



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JUNE 17, 2018

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XI Niedziela zwykła

June 17, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 92.

First reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm: Ps 92:2-3,13-16

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all clergy of our Holy Church.

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala (sub.), 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Father's Day Breakfast, SOCL/Confirmation/First Communion Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

## 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XII Niedziela zwykła

June 24, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 92.

First reading: Job 38:1,8-11

Psalm: Ps 107:23-26,28-31

**Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.**

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

Intention: 9:30am for vocations; 11:30am for all parishioners.

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour, SOCL/Confirmation/First Communion Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

*Be ye not slow, that are able, whom God doth inspire to seize upon higher callings: for we do not say these things [that failing to keep a vow is a great evil] in order that ye may not vow, but in order that ye may vow and may pay. Now because we have treated of these matters, thou perchance was willing to vow, and now art not willing to vow. But observe what the Psalm hath said to thee. It hath not said, "Vow not;" but, "Vow and pay." Because thou hast heard, "pay," wilt thou not vow? Therefore was thou willing to vow, and not to pay? Nay, do both. One thing is done by thy profession, another thing will be perfected by the aid of God. Look to Him who doth guide thee, and thou wilt not look back to the place whence He is leading thee forth. -- 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 518-453-2258.

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## Upcoming...

- **JUNE: Sacred Vocations Month – Pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Diaconate**
- **June 17: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Father's Day. Holy Mass at 9:30. Father's Day Breakfast. Holy Mass at 11:30am.**
- **June 19: Funeral Holy Mass for Richard Maliszewski at 9:30am.**
- **June 24: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **June 25: Solemnity – St. John the Baptist (translated).**
- **June 29: Feast – Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles.**
- **June 30: Independence Day Holy Mass and Picnic, Waymart, PA.**
- **June 30 – July 7: Kurs Encampment.**
- **July 1: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- **July 2: Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M.**
- **July 4: Independence Day.**
- **July 6: Commem. John Hus, Martyr**

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.

## What is it really?

*“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.”*

There is a disconnect between what people think of the Kingdom of God, what Jesus taught about it, and the stresses that have been placed on Jesus’ words for centuries. It is like one of those jokes you see in magazines or on-line; the same sentence with two completely different meanings, depending where you put the accent. Late night television hosts have tons of fun with double entendres.

The sci-fi author Damon Knight

wrote “To Serve Man” which was later adapted into a Twilight Zone episode. It is a double entendre that could mean "to perform a service for humanity" or "to serve a human as food." Think of that next time the Church calls us to serve our fellow man!

The parable of the mustard seed is one of the many positive statements Jesus made about the Kingdom. He placed His stress on our faith and our shelter in the Kingdom. Think about all its implications. A small start in faith will grow into something awesome. Planting a small seed of faith in someone – your children, grandchildren, a friend, co-worker, or neighbor, will grow into something great. The very Kingdom, begun through the work of the God-man, Jesus Christ, twelve co-workers, and seventy-seven disciples would grow into a great protective

shelter for many. We all dwell in its shade.

The fact is, Jesus provided a very positive message about our home, our destiny, joy, freedom, forgiveness, and God’s rock solid guarantees. The Kingdom is not what people suspect it is; rather it is what Jesus taught it is. St. Paul picks up on this when he says: *We are always courageous.* If God’s message was punishing and negative, we would not be courageous, but fearful, cowering.

We need to place the stress back where Jesus put it. His is the message of hope, the message the world cannot overcome. We must be courageous for the beauty and joy that awaits us. The Kingdom is better than anyone’s negative stress or accent point. Live in and tell what the Kingdom really is!

*But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

**Matthew 6:33**

## Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 Corinthians 4:20  
MONDAY: Psalm 145:13  
TUESDAY: Romans 14:17-18  
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 12:28  
THURSDAY: Mark 1:15  
FRIDAY: Daniel 2:44  
SATURDAY: Matthew 6:9-10

### Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may proclaim the joyful truth of Your Kingdom. Grant me courage and perseverance.

## Desperately Pray for Vocations

June is the month we devote to prayer for vocations. Please take home a copy of our Bishop’s Pastoral Letter on this issue. While the Bishop speaks of hope, it is not hard to read between the lines and fathom the desperate situation the Church is in. If you and I do not pray now, and every day for vocations, who will? If we do not care enough to encourage our sons, grandsons, husbands, nephews, and cousins to the altar, who will? If we are willing to let all that has been built, here and across the world, die, what will be left for the future? Any Church is good enough, it doesn’t really matter? Then people gave their labor and lives for nothing and our faith is an empty shell. There are hard decisions to be made. We have to pick ourselves up by the bootstraps, gather courage, and set to rebuilding for if we do not, who will?

## Eternal Rest

Our dear brother in Christ, sp. Richard Maliszewski reposed in the Lord on Thursday morning. Richard was one of those courageous leaders that devoted his life to God, family, and country in real and meaningful ways. None of these was a part time hobby for him, but rather each was a real commitment. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 18th from 4 till 7pm at the Griswold Funeral Home, 1867 State St., Schenectady. A Funeral Holy Mass will be held in church on Tuesday, June 19th at 9:30am. Memory eternal!

## Father’s Day

Today we remember and honor our dads and the special men in our lives, living and departed, Join us for a special breakfast following Holy Mass.

## Clergy Pension – Donate and Pray

Did you know that our priests receive a pension from the Church? Today, we are asked to make donations toward that pension fund. They are so very needed. Why pray – because, frankly, the pension plan is so poor that our retired clergy often end up impoverished. A retired priest and his spouse receive a total of \$600 per month. They lose their housing and all the other benefits they had and must venture out to live on that meager amount – after having sacrificed their lives for their flock, they must sacrifice again. Should the priest die, the widow is left with \$300 a month. What a shame!

## National Convo Raffle

Fr. Jim has only a few remaining tickets for the national Convo raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Winners receive one of two \$500 cash cards. See Fr. Jim.

## Busy Time

There are so many church wide activities starting this month. Please keep these in mind and please take part. Activities include:

- Kurs Encampment, June 30th through July 7th, Waymart, PA.
- CONVO, July 23rd through 27th, Scranton, PA.

## Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepkowski, 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, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Crystal Haley, Michelle & Eric, Tina Haq, Louis Kiernan, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Allen Panfil, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Marysia, 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.
- 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 all who work at the Savonarola Theological Seminary, Prime Bishop Anthony, Rector.

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.

Of note...

**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.

--- *You have given us bread from heaven* ---