



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

## 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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## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXVII Niedziela zwykła

October 7, 2018

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

First reading: Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm: Ps 128:1-6

**May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.**

Epistle: Hebrews 2:9-11

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

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

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*[Anthony] said to them, 'I, as it is written Joshua, go the way of the fathers, for I perceive that I am called by the Lord. And do you be watchful and destroy not your long discipline, but as though now making a beginning, zealously preserve your determination. For you know the treachery of the demons, how fierce they are, but how little power they have. Wherefore fear them not, but rather ever breathe Christ, and trust Him. Live as though dying daily. Give heed to yourselves, and remember the admonition you have heard from me. Have no fellowship with the schismatics, nor any dealings at all with the heretical. Therefore be the more earnest always to be followers first of God and then of the Saints; that after death they also may receive you as well-known friends into the eternal habitations. Ponder over these things and think of them. – The Life of St. Anthony by St. Athanasius*

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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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Here!



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### Upcoming...

- **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 15: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting, 7pm.**
- **October 18: Feast – St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist**
- **October 21: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Heritage 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.

## Was He serious?

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me. For whoever is not against us is for us... Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea."

Throughout the Gospels we find Jesus struggling to turn His disciples' thoughts from human worries to God's way. The disciples weren't getting it.

Peter thinks in personal and human ways about Jesus' prediction of His suffering and death. He wants to stop it. The disciples, as explained last week, did not hear a word of Jesus' teaching, but rather fought about who was the greatest. Today, John

addresses Jesus as "teacher" and immediately demonstrates that he has not heard or integrated a word of Jesus' teaching. John is exhibiting serious jealousy and a lack of welcome to those who would follow Jesus.

Jesus now cranks up the extreme. He's trying to get His disciples to have, as some call it today, a 'Come to Jesus moment.' He's being really blunt, trying to break through the disciples closed ears and obstinate ways. If you want to follow me – open your hearts, welcome the poor and the small, protect them, and be prepared to lay everything on the line. Don't let My word go in one ear and out the next – let them sink in and make it real. Live my Gospel.

Living Jesus' Gospel is not easy. It is challenging even in the best of circumstances. The people of the Church are supposed to be on the same page – inviting, welcoming, working together – but we know

frustrations grow and we go astray. We get perturbed when patient love is most needed. We try to layer our justifications for the why of our personal shortcomings over the truth of the Gospel message.

Jesus calls us to hard and serious discipleship and evangelization. It shall not be one church over the next, but one Church. Work together in my name! Protect and cherish the young – the very young, teens, and young adults – because they need guidance and faithful examples. You harm them – you're as good as dead. You're thinking about evil, sin, harm – destroy yourself before you take the first step down that path. Yes, Jesus is serious, and He is driving home His warning in very vivid ways. This, now, is a come to Jesus moment. Seriously!

*Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it.*

**1 Corinthians 9:24**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Timothy 4:7  
MONDAY: Jeremiah 29:11  
TUESDAY: Romans 15:4  
WEDNESDAY: Philippians 3:12-14  
THURSDAY: Luke 9:62  
FRIDAY: Galatians 6:9  
SATURDAY: Proverbs 16:3

### Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may learn from You in all seriousness and grow in determination to follow Your Gospel.

## XXV Holy Synod

The XXV Holy Synod of the Church begins this Monday, October 1 at 8am. Fr. Jim and Claudia Bertasso, your elected representative, are attending. 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/PNU Contests

The **Education & Youth Commission** raffle will benefit the College Stipend Program. The raffle will be held on December 6th, 2018 @ the PNU Home Office. Donations for these tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10. See Fr. Jim for tickets.

There is also a **100% family contest**. Send a family photo where everyone in the picture is a PNU member. It can be any combination of your family and extended family, but the photo must contain two or more people and PNU members only. Social membership counts as PNU membership. Provide the full names for everyone shown in the photo and mail the photo to: Kathy Nemkovich, 37 Winthrop St., Fall River, MA 02721, or email to [kathynemkovich@gmail.com](mailto:kathynemkovich@gmail.com). Deadline to receive photos is November 1, 2018. All photos will be entered into a drawing to win \$250. The drawing will be held in December at the PNU Board meeting.

## Heritage Sunday – Let's Celebrate

It's a bit of a ways off, but October 21st is Heritage Sunday in our Church. Let's be sure to honor each person's heritage on that day. We can do many things to accomplish this – share music, foods, family stories and pictures. Let's work together for a fun filled Sunday.

## 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.

## Collection for Hurricane Victims Thank You

Last Sunday, we held a special collection for those affected by the Hurricanes that struck the southern east coast of our country as well as those affected by the explosions and fires in eastern Massachusetts. We raised \$158. Those funds will be combined with those from other PNCC parishes and will be distributed between the National Red Cross and Church World Service.

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

## 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, Paul Griswold, 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 Annunciation of the BVM Parish, San Antonio, TX.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjagoslaw 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 140 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

Of note...