



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 28, 2019

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVII Niedziela zwykła

July 28, 2019

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm: Ps 138:1-3,6-8

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Epistle: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners, youth, and vocations.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins, page B7 at 9:20am, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

TODAY'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. But as you are just, you govern all things justly; you regard it as unworthy of your power to punish one who has incurred no blame.

R. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVIII Niedziela zwykła

August 4, 2019

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalm: Ps 90:3-6,12-14,17

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

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NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. You have given my days a very short span; my life is as nothing before You. All mortals are but a breath.

R. Anyone can see that the wisest die, the fool and the senseless pass away too, and must leave their wealth to others.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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...

- **July 28: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 3: Feast - Finding of the Body of St. Stephen, Protomartyr.**
- **August 4: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **August 6: Solemnity - Transfiguration of the Lord.**
- **August 11: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Parish Picnic Follows.**
- **August 15: Solemnity, Dormition of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at 7pm.**
- **August 18: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 11am ONLY. Jack & Jill Shower to follow.**
- **August 19: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew.**
- **August 25: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth 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.

Can God forget?

And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh He brought you to life along with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, He also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

Last week we found Abraham sitting in the entrance of his tent on a hot summer day. Today, his three visitors walked on toward Sodom, intent on destroying the city for its sinfulness, while the Spirit of God remained with Abraham. In one of the most classic dialogs in scripture, Abraham presumes to bargain with God. He wonders, can God forget the serious sinfulness of Sodom for the sake of those who try to live justly? Not once, but three times, he sets a challenge to

God - can He look past the sins of so many for the sake of the few innocents. Perhaps it is a bit too far to say, at least at that stage of salvation history, that God would forget the sins of so many. Yet, He could look past their serious sinfulness so that that those, innocent of those serious sins, might not perish. God shows forth His mercy. God previews His approachability.

St. Paul brings our new reality in Jesus to the fore. We are all guilty, all liable, yet God mercifully sent His Son to free us, literally to obliterate every sin (every failing, serious and minor, big and small) that held us captive. Paul tells us that we have been buried with Jesus by our baptism. In those waters we, by God's grace, the cross of Jesus, and the working of the Holy Spirit, leave sin behind. Uncleanness is abandoned, and

we come alive - alive for ever. In that moment, we were raised.

The question before us, what do we do with this new freedom? What are the next steps? How should we act?

Remember that Paul refers to *when we were dead*. It is past tense, it was before. It is addressed to every one of us, Gentiles in the old order and the new Israel in our rebirth. Freed from our sin, we must respect and honor the fact of our freedom. Again, but how?

Respect and honor our position of freedom in the kingdom. Stand tall, look straight ahead, and pray to the Father looking Him in the eye. Ask in faith. Believe that we will receive. Give praise and thanks. The Lord has forgotten our sin and invites us to approach Him right now

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 8:1

MONDAY: Isaiah 43:25

TUESDAY: Hebrews 8:12

WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 4:32

THURSDAY: Isaiah 43:18-19

FRIDAY: Colossians 3:13

SATURDAY: Psalm 103:12

Pray the week

Lord, Grant me the awareness of Your boundless love, the way You have forgotten my sin. Give me a spirit of confidence and trust.

CALL to Special Synod

Pursuant to article VII, LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY, B, THE SPECIAL SYNOD, SECTION 1 of The Constitution and Laws of the Polish National Catholic Church, Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church, is calling a Special Synod for the Polish National Catholic Church to convene at Saint Stanislaus Cathedral Youth Center, Scranton, Pennsylvania, on Friday, October 25, 2019 with the concurrence of the Supreme Council. The sole purpose of this one-day Synod will be to elect Candidates for Bishop.

Upcoming Summer Events

- 34th Convention and 26th Music Workshop of the NUC, July 31 to August 2
- Picnic (parish grounds), August 11.
- Jack and Jill Wedding Shower, August 18

Pre-Synod Prayer

Lord Jesus, You commanded Your Apostles to go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to all nations. You have called bishops to succeed the Apostles continuing the Apostolic ministry. May our bishops keep watch over the faith, unity and order of Your Holy Church. Their inheritance is the faith of the Patriarchs and Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, and believers of every generation who have looked to God with hope; may our Bishops and those to be elected as Candidates for Bishop, preserve that inheritance. Bless Your servants, our Bishops and those who will be Candidates for Bishop, whom You call to the fullness of the priesthood, so that Your grace may shine forth in their character and conduct. Strengthen them that they may be devoted shepherds and true examples for the flock entrusted to them. This we ask in Your precious Name. Amen.

One Day Women's Retreat

The Diocesan United Women's Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is sponsoring a one-day women's retreat featuring Presenters are Kim Messinger, Janine Boyer, and Shirley Brosius from Friends of the Heart.. The retreat will take place on October 5th at St. Stanislaus Cathedral. and is open to all women.

Education and Youth Commission Raffle

The Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is once again hosting a raffle to benefit our College Stipend Program. The raffle will be held on December 5th, 2019. Donations for these tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10.

Dues Status

We are happy to report that 83% of our members have paid their annual dues in full as of this writing. Thank you. If you have not paid your annual parish membership dues as of yet, there is still time. If you need assistance, please see Fr. Jim confidentially. If you do not know what "dues" even are, or how they factor into parish/church membership, just ask. We will fill you in.

Of note . . .

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. We will resume coffee hour in September.

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 reconstituted branch 140 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Marica Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Dolores Konicki, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Marysia, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Wayne Wienclawski, Zach, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Garrett Grochowski, Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patricia 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 the people and clergy of St. Joseph's Parish, Middleport, PA.

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

--- *And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord* ---