



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXV Niedziela zwykła

September 23, 2018

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

First reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20

Psalm: Ps 54:3-6,8

**The Lord upholds my life.**

Epistle: James 3:16 – 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all members of Spójnia living and deceased.

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).
- Coffee Hour, Confirmation Class at 10:30am.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

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## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXVI Niedziela zwykła

September 30, 2018

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

First reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm: Ps 19:8,10,12-14

**The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

Epistle: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Intention: 8am for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 8am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 8am Joe Kaczynski

- Matins at 7:55am. Holy Mass at 8am (Contemporary Rite), Blessing of Pets.
- Coffee Hour.

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*However, of this much we must be sure. Never by our sole diligence or zeal nor by our most tireless efforts can we reach perfection. Human zeal is not enough to win the sublime rewards of blessedness. The Lord must be there to help us and to guide our hearts toward what is good. Every moment we must join in the prayer of David: 'Direct my footsteps along Thy paths so that my feet do not move astray' and 'He has settled my feet on a rock and guided my footsteps' – all this so that the invisible guide of the human spirit may direct back towards love of virtue our free will, which in its ignorance of the good and its obsession with passion is carried headlong into sin. – St. John Cassian*

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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...

- **September 23: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Spójnia Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **September 29: Feast – St. Michael the Archangel.**
- **September 30: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 8am ONLY. Blessing of Pets.**
- **October 1-3: XXV Holy Synod of the PNCC. Please Pray.**
- **October 2: Feast – Guardian Angels.**
- **October 4: Commemoration – St. Francis of Assisi.**
- **October 7: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 8: Columbus Day.**
- **October 13: Rummage Sale. 9am until 3pm.**
- **October 14: Solemnity of the Christian Family. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 18: Feast – St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist**

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.

## Getting out of the fire!

*Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."*

As I was listening to the radio the other day, the song: 'We Didn't Start The Fire' by Billy Joel came on. Throughout the song he provides a retrospective on the past seventy-eight years. That story is retold in the hearing of names and events that range from Nazis to modern terrorism. He explains that the bad (mostly) has been with us since the world began. The song sets a somewhat hopeless perspective on the state of the world. We didn't start the

fire, but it was always like this. It will still be like this after we are gone. We tried to fight against it, but lost because nothing will change. The flood of people and events leaves the singer crying out – I can't take it anymore.

As we walk through our readings we get the same sort of narrative. Wisdom foretells the way the Son of God would be treated in the fire of evil. Let's attack Him, He is obnoxious, He shows the world our horrible truth, our hypocrisy. Let's deliver Him to His enemies. Let then mock and torture Him. Mockingly they say – Let's see what He will do. Let's see if God defends Him. The writer of Wisdom was not making this up out of whole cloth. He knew what people, particularly powerful people, were like – the hypocrisy, arrogance – the fire of evil they burned with.

Similarly James was pointing out how the people of earliest Church

– his was probably the first letter written – were already at each other's throats. They had the evil fires of jealousy, selfish ambition, disorder, foul practice, wars, conflicts, and covetousness. They had already lost sight of Jesus.

Jesus is explaining what will happen to Him in the fire of worldly evil as He and His disciples walk along. They paid no attention; they were fighting over which one of them was the best, the greatest, the most important. They were in the midst of the fire of evil ambition.

Jesus puts out the fire of evil this way. He places a child, a symbol of innocence in their midst. He wraps the child in His arms – the perfect absence of evil. He says that we have the answer, the antidote to the fire of evil. Receive and live in Jesus – free and out of the fire.

*For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.*

**Romans 6:14**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 2:8-9

MONDAY: Romans 10:9

TUESDAY: Ephesians 2:8

WEDNESDAY: Acts 16:30-33

THURSDAY: Psalm 37:39

FRIDAY: Titus 3:5

SATURDAY: Mark 16:16

## Pray

Lord Jesus, You have freed me, by faith, from the fire of sin and death. Help me, each day, to receive You anew in complete freedom.

## Back To Church Sunday Thank You

Thank you to all who attended, supported, invited people to, and worked for Back to Church Sunday. You were truly doing as Jesus commanded; going out and making disciples. We need to keep doing that, so stay at it each week. Issue those invitations and grow the Lord's family! A special thank you to Alyssa and Kyle for the great breakfast!

## Polish Dinner Thank You

Thank you to all who attended, sold tickets for, prepared for (what great kitchen help last Sunday and all week), prepared the day of, cooked, and served our guests. Those who manned tables, took tickets, and cleaned up afterwards. Thank you to Joe Kaczynski for your motivation, ideas, and outreach that drew in so many. Everyone worked together and not only spent time as family on this family project, but brought it all home by serving fantastic food – UNTIL IT SOLD OUT! We will have final numbers soon, but expect a profit of \$2,000!

## 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.

## XXV Holy Synod

The XXV Holy Synod of the Church begins on Monday, October 1 at 8am. Fr. Jim and Claudia Bertasso, your elected representative, are attending. Because of tight flight schedules, we will have only one Holy Mass on Sunday, October 31st at 8am. Please pray for this work of the Holy Spirit in the Church Jesus established. **Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Grant us Your grace and blessing, as we prepare to gather together in Holy Synod to seek the Lord Jesus through Your Holy Church. Send Your Holy Spirit upon our Holy Church, that we may be guided by Your Holy Will. Strengthen our bishops, clergy and laity who will gather so that their decisions at Holy Synod may help lead others to Your Son Jesus Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Spójnia Sunday - Today

The Education & Youth Commission of the PNU is once again hosting a raffle to benefit our College Stipend Program. The raffle will be held on December 6th, 2018 @ the PNU Home Office, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. Donations for these tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00. There is also a 100% family contest.

## Special Collection for Hurricane Victims

We are holding a special second collection, after Holy Communion, for those affected by the Hurricanes that struck the southern east coast of our country. Funds will be combined with those from other PNCC parishes and will be distributed between the National Red Cross and Church World Service.

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, Kit Yarrow, 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 Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, Lancaster, NY.

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 ---