



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 26, 2018

## 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).

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## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXII Niedziela zwykła

September 2, 2018

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

First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Psalm: Ps 15:2-5

**The 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

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).
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*Let there be an interchange of service and submission. For then will there be no such thing as slavish service. Let not one sit down in the rank of a freeman, and the other in the rank of a slave; rather it were better that both masters and slaves be servants to one another — far better to be a slave in this way than free in any other; as will be evident from hence. Suppose the case of a man who should have an hundred slaves, and he should in no way serve them; and suppose again a different case, of an hundred friends, all waiting upon one another. Which will lead the happier life? Which with the greater pleasure, with the more enjoyment? In the one case there is no anger, no provocation, no wrath, nor anything else of the kind whatever; in the other all is fear and apprehension. In the one case too the whole is forced, in the other is of free choice. In the one case they serve one another because they are forced to do so, in the other with mutual gratification. Thus does God will it to be; for this He washed His disciples' feet. – St. John Chrysostom*

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**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 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.**
- **September 11, 2018: 17th Anniversary of 9/11/2001. Prayer Service at 7pm.**
- **September 14: Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross.**
- **September 15: Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows.**
- **September 16: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Back to Church Sunday 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.

## Say what?

*Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord... As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word... So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.*

Modern sensibilities are often troubled when we get to these passages in Paul's letters, today from his letter to the Church at Ephesus. Paul seems to pick at sensibilities all the time, and I imagine it felt that way, even in his allegedly unenlightened time. The Church, in picking reading today, offers an alternative, a shorter Epistle without all that nasty 'wives should be subordinate' stuff. I guess

sensibilities were upset.

One of the problems we face in understanding Paul, his text, and the communities he preached to, is that we layer our sensibilities, based on our experience, over what Paul was trying to say. For instance, a little study of the economic realities and relationships of Paul's day would help us understand that when Paul spoke of slaves he was not referring to a slavery of horrors as was lived in America. There were different forms of slavery in that time, and in certain instances it was no more than an economic relationship between a worker and boss. More important than the form of slavery was how Christians were to treat each other.

Paul's message was always countercultural. Slaves and masters were to treat each other differently because they had to live a new life in Christ. Both the slave/worker and master/employer were to act in accordance with their new life in

Christ.

Today, Paul speaks of subordination and love. These are not to be mutually exclusive things, but in fact a unified whole. Wives and husbands, as with masters and slaves, are to live differently because of Jesus. The complete subordination, an emptying of oneself for the other, is key to life in Jesus. Give up to each other, don't give in to evil.

This self-subordination, self-sacrificial love, is to mark the lives of Christ followers. Today's Gospel clearly illustrates that. *Many of Jesus' disciples who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?"*

Exactly! Say what? Self-sacrifice, subordination, handing over one's life to the community of faith offends modern sensibility. Let's show today how wrong it is.

*Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.*

**John 15:13**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 2:3-4  
MONDAY: John 12:25  
TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 13:7  
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 10:39  
THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 13:1-3  
FRIDAY: Galatians 6:9  
SATURDAY: 1 John 3:16

### Pray

Lord Jesus, humble me. Draw me into faithful service. Keep me faithful to Your call to sacrifice as You sacrificed.

## Picnic – Thank You

Thank you for joining us at our ever popular and super fun parish and community picnic. 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 was delivered to Schenectady Community Ministries last week. 108 pounds of food were donated. By sharing, you 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.

## Polish Dinner

Our parish will be holding a Polish Dinner on Saturday, September 22nd from 4pm – 7pm at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens' Center, 2639 Hamburg St., Schenectady. Dinner includes: Kielbasa, 2 Pierogi, Kapusta, Gołabki, Rye Bread, and a Drink for \$14. Pre-sale tickets will be available shortly. Polish pizza and homemade desserts will also be available. If you would like to help (and we need your help) please see Joe Kaczynski.

## Concerns - Ask

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.' 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.

Of note...

## 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 St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish, Lucca, Italy.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław 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.

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