



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 14, 2018

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

II Niedziela zwykła

January 14, 2018

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

First reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Psalm: Ps 40:2,4,7-10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Intention: 11:30am for all parishioners

Celebrant: 11:30am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski

Lector: 11:30am Joe Kaczynski

- Matins at 11:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour.

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

III Niedziela zwykła

January 21, 2018

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

First reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalm: Ps 25:4-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Intention: 10am for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am Larry Panfil

- Matins at 9:50am and Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour, Parish Committee meeting.

Moreover, you were all distinguished by humility, and were in no respect puffed up with pride, but yielded obedience rather than extorted it, and were more willing to give than to receive. Content with the provision which God had made for you, and carefully attending to His words, you were inwardly filled with His doctrine, and His sufferings were before your eyes. Thus a profound and abundant peace was given to you all, and you had an insatiable desire for doing good, while a full outpouring of the Holy Spirit was upon you all. Full of holy designs, you did, with true earnestness of mind and a godly confidence, stretch forth your hands to God Almighty, beseeching Him to be merciful unto you, if you had been guilty of any involuntary transgression. Day and night you were anxious for the whole brotherhood, that the number of God's elect might be saved with mercy and a good conscience. – St. Clement of Rome.

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...

- **January 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **January 15: Martin Luther King Day. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **January 18: Feast –St. Peter's Chair in Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.**
- **January 20: Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm.**
- **January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Parish committee meeting follows.**
- **January 25: Feast - Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends.**
- **January 28: Septuagesima Sunday/Music Scholarship Sunday. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation. Holy Mass at 7pm with blessing of candles.**
- **February 4: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY, Blessing of Throats. Breakfast and Annual Meeting follows.**

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.

I want to join.

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him.

St. Paul teaches a beautiful reality today. As members of the Church, we are no longer alone or apart. We are joined to Jesus.

This is not a joining like a membership in a club or with our local automobile association. Those things are optional. If we have a club membership, we can go and partake in club activities if we feel like it. We can adjust our club participation to suit our needs. If we joined the local AAA or other automobile association, we can call them if we need them or are in trouble. We might even take advantage of club discounts if we think of it. Otherwise we can simply

ignore the association; file our membership in the back of our minds. But, if we have joined ourselves to Jesus we no longer have options. We have to be all-in.

Paul points out that being part of Jesus is about being all-in. We are intimately joined to Him. What He has, will be ours. Who He is, we will become. His inheritance is our inheritance. If we are one with Him.

The Christian community – made up of each of us – is called to a new way of life; Christian living must show our membership in Jesus in ways that others can imitate. We must be so attractive, so Jesus like – love filled, gracious, peaceable, service oriented, sacrificing, and dedicated – that those who are seeking Jesus find Him. That those who are our fellow disciples grow deeper in their union with Jesus. All because of us.

We are called to completely orient our lives in a way that is in communion with Christ. This means we must make a giant change. We have to fully understand that our

lives are not ours. Our bodies, minds, souls, desires, wishes, present and future do not belong to us – they belong to Jesus. We have to give up on ourselves to fully live our union with Jesus – our membership in Him.

This joining is not easy, nor does it happen overnight. If it did, every baptism would result in perfect Jesus-like people. Rather, our membership in Jesus is a process of becoming – and Paul is reminding us of what we must become to really be part of Jesus.

We hear of those who decided to walk with Jesus –they said, ‘I want to join.’ They walked with Him, listened to Him, prayed with Him – lived at His side yet still had to grow in their membership. That should give us courage.

To be really complete and all-in we must seek the Holy Spirit’s help and reach for the fully aligned life. With the Spirit’s help, we become, grow, draw others to Jesus and share in glory.

Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:47

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: John 3:16
MONDAY: Acts 2:38
TUESDAY: Acts 2:42
WEDNESDAY: John 13:34-35
THURSDAY: Psalm 133:1
FRIDAY: 1 John 2:27
SATURDAY: Romans 12:10-13

Pray

Lord Jesus, I am joined to You. Help me to set aside my old self more and more, so to become more like You.

Take Note and Errata

Please note our Holy Mass schedule is slightly different for most of January and February 4th. Also, please note that there was an error in the monthly newsletter regarding Holy Mass and our annual meeting on February 4th. Holy Mass will be at 10am followed by breakfast and our annual meeting.

Home Blessings

Let us make a special effort to celebrate Jesus’ coming with true joy for each of its forty days (i.e., until February 2nd). Note the various observances of the season on our calendar. If you would like to have your home blessed after the Solemnity of the Epiphany (January 6th), please see Fr. Jim to set up a time. All home blessings must be concluded prior to Ash Wednesday, February 14th.

Spaghetti Dinner

Join us for our 2nd annual spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, January 20th** from 4pm till 7pm hosted by Joanne Bauer, her three daughters, and three granddaughters. Invited family, friends, associates, co-workers, classmates everyone. This is going to be great!

SouperBowl Sunday

Our new food and money collection is for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 4th. Souper Bowl Sunday supports local charities feeding the hungry. This is our 17th year participating. Please leave your donations in the soup pot or by the manger. God bless you for your spare change and generosity!!!

Valentine’s Raffle

Tickets will be going out in the next couple days for February’s Outrageous Valentine’s raffle. Prizes total \$1,180! Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. Tickets should be returned by Sunday, February 4th. Thank you for supporting this effort, which pays for our summer youth programs – Kurs and CONVO.

HELP Need

I want to reach out at this special time of the year and ask some things of you. In order to live as a parish (not just survive) we need these things from you. First, **prayer**. We need your continued prayers for the parish and for our mission in Schenectady. Second, **membership**. In 1972, there were over 150 members of our parish. Did you know that our mailing list for newsletters is addressed to nearly 200 people? That is 160 possible members, we are actually growing, but only 40 maintain a membership. If you are not a member, we need you to take up membership. Third, **involvement**. If church is just for Sunday we have missed the entire point. Churches thrive on parishioner activity. Join the parish committee, take up a project, participate in the many ministries available. I ask these gifts from you in this Christmas season and throughout 2018. God bless you!

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice 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, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Donnie Wright, Derek Westcott, 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, Sandra Tatlock, Crystal Haley, Linda DePaula, Michelle & Eric, Tina Haq. 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. Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Robert Pleczkowski, Fr. Andrew Bilinski.
- 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 the Parish of St Olav, Ålesund, Norway.

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

Coffee Hour: Please join us for Coffee. Your support and assistance are needed for this ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to take a 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 Father Jim.

Of note...

--- Holy Name: Living Victory in Jesus ---