perfection, that we may be all counted worthy to attain to the blessings promised us – St. John Chrysostom

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 Gniedzinski at 518- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **October 11: Solemnity of the Christian Family, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 12: Columbus Day, Parish Committee Meets.**
- **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.**
- **October 24: Feast – St. Raphael, Archangel/Rummage Sale 9am to 3pm.**
- **October 25: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 28: Feast – Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles.**
- **October 31: Vigil of All Saints.**
- **November 1: Solemnity of All Saints, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Amsterdam Cemetery Service, 2pm.**

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.

What if things aren’t so great?

And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom; and when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, but supposing him to be in the company they went a day’s journey, and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintances; and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking him.

Today our Holy Church celebrates another of its unique Solemnities – that of the Christian Family. Many pastors will speak today about the unique and beautiful ideal that is the Christian family. This is certainly the model we should be pursuing. We have the example of the Holy Family as our model – Joseph, Mary, and Jesus.

In the gospels we read of all the wonderful things that emerge from the blessings of family. Mary came to the assistance of her kinswoman

Elizabeth when she was expecting. Joseph protected his family when Herod sent his army to kill them. John proclaimed the coming of His cousin, Jesus. This is certainly the kind of mutual support and overall family goodness we strive for, we hope to find in our lives. But what happens when things go wrong, when our lives don’t exactly match up to the ideal?

The Holy Family faced one of those moments. Jesus went missing. Things weren’t going according to plan. He couldn’t be found. He wasn’t with family and friends. Some Biblical scholars and historians estimate the festival crowds in Jerusalem at about 3 million people. A boy of twelve was somewhere among 3 million people... Scary stuff.

Our lives are filled with scary stuff. When those moments come – abuse, divorce, addiction, poverty, homelessness, infertility, infidelity, and so many other struggles – and we think about the

Christian family – we feel that God must have turned His back on us. We are abandoned and alone. We can’t possibly live up to the ideal.

God didn’t abandon Mary and Joseph in their moment of fear. He didn’t abandon His Son in the midst of 3 million people. God has not and will not abandon us. Remember, we are worth so much that He offered up His Son’s life for us. When problems center down on us we have one stronghold we can rely on. It is one stronghold with two aspects. The first aspect is that the Father has adopted us all. We are brothers and sisters to Jesus. We have the Holy Spirit with us to strengthen and uphold us – God who gives us life and complete love. The other aspect of our Father’s provision is the Holy Church and each local parish. This is the Body of Christ in all its reality – brokenness striving to heavenly glory. Mutual love and support so that we may assist each other as one family when things aren’t great.

But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 42:11
MONDAY: Jude 1:24
TUESDAY: Hebrews 4:15
WEDNESDAY: Romans 15:4
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 10:4
FRIDAY Psalm 42:5
SATURDAY: 1 John 1:7

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant Your blessing to every family and most especially to those who feel empty. Fill them through the family of faith.

Seniorate Thanksgiving Celebration

The parishes to the of the Mohawk Valley Seniorate will join together at Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa Parish in Latham, NY on Saturday, November 14th at 11:00 am for a Thanksgiving Holy Mass followed by a free Luncheon. The Holy Mass intention is Thanksgiving For Blessings Received. The Choir Lutnia invites all singers from Seniorate parishes to sing together. Please let Fr. Jim know if you would like to attend so we can provide a count for the lunch.

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. Sign up to help.

Solemnity of the Christian Family

At the Third synod of the Polish National Catholic Church, held in Chicago in December 1914 in Chicago the Synod delegates resolved that the Second Sunday of October be dedicated as the Solemnity of the Christian Family. This Solemnity was meant as an opportunity for the Church to pray for the consolidation and strengthening of families. On this day we pray for all families; that they be strengthened and blessed.

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.

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 Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Skadla, Poland and its pastor Rev. Piotr Strojny.

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 ---