



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 20, 2017

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XX Niedziela zwykła

August 20, 2017
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.
First reading: Isaiah 56:1,6-7
Psalm: Ps. 67:2-3,5-6,9
O God, let all the nations praise you!
Epistle: Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Intention: for all parishioners and our community
Celebrant: 10:30am Rev. James Konicki
Lector: 10:30am Marilyn Hietala

- Matins at 10:20am. Holy Mass at 10:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Parish & Community Picnic

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Youth Sunday

August 27, 2017
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.
First reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Psalm: Ps. 138:1-3,6,8
Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.
Epistle: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Intention: for śp. Bernard Wielewinski
Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki
Lector: 9:30am Joe Kaczynski, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- First Communion/Confirmation classes.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

For not only must one's love be without dissimulation, but intense also, and warm, and glowing. Because, to what purpose would you love without fraud, and not love with warmth? Whence he says, kindly affectioned one towards another, that is, be friends, and warm ones too. Do not wait to be loved by another, but leap at it yourself, and be the first to begin it. For so will you reap the wages of his love also. – 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...

- **August 20: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10:30 ONLY. Picnic.**
- **August 21: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm.**
- **August 24: Feast – St. Bartholomew**
- **August 26: Solemnity of Our Lady of Częstochowa**
- **August 27: Youth Sunday, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 28: Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm**
- **August 29: Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist.**
- **September 3: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **September 4: Labor Day**
- **September 8: Nativity of the B.V.M.**
- **September 10: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **September 11: Prayer Service - 16th Anniversary of 9/11/2001 at 7pm.**

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.

All are welcome.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to Him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming His servants—all who keep the Sabbath free from profanation and hold to My covenant, them I will bring to My holy mountain and make joyful in My house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on My altar, for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

Is a picnic the right topic for a sermon? Today we hold our annual parish and community picnic. This is a long-standing tradition. It used to be held at Schenectady’s Central Park. Parishioners and their families would gather in one of the park’s wonderful shelters, near the rose garden, for a day of great food, games, and fellowship. Then, we skipped a year.

Something changed in that brief lull. We found that we missed the picnic.

We thought of alternatives. Should we go back to the park? Maybe at pastor Jim’s house? At the same time, we had started our free lunch on Sunday program. We thought, why not combine these events. Why not a picnic right here on the parish grounds – open to all, free – a community event.

Ordinary Time, as we have stated, is a time for reflection, growth, renewal, and opportunity.

Didn’t God readily give us the grace of this chance? That is one of the most wonderful and remarkable things about our God. He actually considers each of us, our family, our community, and He shows up with the grace of opportunity.

This opportunity echoes what we hear in Isaiah. My house, my altar is open to all, free – a community event. This was an amazing and incredible statement uttered by the prophet. The traditional Jewish religious practice of drawing lines that excluded the foreigner and the eunuch are clear in Scripture.

Eunuchs were not permitted to enter into the assembly of the Lord and foreigners were an abomination. Suddenly, this is ended by the Lord’s new opportunity. His declaration was not about offering an “olive branch” to the “outsider.” This was not about some kind of associate or junior membership in God’s family. It meant full inclusion for all who are seeking. God’s people, once outcasts, are to be a home for all the world sees as outcasts.

Our opportunity today, and every day, is inclusion and welcome. Our witness in our community, and in our troubled nation, is that the Lord draws no barrier and makes no distinction. The eunuch shall be given better than that given to a son or daughter. The foreigner will be made joyful. What great opportunity we have.

People will come to us. The opportunity is our allowing them to find Christ and home in us. Easy, tidy, not always – God’s word and opportunity – always!

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”
1 Samuel 16:7

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 7:1
MONDAY: Galatians 3:28
TUESDAY: James 2:1
WEDNESDAY: Acts 10:34-35
THURSDAY: Matthew 7:1-2
FRIDAY: Genesis 1:26-27
SATURDAY: 1 John 4:20

Pray

Lord, grant that I may use every opportunity You provide to break barriers and welcome all.

Summer Food Collection

We have begun our annual summer food collection for those in need locally. Hunger knows no season and need isn’t limited to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Lent. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Please leave your donations by the Mary altar now through August 31st.

Welcome to Our Summer Picnic

We extend a warm and loving welcome to everyone attending our summer picnic. This is a symbol of the love and fellowship we have for our community. Thank you to all who did so much to prepare and who donated such great food.

National Women’s Conference

“Who Am I?” – The first ever PNCC National Women’s Conference will be held at the Erie Courtyard Marriott & Bayfront Conference Center in Erie, PA from October 18-21, 2017. There is a discount for registrations received by August 15th. The National Board considers the conference a gathering, a getaway, a retreat, and an event all wrapped together to provide a venue for women to learn, rediscover, and discuss topics that impact their daily lives. Dr. Donna Yarri, Professor of Theology at Alvernia University, will be the conference leader and keynote speaker. She is a researcher and educator in the areas of religion and science, medical ethics, religion and popular culture, social justice, and ethical treatment of animals.

Spójnia Sunday

On September 24th, we commemorate the historic association of the Polish National Union (PNU) and the Polish National Catholic Church and reaffirm the commitment of the PNU in the many fields of Christian endeavor. For more information on the PNU please contact the PNU Home Office at 1-800-724-6352. Join in for the **HOW THE PNU HAS HELPED YOU CONTEST** - Think of the many benefits the PNU has offered through the years and come up with a creative way to show others “How the PNU Has Helped You.” Create a short video, photo collage, musical performance, poster, or some unique way for you to demonstrate the benefit you’ve received as a member of the PNU. The winner will receive \$500 and the runner-up will receive \$250. Deadline for submission is October 16th.

Next Week – Youth Sunday

Next Sunday is Youth Sunday throughout the Church. On this day, all of our parishes are asked to offer prayers for the youth of our church and of our communities. We will accept also a special collection after Mass to benefit the Youth Fund of the Church. These donations help the parish to defray the cost of attending national Youth Convocations and Kurs. Your generosity is appreciated.

Solar Eclipse

We are not in the direct path of the total eclipse, but 75% of the sun will be blocked by the moon on Monday. The eclipse begins at 1:22pm and ends at 3:56pm. Remember that we cannot look directly at the eclipse without proper eye protection, but enjoy safely this amazingly unique experience and praise God for His creation!

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Robert & Stephanie Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, 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, Donnie Wright, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, 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, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, 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 Heart of Jesus Parish, Bayonne, NJ. Rev. Edward Czudak, Pastor.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is on summer break. Thank you to all who assisted with this ministry of hospitality. See you in September.

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.

--- *Introduce others to the Holy Spirit at Holy Name.* ---