

# Bread of Life

*“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger,  
and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”*

JOHN 6:35

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 2, 2015

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XVIII Niedziela zwykła

August 2, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

Psalm: Ps 78:3-4,23-25,54

**The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

Epistle: Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Intention: 9:30 - For all parishioners.

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

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- First Communion Class, Free Lunch on Sunday
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XIX Niedziela zwykła

August 9, 2015

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

First reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm: Ps 34:2-9

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Epistle: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Intention: 9:30 - For all parishioners.

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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*But the prophets foretold His kingdom according to that wherein He is Christ made man, and has made His faithful ones Christians. There will consequently be a kingdom of Christians, which at present is being gathered together, being prepared and purchased by the blood of Christ. His kingdom will at length be made manifest, when the glory of His saints shall be revealed, after the judgment is executed by Him, which judgment He Himself has said above is that which the Son of man shall execute. – St. Augustine*

**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...

- **August 2: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen**
- **August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord**
- **August 9: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 10: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm.**
- **August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M.**
- **August 16: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Picnic**
- **August 23: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**
- **August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle.**
- **August 26: Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa**
- **August 29: Solemnity - Beheading of St. John the Baptist**

## The slow, long slide.

*I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.*

We have reached the mid-point of summer vacation – at least for our youth. As they and their brave parent rush down rollercoasters and waterslides, we have to wonder if they wish it might slow down – slow down so it might last longer.

Two opposing forces become more and more evident in our gospel messages. This gets to the message St. Paul is trying to convey in his letter telling the people to put away

*the futility of your minds; remember how you learned Christ. Put away the old self, your former way of life, and put on the new self, created in God's way.*

The people came searching for Jesus because they were fed and had seen a great miracle. They had wanted to proclaim Him King of Israel right there in the wilderness. Now they wanted more bread and circuses – show us another miracle. They were thinking in purely human terms and from worldly desires. They were caught up in the futility of their minds.

Jesus does not change His message – but now makes it much more evident. The Kingdom of God is not a kingdom focused on fulfilling whatever the world may wish – but rather a kingdom where God and His faithful live in joyful union – focused on fulfilling the entirety of His potential that is already in us. We are renewed in Him, made new,

*to live in righteousness and holiness of truth.*

Over the next few weeks we see the slow, long slide toward the cross. The people caught up in the futile desires of their minds – power, success, and greed become more and more aware that Jesus has come to call them to a completely new and greatly different life. It is a life that eschews the *former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires*. It is a life that offers the ultimate in rewards – eternal life with God in perpetual bliss and joy.

The people trapped in the futile desires of their minds wished that their “summer” would last forever. Jesus would feed, entertain, heal – give them all that the moment desired. Jesus offers the better alternative, the more perfect gift when He says: *“I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”*

Lord, I choose this bread! It lasts forever and will not slide away!

*Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.*

1 Corinthians 10:17

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 81:16  
MONDAY: Isaiah 55:2  
TUESDAY: Psalm 37:25  
WEDNESDAY: Deuteronomy 8:3  
THURSDAY: Matthew 4:4  
FRIDAY: Matthew 26:26  
SATURDAY: 2 Corinthians 9:10

## Pray

Lord Jesus, I praise and thank You for providing me with Your living bread. Help me to choose this bread over all else.

## Upcoming Events

Please be sure to keep your calendars open for the following upcoming events: **August 10th** – Healing Holy Mass; **August 16th** – Blessing of Herbs in honor of the Dormition of the B.V.M. and Parish/Community Picnic; and **September 9** – National PNCC Webinar on Brotherly Love

## Summer Food Collection Thank You

Thank you to all who assisted and gave during our summer food collection for those in need locally. The food was donated to Schenectady Inner City Ministries. God bless your generosity!

## Act and Speak Too

It is absolutely true that the chief way we share the gospel is through our lives. The chief way that I am able to share with you anything about Christ is by living my life in Christ. The chief way I can tell you about the love of God is to show you the love of God. The chief way I can teach you about repentance is to show you repentance in my own life. This is true, and this is a fundamental truth of Orthodoxy. But, we have begun to use it as an excuse not to speak, and we must call back to our Tradition. If we look at the lives of the Holy Apostles, these were men who lived the faith, who first and foremost taught others by their lives; but these were also men who spoke. They spoke the Gospel. If we look at the great teachers and preachers, too: these were men who lived, but who also taught, and I'm afraid that sometimes we use the idea of being missionaries through our lives—which is true and important—as an excuse not to stand up and speak. The world is asking questions, whether it knows it or not. The world is asking questions about humanity, about society, about ethics, about morals—even about religion to a certain degree, though it doesn't know yet that it wants to talk about religion. We need to share the voice of the Church. We are called to be the mouthpieces in this generation to the heritage that exists in every generation; and if we out of shyness or lack of courage, or fear—and it's usually fear—don't speak, then God will hold us accountable for the words that we did not say. -- Archimandrite Irenei (Steenberg)

## Receiving the Holy Eucharist

We invited all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

## 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 and picnic is August 16th. 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 Radzynski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, 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 Sczepakowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, 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, Michael Angehr, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Marianna Martineau.

- 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 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 Ascension of Our Lord Parish, Kraków, Poland and its pastor Very Rev. Czesław Siepetowski.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is on summer hiatus until September 13th. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week starting again September 13th.

**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 ---