

I refuse to live an ordinary life when I serve an Extraordinary GOD!

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 19, 2017

Sexagesima Sunday Niedziela Sześćdziesiątnicy

February 19, 2017

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

Psalm: Ps 103:1-4,8,10,12-13

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

Intention: 9:30am 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 Hours, SOCL/Confirmation/First Communion Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

Quinquagesima Sunday Niedziela Pięćdziesiątnicy

February 26, 2017

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 49:14-15

Psalm: Ps 62:2-3,6-9

R. Rest in God alone, my soul.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34

Intention: 9:30am for all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Daniel Diianne, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hours, SOCL/Confirmation/First Communion Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

But have you been greatly wronged? Nay, what have you endured like your Lord, bound, beaten with whips, with rods, spit upon by servants, enduring death, and that death, which is of all deaths the most shameful, after ten thousand favors shown? And even if you have been greatly wronged, for this very cause most of all do thou do him good, that you may both make your own crown more glorious, and set your brother free from the worst infirmity. For so too the physicians, when they are kicked, and shamefully handled by the insane, then most of all pity them, and take measures for their perfect cure, knowing that the insult comes of the extremity of their disease. – 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 518-453-2258

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Upcoming...

- **February 19: Sexagesima Sunday.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- **February 20: President's Day.** Parish Committee Meets at 10am. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.
- **February 24: Feast – St. Matthias, Apostle.**
- **February 26: Quinquagesima Sunday.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- **February 28: Last day for Epiphany Home Blessings.**
- **March 1: Ash Wednesday.** Holy Mass with Blessing and Distribution of Ashes at 7pm.
- **March 3: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 4: Commemoration of St. Casimir**
- **March 5: First Sunday of Lent, Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **March 10: Stations of the Cross, 7pm.**
- **March 12: Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC.** Holy Mass at 9:30am ONLY. Annual Budget Meeting.

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.

Extraordinary life.

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

Last week we discussed using this Pre-Lenten season as an opportunity to stretch ourselves, to warm up and prepare for the living of God’s life. Getting ready to engage we now come face-to-face with the reality of competition.

We could categorize this time of year as the season of competition. A couple of weeks ago we watched football’s ultimate competition, the Super Bowl. That competition encompasses a time of preparation and training and a whole season of smaller competitions. This weekend is basketball’s All-Star game and all the competitive/show-off events that surround it. March madness is ahead and of course the various musical, stage, and movie award nights have taken over our televisions.

Throughout history people have enjoyed competition. Economists tell us that competition is an essential force in maintaining productive and efficient markets. Even the human quest for love is not free of competition. For most people, there is something compelling about competition. Perhaps that’s because, as some argue, “competitiveness” is a biological trait that supports the

human need for survival. In this season of competition, Paul asks us to check our competitiveness because life in Jesus is not a rivalry, trial, match, race, or struggle. It is a gift given and by grace we already own it. We own the whole promise of God. We can trust that God has placed us where He wants us, where we can make the most difference, while we rely on His grace. But what to do with our competitive nature? Do we deny it or pretend it doesn’t exist? Do we sublimate it? That wouldn’t last too long; only as far as the next time our favorite team plays or we go after that item that’s on sale and that everyone else wants.

Paul isn’t denying our competitive nature, or saying we should ignore it. The message is that we need to bring our lives – our physical and psychological selves, our gifts and competitiveness – into accord with the way life should be. This is the life the prophets proclaimed and that Jesus revealed. Our competitive nature is real and is to be used to glorify God and to build up His body.

But Pastor, how can we do that? How to make Jesus’ way real and tangible. How do I make competition work for good? Our visitors from Church Journeys did exactly that. They took Paul’s words to heart and have focused on ending the sorts of competition that separates the Body of Christ into the factions of *Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world* into a shared

journey that builds up and glorifies what God is doing in our community, right here, right now.

As they have done, we need to set our competitive ambitions and energies on the very hard work Christians need to live (not just do). Stretched and ready, we need to take on those who would *strike* us by offering ourselves up as a complete sacrifice. For those who would seek our *coat* we need to hand over our wardrobe. For those who would demand a *mile* of us, we need to be ready to walk the entire journey with them. We need to use our competitive energy for a love that surpasses that of the world, a godly love that embraces *enemies* and *persecutors*.

Making Jesus way real and tangible requires we live the big above and beyond; our competitive instinct turning us from ordinary to extraordinary people taking all that belongs to us and competing to “*be perfect, just as our heavenly Father is perfect.*”

Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 Corinthians 9:24
MONDAY: 2 Timothy 2:5
TUESDAY: Colossians 3:23
WEDNESDAY: Colossians 3:17
THURSDAY: Philippians 2:3
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:31
SATURDAY: Galatians 6:4

Pray the week:
Lord, grant that I may humble myself and compete to build Your kingdom alone.

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, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, 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, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel Diianne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo Diianne, Cassandra Wade, 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. Mary’s Parish Mission, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Rev. Tadeusz Czelen.

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.

Welcome Church Journeys

Donna Hanson Munafo had a vision several years ago to visit a different “church” each Sunday morning and then share her experiences. After each visit she posts her impressions and thoughts to her website at www.churchjourneyblog.com. Donna’s passion and purpose is to edify and encourage area churches, help bring unity to the Body of Christ and give insight to those who have never been to a particular “church.” Please be sure to meet Donna and all our other visitors and share both their and your wonderful faith. Welcome Donna and thank you for visiting our parish today for 9:30am Holy Mass.

2nd Week of Pre-Lent

We are now in the 2nd week of the brief transitional season of Pre-Lent. This three-Sunday season allows us to move from the joys of the Christmas/Epiphany Season to the solemn tones of Great Lent. The season serves as our remote preparations for Holy Week and Easter. During Pre-Lent, the church begins to take on a more reserved appearance. Accordingly, we can no longer have flowers adorning the Sanctuary.

Hospice Volunteers

Community Hospice is looking for compassionate and friendly people who have positive attitudes and are good listeners to be volunteers. A multi-day training session begins in March and pre-registration is required. If you are interested, please contact Robin Carlson at 518-470-1458 or by E-mail at rcarlson@communityhospice.org to request an application.

Easter Food Orders

Stephanie will once again be selling various foods for Easter and you can join in the fun too by making golumbki at church on Friday, April 14th from 9am. You can also join Stephanie at home to make pierogi. To join in or to place orders please call Stephanie at 518-369-1346 or E-mail her at sdominy@nycap.rr.com. Orders are being taken from March 1st –April 7th. Pick up is on Saturday, April 15th from 10-am-1 pm unless other arrangements are made. Golumbki are \$27/dozen, \$15/half-dozen, \$3 each. Pierogis are \$8/dozen, \$4.50/half-dozen and are available in potato, onion & cheese, sauerkraut, onion & bacon, and plain cheese. Easter breads or babka are \$9 each.

Of note...

--- Invite friends and family to greet the Lord with you. ---