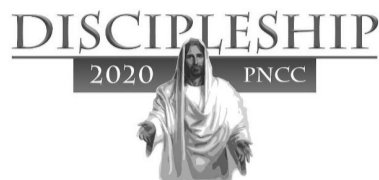




Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 13, 2020



Solemnity of Brotherly Love Święto Braterskiej Miłości

September 13, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 39, Canon, page 52.

First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Ps 85:9-14

Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

Epistle: 1 John 4:17-21

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Intention: 10am for an increase in love and service.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Matins at 9:50am, Holy Mass at 10am (Hodur Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

R. In this way the love of God was revealed to us; God sent His only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXV Niedziela zwykła

September 20, 2020

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

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm: 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Epistle: Philippians 13:20-24,27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Intention: 10am, for vocations, parishioners, Church youth

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Matins at 9:50am, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.

R. The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Upcoming...

- **September 13: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **September 14: Solemnity, Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Consecration of Bishop-Elect Jaroslaw Rafalko, St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr at 2pm. Cathedral, Scranton, PA. Holy Mass at 5:30pm in the parish. Parish Committee Meets at 6:30pm.**
- **September 15: Solemnity, Holy Mother of Sorrows.**
- **September 20: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Back to Church Sunday (Invite Someone). Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **September 21: Feast, St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **September 27: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **September 29: Feast – St. Michael, Archangel.**
- **October 1: Feast – Guardian Angels.**

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 Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

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.

Unless...

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

...and we know the rest of the story. The lawyer quotes the Law of God correctly, love God and neighbor.

Unfortunately, he could not connect that Law to his reality. As Jesus often does when people don't get it, He attempts to teach the lawyer by illustration. He tells the story of a man in need of help. He increases the tension, the man is laying there in pain, unable to help himself, as a priest and Levite pass by ignoring him. We can almost hear the man's cries for help as he is ignored. Finally, someone comes along and stops to help.

The man who stopped to help fulfills the Law of God in the reality of his life. He doesn't

do it because he is an expert in the Law of God, he probably did not know any of its technicalities especially since he was not Jewish. He didn't do it because it was convenient. It probably wasn't, he was on his way to do business and this would kill his schedule. He did it because unless...

The one who stopped was answering God's law written in his heart. As Jeremiah records: *I will put my law within them, and I will write it upon their hearts.*

So the Law on his heart says to him: Unless I stop this man will suffer. Unless I stop this man may die. Unless I stop, I will add to the harm committed. Unless I stop, the world will be a worse place, for then no one will stop for me. Unless I stop, I will be less in my own conscience and eyes. Unless I stop, the Law written in my heart will convict me.

On this special Sunday, the Holy

Church calls us to reflect upon our unless. We have all faced those moments, drive by, go on, or stop. We have all faced our own consciences and any conviction due us when we fail to act in love.

The lawyer wanted a nice, neat, organized understanding of God's Law and what he had to do. We like that too. No messes in his or our understanding, but then there's this beaten man on the side of the road. The Law says to us, Unless. How do I act?

We must answer yes to love and love's action when confronted with our unlessees. We cannot ignore the unless, nor minimize it, nor put what we want or need first. Our schedule or convenience really does not matter to God if it is put before love's action.

St. John reminds us that anyone calling themselves Christian must respond to every unless with love. If we do not, we will *have no confidence for the day of judgment*. Therefore, let us face every unless with love.

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:12

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Leviticus 19:18

MONDAY: John 13:34-35

TUESDAY: James 2:8

WEDNESDAY: Galatians 5:14

THURSDAY: Romans 13:10

FRIDAY: Philippians 2:3

SATURDAY: 1 John 3:18

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant that I may do love each day, in each encounter, in every trial, moment to moment. May each unless I face be answered in love.

Education & Youth Commission Appeal

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic this year, in place of our annual raffle we are issuing an appeal for donations to help support this important fraternal effort.

The members of the Education and Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America ask you to prayerfully consider giving a gift that will be used, appreciated and always remembered by our younger members going to college or schools of higher learning. Thousands of deserving students have received stipends from our Commission. Last year more than 30 students received stipends.

Please make your charitable donation to the **PNU Education and Youth Commission, 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA 18505**. May God bless you; your family and we again thank you for your prayerful consideration of this appeal.

Consecration of Bishop Elect Rafalko

On the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14th, our Holy Church will Consecrate Bishop Elect Jarosław Rafalko to the Office of Bishop. Attendance at the event will be limited due to COVID-19 precautions. Once consecrated, Bishop Elect Rafalko will be formally installed as bishop of the Western Diocese. We ask that in advance of the Consecration, you pray for Bishop Elect, particularly that he be guided in faithfulness to the Gospel of Christ and the Holy Tradition of the Church. *O God, the pastor and ruler of all the faithful, mercifully look upon Thy servant Jaroslaw, which Thou hast deigned to be elevated to the Office of Bishop in Thy Church. Grant that in this time of preparation, the Holy Spirit may guide and protect him, and thereafter, that he remains faithful to Thee and Thy Church. Amen.*

Back to Church Sunday

Back to Church Sunday is next week. Please invite someone, whether they join online or in-person. This is part of our obligation to evangelize and make the faith known. It is an opportunity to see someone come to salvation. They will not only thank you today, but through eternity. For all the rejection we may face in issuing the invitation, one soul saved is worth it. Holy Mass next Sunday at 10am.

Thank You

To all who joined in worship and prayer on Labor Day and on the 19th Anniversary of 9/11/2001. Your commitment to Jesus, His Church, and worship of Him shows your faith.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

An Act of Spiritual Communion at communion time and anytime we desire to be most closely united with our Lord and Savior, Jesus: *Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.*

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan & Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepakowski, Dolores Konicki, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Wayne Wienclawski, Stanley Ordon, David Urbanski, Greg Kaczmarek, Carla, Joanne Houser, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Micka, Grace Lewis, Maggie, Susan, all suffering due to Coronavirus, and 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, Patric Jones. Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Sr. Robert Pleczkowski, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- 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 people and clergy of St. Mary's Parish, Lublin, WI.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. One day we will gather again and give thanks.

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 reconstituted branch 140/168 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Pastor Jim.

--- For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ---