



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

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

Solemnity of Brotherly Love Święto Braterskiej Miłości

September 9, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 39, Canon, page 52.

First reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Ps 85:9-14

R. Lord, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.

Epistle: 1 John 4:17-21

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

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

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Lector: 9:30am Joe Kaczynski, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Hodur Rite).
- Coffee Hour, Confirmation Class at 10:30am.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Hodur Rite).

His pursuers then, along with horsemen, and taking the youth with them, went forth at suppertime on the day of the preparation with their usual weapons, as if going out against a robber. And having come about evening [to the place where he was], they found him lying down in the upper room of a certain little house, from which he might have escaped into another place; but he refused, saying, The will of God be done. So when he heard that they had come, he went down and spoke with them. And as those that were present marveled at his age and constancy, some of them said. Was so much effort made to capture such a venerable man? Immediately then, in that very hour, he ordered that something to eat and drink should be set before them, as much indeed as they cared for, while he besought them to allow him an hour to pray without disturbance. And on their giving him leave, he stood and prayed, being full of the grace of God, to the astonishment of those who heard him, insomuch that many began to repent that they had come forth against so godly and venerable an old man.. – The Martyrdom of St. Polycarp

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...

- **September 2: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **September 3: Labor Day.**
- **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.**
- **September 21: Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.**
- **September 23: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. 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.

How do you do Religion?

He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

Welcome to September, a time of change and transition. We move from the activities of summer to pumpkin everything, apple cider donuts, and crisp air.

Our scriptures today are about essential change. Moses starts out with a long dissertation about the new Law of God. The people were to observe it, were not to change it, and in honoring the Law, they would find themselves the envy of nations and peoples. In honoring, maintaining, and keeping the Law, the people of Israel would show a

unique wisdom and a very special closeness to God.

It seems kind of obvious to us, at least at first glance. God gives us something remarkably special, and if we have any sense at all, we honor it and respect it. We would want to brag about it, look at what God has done for me. We would follow the dictates of whatever God has given us. Who would hide what God had done for them? Who would ever want to go against God? To do so, we would show ourselves as the opposite of smart.

Similarly, St. Paul speaks of the great gifts we have received. He was the biggest bragger of all – look what we have, look what God has done and revealed. Let's live it large: *welcome the word, be doers of the word, don't delude yourselves.*

Jesus brings this all together. He chastises the Pharisees because they had let the Law become only

a series of doing – not living. They not only did that, they didn't evangelize God's word. They kept it all locked up and just for them. Jesus said on other occasions that they: "shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces." And in another: "you have taken away the key to knowledge. You have hindered those who were entering." Not only were they failing to live God's commands from the heart, going against them, they were hiding away His gifts.

Our call is to do religion right. Let us honor God with our lips and our worship – and from there do evangelization. Right religion means changed living - faith from the heart, showing God's gifts, putting it all out there for the world to see. Tell the great gifts. Show them off. Listen to that little voice that prompts you to stop, turn, and invite.

And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

Mark 16:15

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 28:19-20
MONDAY: Romans 10:10
TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 9:22
WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 3:15
THURSDAY: Isaiah 6:8
FRIDAY: Romans 1:16
SATURDAY: Acts 1:8

Pray

Lord Jesus, drive me, repeat Your call, and grant that I may evangelize many for the salvation of their souls and bodies.

Coffee Hours Resume

Next Sunday, September 9th, our weekly coffee hours resume. Please join us and take an opportunity to host. It's pretty easy and a great blessing when you share your gifts and creativity. There is a sign up sheet for coffee hours. God bless your lived faith.

Rummage Sale

Our annual Rummage and Bake Sale is coming up – to be held on Saturday, October 13th. Please feel free to bring in items you wish to donate. Alyssa is leading this year's effort. Please lend her your support and assistance. There is a sign up sheet in church.

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.

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 Saints Parish, Pisa, Italy.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogoslaw 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* ---