

The Widow's Offering

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 8, 2015

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXXII Niedziela zwykła

November 8, 2015

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

First reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

Psalm: 146:7-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Epistle: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Intention: 9:30 – śp Walter & Helen Kupiec

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

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

- Prayers for the Departed at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Parish Committee Meeting at 12:30pm

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXXIII Niedziela zwykła

November 15, 2015

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

First reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm: Ps 16:5,8-11

You are my inheritance, O Lord!

Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

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In the matter of piety, poverty serves us better than wealth, and work better than idleness, especially since wealth becomes an obstacle even for those who do not devote themselves to it. Yet, when we must put aside our wrath, quench our envy, soften our anger, offer our prayers, and show a disposition which is reasonable, mild, kindly, and loving, how could poverty stand in our way? For we accomplish these things not by spending money but by making the correct choice. Almsgiving above all else requires money, but even this shines with a brighter luster when the alms are given from our poverty. The widow who paid in the two mites was poorer than any human, but she outdid them all. – 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 Gnidzinski at 518- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **November 8: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Parish Committee Meeting at 12:30pm**
- **November 11: Veteran's Day/Polish Independence Day**
- **November 14: Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass and Lunch at 11am at B.V.M. of Częstochowa**
- **November 15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch.**
- **November 16: Holy Mass for Healing, 6:15pm**
- **November 21: Solemnity – Presentation of the B.V.M.**
- **November 22: Solemnity of Christ the King, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **November 25: Bible study, 7:30pm.**
- **November 26: Thanksgiving.**
- **November 29: 1st Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **November 30: Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle**

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.

Riches out of our poverty.

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

It is the thought that counts! We might hear that saying in a couple of instances. One is the more traditional meaning – as Oxford tells us: “Used to indicate that it is the kindness behind an act that matters, however imperfect or insignificant the act may be.” The other is slightly more sarcastic. It might also be used when someone receives a gift that isn’t quite

wanted – a re-gift of an unwanted gift, something not quite attractive or necessarily wanted. Well, it was the thought that counts.

There was more than just Jesus and His disciples observing the day’s giving at the Temple treasury. We know from some of the other observations Jesus made that many of those who gave did so just to be noticed and praised: “So when you give to the poor, don’t announce it with trumpet fanfare. This is what hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets in order to be praised by people.” Jesus also told a man who had invited Him to dinner to “invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, since they do not have the means to repay you” Living in community obviously allowed many to see and make judgments.

So there is the widow putting in her two mites, all she had. Most were probably not thinking – ‘Well, it was the thought that

counts.’ She was an embarrassment to them; that widow, that poor woman. The Old Testament is filled with legislation that attempted to provide for the widow. The legislation acknowledged the fact that they were vulnerable and victimized. People probably did not treat this widow as they should, and there she was. The fact she had next to nothing to give accused the observers.

Jesus was not thinking: ‘Well, it was the thought that counts’ either. The widow’s act of giving was neither imperfect nor insignificant nor was it something received and unwanted. Jesus knew that this widow knew the joy of love and the anguish of loss. Yet she continued to give her all. This act of giving represents what Jesus intended to do in giving of Himself totally. This is what he asks us, His disciples, to do. Jesus saw her giving as perfect, significant, and wanted. Jesus points to her so that we too – from love and loss will chose correctly and give our all.

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

Psalm 68:5

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Exodus 22:22-23
MONDAY: Proverbs 15:25
TUESDAY: Jeremiah 22:3
WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 1:17
THURSDAY: Luke 2:36-37
FRIDAY: Malachi 3:5
SATURDAY: Psalm 146:9

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may follow in the widow’s footsteps and give my all.

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.

Celebratory Dinner

In thanksgiving for Fr. Jim’s first year of service as our priest, and in celebration of his first anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood, please join us for a Dutch Chicken Dinner on Sunday, December 6th at 2pm. Please see Stephanie Dominy for more information and to let her know if you are coming.

Food Collection

As we do each November and December, we are taking up a food collection to help those in our local community. Please bring in bags of canned and dry foods and/or personal care items and leave them by the Mary altar. Your generosity shows forth your thankfulness for God’s many blessings and your sacrifice during the upcoming penitential and preparatory season of Advent.

Outrageous Valentine’s Raffle

We are sending out tickets for next February’s Outrageous Valentine’s raffle. Prizes total \$1,220. Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. Every time someone wins, their ticket is placed ‘back in the bucket.’ Daily prizes are \$40 and the Valentine’s Day prize is \$100. Thank you for supporting this effort which pays for our sumer youth programs – Kurs and CONVO.

Roof Work Underway

As you will notice, the roofing team is hard at work. The roofing project should be completed by Monday, November 9th. They have also offered to assist by painting the cross that is over the sanctuary. Plese pray for the success of this project.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join is to support this new ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, November 25th.

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 November 15th. 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, Nickole Mook, 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, 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, Joe Barratiere.

- 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 Ghost Parish, Tarłów, Poland and its pastor Rev. Aleksander Bielec.

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 ---