



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 19, 2018

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XX Niedziela zwykła

August 19, 2018

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

First reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm: Ps 34:2-7

**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Intention: 10:30am for all parishioners, friends, relatives, our neighborhood.

Celebrant: 10:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10:30am Joe Kaczynski

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

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XXI Niedziela zwykła

August 26, 2018

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

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

*If, therefore, those who were brought up in the ancient order of things have come to the possession of a new hope, no longer observing the Sabbath, but living in the observance of the Lord's Day, on which also our life has sprung up again by Him and by His death—whom some deny, by which mystery we have obtained faith, and therefore endure, that we may be found the disciples of Jesus Christ, our only Master— St. Ignatius of Antioch*

**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 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 21-23: Clergy Retreat and 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.**
- **September 2: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **September 3: Labor Day. Holy Mass at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 11am.**
- **September 8: Solemnity – Nativity of the B.V.M.**
- **September 9: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

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.

## The days can be...

*Brothers and sisters: Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise, making the most of the opportunity, because the days are evil.*

St. Paul was not speaking of anything new, at least in part of his letter to the Church at Ephesus. In a certain way, everyone had and has heard it before: *the days are evil*.

The roman poet Cicero wrote "O tempora o mores" a little over one hundred years before Paul was to write to the Ephesians. It translates literally as 'Oh the times! Oh the customs!' The inference is that the times and the customs are far worse today than the old days. Edgar Allen Poe used Cicero's quote as a title for one of his poems. It appeared in the movie (staring Gary

Cooper and Jean Arthur) Mr. Deeds Goes To Town. Politicians used the phrase in recent elections.

There is quite the history and tradition of looking at the evil of the day, not seeing the evil of yesterday, thinking that tomorrow will somehow be different, and giving up with the saying: *the days are evil* or "O tempora o mores"

The second part of Paul's letter offers the antidote: *be filled with the Spirit, address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, sing and play to the Lord in your hearts, give thanks always and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.*

In other words, living the life of Jesus is the antidote. There is a way of living, speaking, singing, playing, and thanking that destroys evil. We have to be different.

There is a great contemporary Christian song: Chain Breaker by

Zach Williams. In it, the composer recounts how Jesus is the difference maker. Jesus takes away pain, makes a way, breaks prison bars, and breaks the chains that bind us. The wisdom in the song starts when the composer confronts us with our reality: We've been walking the same old road for miles and miles. We've been hearing the same old voice tell us the same old lies. We've trying to fill the same old holes inside. He then tells us that Jesus's better life, really the best life, makes the difference.

Certainly, the days are what they are – evil – but there is a way out. It is never the way the days or certain people are, but what we can be in Jesus. Jesus explicitly tells us: *the one who feeds on me will have life because of me*. That is huge. We have to feed on Jesus, be part of Jesus, hold faith in Jesus, and live Jesus' life daily.

*Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world*

**James 1:27**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Galatians 5:13

MONDAY: 1 Peter 2:2

TUESDAY: Ezekiel 18:7

WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 29:7

THURSDAY: 1 John 2:3-4

FRIDAY: Hebrews 5:12

SATURDAY: 2 Thessalonians 3:1-2

## Pray

Lord Jesus, break the chains that bind me. Free me so I may do Your will. Destroy the enemy who prowls about.

## Picnic

Thank you for joining us at our ever popular and super fun parish and community picnic. Be sure to invite the new folks you meet to join us for worship each week. The picnic immediately follows Holy Mass on the parish grounds. Thank you for all your help and support, those doing prep work, cooking, bringing dishes to share, and taking care of all the little things that need doing. God bless you.

## Summer Food Collection

Our summer food collection concludes today. By sharing, you have helped those in need in our local community. God bless your generosity.

## JOIN NOW

**YMSofR Update:** 10 members so far. Thank you. All men of the parish are asked to take up a membership. Dues are \$6/year. 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 supports the work of our Church. Many valuable and beneficial programs are offered including college stipends for students who have been members for at least five years. Check it out.

## 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 an opportunity. Our wish and prayer for their salvation must be coupled with action - an invitation to church. Help save someone today.

All regular churchgoers at Holy Name have received 'engagers.' An engager is something we ask you give to people inviting them 'Back to Church.' More are available. Just ask.

## There's a Good Reason

As we have seen in the Press, the crimes and cover-ups in the Roman Church have not ended. Will they end, who knows? Decades of evil and malfeasance do not just 'go away.' As you have also seen, we are the last Catholic presence in Mont Pleasant that offers all the sacraments. The two Roman parishes in the area are on the verge of closing. How does one abandon and entire area of a city? Who knows? While all these are more than negative, let us focus on what we have to offer the Christian faithful. There are good reasons to be National Catholics. See Fr. Jim if you want to talk.

## Fr. Jim's August Schedule

Fr. Jim is also be away for the clergy retreat, August 21st through 23rd. If there is a spiritual need or emergency during this time, just call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944 or 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, 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 retired Bishops and clergy.

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

**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.

Of note...

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