



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 18, 2019

TOGETHER

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XX Niedziela zwykła

August 18, 2019

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

First reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

Psalm: Ps 40:2-4,18

Lord, come to my aid!

Epistle: Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel: Luke 12:49-53

Intention: 11am for Kyle and Alyssa.

Celebrant: 11am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 11am Larry Panfil

- Matins, page B7 at 10:50am, Holy Mass at 11am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
- Private Event

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Where can I hide from your spirit? From Your presence, where can I flee? If I ascend to the heavens, You are there; if I lie down in Sheol, You are there too.

R. Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light. Darkness is not dark for You, and night shines as the day.

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.

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXI Niedziela zwykła

August 25, 2019

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

First reading: Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm: Ps 117:1-2

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Epistle: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

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

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

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

- Matins, page B7 at 9:50am, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. To You we owe our hymn of praise, O God on Zion; To You our vows must be fulfilled, You Who hear our prayers. To You all flesh must come with its burden of wicked deeds.

R. We are overcome by our sins; only You can pardon them. Happy the chosen ones You bring to dwell in Your courts. May we be filled with the good things of Your house, the blessings of Your holy temple!

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...

- August 18: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 11am ONLY. Jack & Jill Shower to follow.
- August 19: Requiem Holy Mass for the repose of Shannon Sullivan at 5:30pm.
- August 20-22: Clergy Retreat.
- August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew.
- August 25: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- August 27: Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa.
- August 29: Solemnity - Beheading of St. John the Baptist.
- September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- September 2: Labor Day.
- September 8: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 11:30 only.
- September 11: 18th Anniversary of 9/11/2001.

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.

For what reason.

For the sake of the joy that lay before Him He endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken His seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how He endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart.

In this week's Gospel we hear Jesus putting it all out there, laying it on the line. He will not offer us a placid earth, but rather one that has a cost if we hold to His truth and way. For what reason would we accept this cost?

When Jesus preaches all the truth, we get afraid. We really do not want to admit that the hard stuff is necessary. We prefer the soft Jesus of *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you*. We like the Jesus of peace, love,

mercy, and forgiveness. He is certainly that, but that has a cost. The cost of access to Him is living faith. The fruit of faith is a new life cleansed of binds that restrict and limit us; that keep us away from real joy, even if that is others. The life of faith gives us new and perfect reason to face every challenge, disappointment, conflict, and division. Will we accept the cost?

Today we encounter the warrior Jesus. The "fire" He brings is the cleansing fire that washes us of constraints, the things that keep us back from living a life of complete faith. His fire refines us and makes us ready to witness. Paul tells us that Jesus gave His all *for the sake of the joy that lay before Him*. We have the promise of that joy, not something less. Is that joy sufficient reason to face challenge, disappointment, conflict, and division?

If we reason it out, the choices we have to make every day, spreading the gospel, issuing the invitation, stating the truth of the gospel, admitting that there are limits, boundaries, thoughts, words, actions, and philosophies not in accordance with God's way is both a path to conflict and to joy. To say Jesus is the way, truth, and life will surely turn some off, yet brings us joy.

Being all-in with Jesus, living His way, proclaiming his word - the right way - has the assurance of everlasting joy. It is the joy of heavenly peace, God's assurance, life in the Body of Christ, and the joy of being coheirs to victory.

Jesus won His and our joy on the cross. For what reason would we do, speak, and act. For what reason must we endure, abide, and face all things? For genuine joy!

But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.

1 Peter 4:13

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Corinthians 12:10
MONDAY: Romans 12:12
TUESDAY: Romans 5:3
WEDNESDAY: James 1:2-4
THURSDAY: John 14:27
FRIDAY: Romans 8:18-21
SATURDAY: Habakkuk 3:17-19

Pray the week

Lord, Grant me faithful courage to face all things so to attain the joy awaiting me.

Picnic - SUPER Thank You

Thank you to all who joined in for our annual neighborhood picnic on the parish grounds last Sunday. It was so marvelous, and the beauty of our diversity. A special thank you to all who brought dishes, did set-ups, cooked, cleaned afterward, and lent a smile and a warm welcome to all our visitors.

CALL to Special Synod

The 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. The sole purpose of this one-day Synod will be to elect Candidates for Bishop.

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.

TOGETHER!

September 15th is fast approaching - 4 weeks away. We are joining TOGETHER to increase church attendance and fellowship. The most amazing and wonderful things about us is our togetherness in Jesus' work. This year's Back to Church goal is a 25% increase in the number of regular worshipers. Keep in mind, this effort starts in prayer. It then blossoms with the realization that this is not an event put on for us. Rather, it is an opportunity for everyone to invite those we care about to church. Stay tuned for the videos we will be showing here in church and on the web. They tell of the power that comes from what we do; how lives are changed when we come TOGETHER. Lawn signs are available today.

Banns of Marriage II

I publish the Banns of Marriage between Kyle Carlson of Schenectady County, New York, and Alyssa DePaula of Schenectady County, New York. If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why these two persons should not be joined together in holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the second time of asking.

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, 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 Our lord's Ascension Parish, Bethlehem, PA.

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

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.

--- *And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.* ---