



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXX Niedziela Zwykła

October 23, 2016
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.
First reading: Sirach 35:12-14,16-18
Psalm: Ps 34:2-3,17-19,23
The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18
Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners
Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki
Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 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).

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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October 30, 2016
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.
First reading: Wisdom 11:22–12:2
Psalm: Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14
I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.
Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2
Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

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In proportion to your humility you are given patience in your woes; and in proportion to your patience the burden of your afflictions is made lighter and you will find consolation; in proportion to your consolation, your love of God increases; and in proportion to your love, your joy in the Holy Spirit is magnified. Once men have truly become His sons, our tenderly compassionate Father does not take away their temptations from them when it is His pleasure to 'make for them a way to escape,' but instead He gives His sons patience in their trials. All these good things are given into the hand of their patience for the perfecting of their souls. – St. Isaac 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 23: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Ladies Tea & Fashion Show - BVMC**
- **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. Parish Breakfast.**
- **October 31: Vigil of All Saints**
- **November 1: Solemnity of All Saints/Holy Mass at 7pm.**
- **November 2: Observance of All Souls.**
- **November 6: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. All Souls Prayers at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2pm.**
- **November 8: Election Day.**
- **November 11: Veterans’ Day.**
- **November 13: Daylight Savings Ends. 33rd 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.

Endless, joy filled, hope.

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. “Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector.”

This is one of those parables I refer to as the beautiful parables. They are a direct offer of hope. Today, and over the next two weeks Jesus offers His faithful special hope.

Hope is a verb; it is, as my high school teachers would say, an action word. It is something we engage in and do particularly as Christians. Hope is more than just desiring, longing, dreaming, or being optimistic. Hope is a confidence that what has been promised will in fact occur. It will happen. There is no might, or may, or maybe. As scripture tells us, it is yes and Amen. Jesus reminds us to let our confidence be known by our yes and no – really believing what we say is

true because we are backed up by God Himself. In the Letter to the Hebrews we read: *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.* Assurance and conviction is that inward and outward steadfastness in what we know to be true.

Dr. David W. Orr, Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics writes that “Hope is a verb with its shirtsleeves rolled up.”

The plain opposite of hope is despair. More than despair alone, it is the false illusion and confidence in things that cannot be backed up.

Do we trust in government? There is surely no promise there. Maybe there are some ideals (originally founded upon scripture), but still no guarantee. Do we trust in our good works alone? So many are deceived in thinking that good works are enough – that they will somehow be remembered and acclaimed beyond the memory of the next couple of generations. They are deceived for they still be forgotten.

None of these things are backed up by an everlasting promise.

Christian history is filled with the witness and words of those who had to face apparent hopelessness. They were confronted by war, poverty, personal failure and dreams unfulfilled, sickness, and death. We sit here in God’s presence and wonder whether we can hope, whether we dare hope and have confidence. Jesus answer to us is: Yes!

Christians who get this know that when they are down they will be raised up. They know that when they sin they will be forgiven. They know that nothing here and now is more powerful than what God has promised us. They simply know it – not so that they become arrogant but so that the hope they have might be spread through their joy. The tax collector found that joy.

Endless, joy filled hope is what God has given us in Jesus. It is for those who see in these beautiful parables the truth of His promises.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Time to Study God’s Word

- SUNDAY: Jeremiah 29:11
- MONDAY: Psalm 39:7
- TUESDAY: Proverbs 23:18
- WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 3:15
- THURSDAY: Psalm 71:5
- FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 3:1
- SATURDAY: Acts 24:15

Pray

Lord Jesus, strengthen my hope; bless me with confidence in Your word and promises. May I act on that hope.

Thanksgiving Celebration

Our Seniorate Thanksgiving celebration will be held right here, in our parish, on Saturday, November 19th. Holy Mass will begin at 11am to be followed by a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. We invite you and all your friends and family. We hope for an excellent turn out to welcome our brothers and sisters from throughout the Mohawk Valley. Please RSVP by E-mail or telephone to Stephanie Dominy at sdominy@nycap.rr.com or (518) 369-1346 by November 5th with the number of attendees. Join to help with prep on Friday, Nov. 18th.

Month of November – Holy Memory

We are also reminded that the month of All Souls is right around the corner. Please send the names of the loved ones you wish to be remembered to Fr. Jim by Sunday, October 30th. We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on Tuesday, November 1st with Holy Mass at 7pm 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 6th at 2pm.

Ideas for Ministries and Prayer

As Election Day approaches we are given an opportunity to pray for our country in a special way. If you would like to join together in prayer starting on October 30th, please let Fr. Jim know. We could gather together for an early morning Holy Mass offered for the intention of our nation and a Novena to St. Jude, patron of hopeless causes.

Many parishes have engaged in a prayer blanket or prayer shawl ministry. Parishioners gather and work together to create either prayer blankets or shawls to be given to those in special need – hospitalized veterans, cancer patients, victims of domestic violence, and others. The colors in these shawls and blankets represent these special needs. If interested in starting this ministry, please let Fr. Jim know.

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. The Church is seeking those who may be interested in giving the selfless gift of serving as a transplant donor in this case. If you believe you can help Bishop Stan, please reach out to him at (847) 698-0578 to discuss this matter.

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.

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 Węgliński, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepkowski, 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, Emily Ruchalski, 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 St. Barbara’s Parish, Houtzdale, PA, Rev. Scott Lill.

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. ---