



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 5, 2018

## 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XVIII Niedziela zwykła

August 5, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

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: 9:30am and 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), Exposition and Benediction.
- Confirmation Class.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

## 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XIX Niedziela zwykła

August 12, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

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: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners.

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Confirmation Class.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

*The flood of temporal things draws us after itself, but in this flood there is, as it were, a full-grown tree: our Lord Jesus Christ. He took flesh, died, and ascended to heaven. It is as if He agreed to be in the flood of the temporal. Is this stream dragging you headlong? Hold on to Christ. He became temporal for you, so that you might become eternal, for He became temporal in such a way that He remained eternal. What difference is there between two men in a prison when one of them is a convict and the other a visitor! Sometimes a man comes to visit his friend, and it seems that both are in prison, but there is a great difference between them. One of them is held there because of guilt, while the other has come out of love for mankind. Thus it is with our mortality: guilt holds us here, but Christ had come out of mercy. He came freely into bondage, and not as a convict. -- 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...

- **August 5: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord.**
- **August 12: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass with blessing of Produce, Flowers and Herbs at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 15: Solemnity of the Dormition of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at 7pm.**
- **August 19: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10:30. Parish and Community Picnic.**
- **August 20: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.**
- **August 24: Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle.**
- **August 26: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 27: Solemnity of the B.V.M. of Częstochowa (translated).**
- **August 29: Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist.**

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.

## Growth confusion.

*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,*

Today, we find ourselves caught among the complainers and those who refuse to grow.

The Israelites were barely across the sea – having complained there that God’s servant, Moses, had led them to their impending deaths. Now, they were complaining about being hungry. Not just complaining, but dramatically complaining. They didn’t think, or intellectualize all

that God had done for them. They forgot what God had done faster than we forget many of life’s minor daily details.

It is said that the human mind forgets things because our focus is on understanding, not remembering. For instance, we may go to a baseball game, or picnic, or family event not so much to remember the brands of hotdogs and chips we ate there, but to grow in understanding of times together.. We do remember aspects of those events, but only as a byproduct our understanding and growing.

Ah, there’s the problem. The people of Israel forgot, not only the details, but also failed to understand, comprehend, or integrate the things God had done in their journey to freedom. They missed real faith in God. They did not grow.

On the other end are the people following Jesus around. Sure, they thought, but only with their stomachs. They only remembered

what Jesus had just done for their physical wellbeing. They did not move beyond that to an understanding, comprehension, or integration of the things Jesus was teaching. As the days progressed, following Jesus around, they missed the spirit – the reality of God’s truth and their call to faith in His truth. They went so far as to say to Jesus: *"What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do?"* in spite of everything they had seen Jesus do. Their stomachs grew but otherwise they did not grow.

Paul confronts lack of growth and refusal to get what God does. Don’t live for today or get caught complaining. See what God is doing. We learned of Jesus and were taught in Him. Abandon the futile. Let us be renewed in not just remembering, but in understanding and growing.

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen*

**2 Peter 3:18**

## Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 Timothy 4:15  
MONDAY: Job 8:7  
TUESDAY: 2 Corinthians 9:10  
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 6:33  
THURSDAY: 1 Samuel 3:19-20  
FRIDAY: Colossians 2:6-7  
SATURDAY: 1 Peter 2:2

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me to grow each day; to learn from You. Forgive me any complaining and help me to be the new person You have made.

## Picnic

Our ever growing, super fun, and free parish and community picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 19th. There will be one Holy Mass that day at 10:30am and the picnic will immediately follow on the parish grounds. The tent, tables, and chairs have been ordered. We look forward to seeing everyone there along with your family and friends. The picnic is open to everyone. The parish will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers – and we would appreciate it if you could bring a dish to share. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Thank you and God bless you.

## Summer Food Collection

As we usually do, we will be accepting food donations for those in need in Schenectady. People are not just in need at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Lent – but rather year-round. Let us continue to make the difference we have made for years. Food donations may be left by the Mary altar. God bless your generosity.

## JOIN NOW

All men of the parish are asked to take up a membership in the YMS of R. Fr. Jim will be discussing with each of you. We will be hosting the national YMS of R convention in 2019 and want to make sure the men of our Holy Church experience our great hospitality.

All women of the parish are asked to take up a membership in the ANS. Please see Marilyn or Liz for more information.

The PNUA is a fraternal benefits organization that steadfastly supports the work of our Church. At the vestibule of the church you will find pamphlets explaining available programs and benefits offered. Among the great benefits are college stipends available to students who have been members for at least five years.

## Back To Church Sunday

Back to Church Sunday is Sunday, September 16th. We need your help. This year’s theme is “You Belong Here.” That is so true! Did you know that Schenectady is the most un-churched area in the United States? The vast majority of people in Schenectady County have no fellowship with God and His family. This is not a criticism; rather it is an opportunity. Our wish and prayer for their salvation must be coupled with action - an invitation to church. Help save someone today, tomorrow, every day, every week.

All regular churchgoers at Holy Name will receive ‘engagers.’ An engager is something we ask you give to at least 10 people inviting them ‘Back to Church.’

## Fr. Jim’s August Schedule

Fr. Jim will be away on Tuesday-Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for a civil work commitment. Fr. Jim is also be away for the clergy retreat, August 21st through 23rd. If there is a spiritual need or emergency during these periods, please call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518- 453-2258.

## 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, 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, 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, Theresa, 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, Pattric 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 the National United Choirs.

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

Of note...:

**Coffee Hour:** Thank you to all who supported our ministry of hospitality. It will return in September. Please sign up to take a week when the new weekly list is posted.

**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 ---