

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday XXI Niedziela zwykła

August 25, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal First reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm: 117:1-2

R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Epistle: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Intention: For all parishioners

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

• Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins.

• Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am

• Lunch of Sunday – Chicken Soup

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXII Niedziela zwykła

September 1, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Sirach 3:17-18,20,28-29

Psalm: Ps 88:4-7,10-11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Epistle: Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14 Intention: For all parishioners

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Lector: Marilyn Heitala

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"An important part of a child's education is story-telling, since good stories excite the imagination and strengthen the bond between parent and child. Stories from the Bible are preferred, and the child should repeat them often, to underscore full comprehension." – St. John Chrysostom

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- August 25: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday
- August 26: Solemnity of the B.V.M. of Częstochowa
- August 29: Solemnity of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- August 31: Track & Field Meet
- September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- September 2: Labor Day
- September 7: First Confession and Private Confession for all
- September 8: Solemnity of
 Brotherly Love, First Communion,
 Holy Mass at 9AM
- September 9: Solemnity of the Nativity of the B.V.M.
- September 11: 12th Anniversary of 9/11/2001. Prayer Service at 7:30pm
- September 14: Solemnity of the Finding of the Holy Cross
- September 15: Back to Church

Lord, what about me?

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem.

People were asking Jesus a lot of questions as He made His way to Jerusalem. They questioned their future. They wanted assurance about their future as a nation and as individuals. It is a question we have all asked – 'what about me?'

We all want to be sure. The youth in our midst, in our families and in our community are asking that very question.

Jesus wasn't giving easy assurances. He is God and God cannot help but be honest. He told them: "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Jesus was telling them and is

telling us that our future is dependent on our aligning ourselves with God's will and God's way. He is saying that it takes work, commitment, dedication, faithfulness, and often treading the rocky narrow path.

Our young people will be returning to school in the weeks ahead, and some are already off to college. As they return they will be facing those tough roads. They either have, or will come to realize that school takes work, commitment, dedication, and faithfulness.

The question before us this Youth Sunday is whether we are equipping our youth with the commitment, dedication, and faithfulness needed to reach eternal life. Are we bringing them to Jesus, training them in God's will and God's way, and making them strong enough to enter through the narrow gate?

Young people have a deep-seated desire to know God. They wonder

what He is all about. They hear His call faintly, and they thirst for Him. They want the water that will quench their thirst, water the world cannot offer. They instinctively know that there is a way that leads to inner peace and a contentment that lasts forever. They wish to align themselves with the One who offers that way – but who is it? Where is it? Where can they find the assurance that will secure their future?

We cannot spend Youth Sunday simply praising our youth. We have to resolve to do our very best to help them enter through the narrow gate, and be strong enough. They are asking the question maybe unspoken, maybe without even consciously knowing it - but yearning. Their hearts and souls seek Jesus. They ask - 'what about me?' We must take action and show them the way, not just by pointing, but by taking them by the hand as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends. Showing them – This is the way to go.

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God: and so we are."

1 John 3:

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 MONDAY: Romans 8:16-17 TUESDAY: Galatians 3:26-27 WEDNESDAY: Galatians 4:6-7 THURSDAY: John 1:12 FRIDAY: Romans 8:14 SATURDAY: Romans 8:15

Pray

Lord, thank You for making me Your child. Grant that all children may come to know You through my work and example.

B.V.M of Częstochowa

The representation of Our Blessed Mother with Her Divine Child as Our Lady of Czestochowa — the Miraculous Image possesses an ancient and glorious history. Tradition holds that St. Luke painted it on the top of a cypress-wood table that came from the home of the Holy Family. At the request of the faithful, Mary sat for the portrait. When it was finished, she was pleased, saying, "My grace shall accompany it." Thus began the wonderful history of the painting. Many miracles been attributed to the intercession of Mary by those who have prayed before her portrait. The portrait has figured prominently in the history of Poland. As a result of its history Our Lady of Częstochowa was crowned as Queen of Poland. Throughout the centuries, the painting did not escape desecration and mutilation. It was burned, slashed with sabers and cut twice on the right cheek. In 1909, vandals tore off the gold crown and "overdress" of pearls on the image. The image is often referred to as The Black Madonna. That refers to the skin tones in the portrait of Mary and Jesus. This reflects the fact that Mary and Jesus were Jews, living in the Middle East and had dark brown or olive skin. Since the image is nearly 2,000 years old it has also darkened with age and from the many candles that have been offered before her.

Let us pray: O dear Lady of Czestochowa, look graciously upon your children in this troubled and sinful world. Embrace us all in your loving and Motherly protection.

Craft Fair this Fall

We will be holding a seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 12th from 9am till 4:30pm at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St., Schenectady. At the present time we are seeking vendors for the fair, so if you know any crafters please invite them. Tables are \$25/\$30 or \$10 extra with electric. We will be serving food too. Stephanie Dominy, Gayle Clas, and Kelly Supinski are leading this effort. We will hold meting every few weeks in preparation. Please feel free to join in. Also, in the fall, our SOCL student will be creating crafts that we will be able to sell at the fair in support of the SOCL program.

Upcoming Events

August 31st is the annual YMSofR Zlot/Track and Field Tournament. See Deacon Jim and sign-up. Please pray for the safety of all traveling to these events.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next event is today. 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.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberlan, Stanley Radzyminski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, <u>Deb</u> Couns, <u>Judy</u> Palmer, <u>Ed</u> Jakubiak, <u>Rick</u> Kaminski, <u>Luke</u> Sobiechowski, <u>Mark</u> McCarthy, <u>Bonnie</u> Nelson, <u>Rosemary</u> Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley Bilinski, George Damouni, Chris, James McGrath, Brian Soos, Mary Ellen Hitchings, Frances Myslinski, <u>Jean Nowak</u>, <u>Edward</u> Glover, <u>Tamara</u> Albury, <u>Melissa</u> Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Holy Cross Parish in Enfield, CT its congregation and pastor, Rev. Henry Smolinski.

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

Coffee Hour: This week we conclude our coffee hour for the months of July & August. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week.

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 Deacon Jim.

Of note