



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 23, 2015

# 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

## XXI Niedziela zwykła

August 23, 2015  
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.  
First reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18  
Psalm: Ps 34:2-3,16-21  
**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**  
Epistle: Ephesians 5:21-32  
Gospel: John 6:60-69

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.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

# 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Youth Sunday

XXII Niedziela zwykła  
August 30, 2015  
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.  
First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8  
Psalm: Ps 15:2-5  
**One who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**  
Epistle: James 1:17-18,21-22,27  
Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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*“To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Do you see that it was not the words that caused offense, but the heedlessness, and sloth, and wrong-mindedness of the hearers? For even had He not spoken, they would have been offended, and would not have ceased to be ever anxious about bodily food, ever nailed to earth. Besides, the disciples heard at the same time with the others, yet they declared an opinion contrary to theirs, saying, “To whom shall we go?” An expression indicating much affection, for it shows that their Teacher was more precious to them than anything – 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- 437-1889.

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## Upcoming...

- **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**
- **August 30: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**
- **September 6: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am**
- **September 7: Labor Day**
- **September 8: Nativity of the BVM**
- **September 9: National Webinar on Brotherly Love**
- **September 11: 9/11 Memorial Prayer Service at 7pm**
- **September 13: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Special Breakfast**
- **September 14: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.**

We are almost there.

He said to them, “Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe.” Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father.” As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.

Two hands reaching for each other. A couple in love. Children in the back seat of the car, wondering ‘are we there yet.’ An action movie where the hero rescues others at the very last second. These are all examples of reaching for achievement.

As we have seen over these weeks,

Jesus has been approaching this dramatic last moment. He is completing His teaching on the great gift He gives us, His very body and blood, His soul to live within us forever. Jesus is the mountain climber approaching the summit. He is about to cross the goal line. What happened?

It is often said that life is full of disappointments. It is hard to find fulfillment, acceptance, and victory, to reach our goals and end up a winner. We bet on the horse that doesn’t win. We put our eggs in the wrong basket. We weren’t at the dock when our ship came in.

All of the people hearing Jesus were at the dock (literally since they were in the seaside town of Capernaum). They were in the right place at the right time. The summit was in reach. Their team was about to win. Their hands were about to touch hand of God. And they walked away from Him.

They... were... almost... there... and they walked away both in body and soul. While a few stayed, even among those one had lost faith, Judas. This giver of God’s body and blood, of God’s soul, wasn’t what he wanted. He continued to live in his disappointments and that disappointment would later turn to anger and betrayal. Judas... was... almost... there... and lost his faith.

We are faced with the same challenge the crowd in Capernaum faced. Jesus offers us *words* that are *Spirit and life*. We continually have Him within our reach and can come to Him to receive His body and blood, His soul to live within us forever. We are almost there. Like Joshua before the people of Israel, we must declare whom we will serve – the gods of the times or the Lord.

We... are... almost... there... If we chose the Lord we have real life, true regeneration, purpose, fulfillment, acceptance, and victory. Let us grasp His hand and find in Him real life.

Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:13

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Deuteronomy 20:4  
MONDAY: Philippians 4:13  
TUESDAY: James 1:12  
WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 24:16  
THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:13  
FRIDAY 1 Corinthians 15:57  
SATURDAY: Luke 10:19

Pray

Lord Jesus, I thank and praise You for the gift of victory. Help me to be steadfast in faith and commitment.

A million times - Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who did so much to make our Parish and Community Picnic such a great success. Your love, hard work, and witness made our neighbors feel welcome. You showed forth your love of God and neighbor. Thank you to Bob and Stephanie for setting up and cooking, to Joanne for great salads, Linda for amazing cupcakes, and to all who brought and shared their food and friendship

Upcoming Events

Just prior to the **Solemnity of Brotherly Love** Prime Bishop Mikovsky will host a webinar for our entire Church on **Wednesday – September 9th at 7 pm**. The intent of the webinar is to bring as many PNCC members and others together to hear Prime Bishop’s spiritual address and to prepare for the Solemnity through prayer, reflection, music, and meditation. We will be setting up a viewing that all parishioners may participate in.

September 14 – Healing Holy Mass.  
September 20 – Back to Church Sunday.

Week of Solemnities and Feasts

This week we celebrate one Feast and two Solemnities. On August 24th we honor the Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle. On August 26th we observe the Solemnity of Our Lady of Czestochowa and then on August 29th the Solemnity of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist. The common theme that runs through these Feasts and Solemnities is one of witness to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Bartholomew sent out to preach the Gospel in India, Armenia, and possibly Ethiopia, Mesopotamia, Parthia, and Lycaonia. He was martyred for his witness in Armenia. The Blessed Virgin, through the image of the Black Madonna, remind us of Mary’s witness to her Son and the power of miracles wrought through her intercession before Him. John proclaimed and witnessed to Jesus’ coming and was martyred for proclaiming the truth. May we look to these witnesses and follow their example in our lives.

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 Radzyninski, 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 Szczepkowski, 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, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox.

- 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 Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Libiąż, Poland and its pastor Rev. Kamil Korpik.

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 ---