



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

**TOGETHER**

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXV Niedziela zwykła

September 22, 2019

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

First reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: Ps 113:1-2,4-8

**Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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

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

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

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

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

**R. Blessed be the name of the Lord both now and forever.**

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.**

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXVI Niedziela zwykła

September 29, 2019

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

First reading: Amos 6:1,4-7

Psalm: Ps 146:7-10

**Praise the Lord, my soul!**

Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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

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.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

### NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. The Lord protects the stranger, sustains the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the way of the wicked.

**R. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, Zion, through all generations. Hallelujah!**

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...

- **September 22: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Spójnia Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **September 29: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **September 30: Feast - St. Michael the Archangel.**
- **October 2: Feast - Guardian Angels.**
- **October 4: Commemoration - St. Francis of Assisi. Rosary at 7pm.**
- **October 6: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am with blessing of animals.**
- **October 7: Solemnity - Holy Mother of the Rosary. Columbus Day.**
- **October 11: Rosary at 7pm.**
- **October 13: Solemnity of the Christian Family. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 18: Feast - St. Luke, Apostle & Evangelist. Rosary at 6:15pm.**
- **October 19: Biennial YMSofR Convention at Holy Name of Jesus, Schenectady.**

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.

## Being shrewd.

*Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat?"*

The beginning of our first reading is a perfect set up for trying to understand one of Jesus' most difficult teachings. The reading condemns those who are literally sitting around waiting for the end of the new moon (the beginning of each Hebrew month marked as a holiday much like parts of Passover would be) or the Sabbath, so they can go back to work - and not just any work - but work that defrauds their customers. How many people do we know, so anxious about tomorrow that they miss the blessings of a Sunday? So anxious, they defraud God of the

worship due Him?

Much like the thieving merchants of Amos' time, the master and his steward were both thieves. Recall that charging interest on loans was forbidden in the Bible because it exploited the vulnerable poor, yet that is what they both did. Jesus' hearers would know that the debt contracts of the master and steward included exorbitant interest hidden from illiterate peasants - a cut for everyone rich enough to control the terms. Today's analogies may be high-interest student loans, credit card debt, and predatory pay-day loans. Wealthy landlords and stewards in Jesus' day created other ways to charge interest often hiding it by rolling it into the principal. Hidden interest rates up to 50 percent! The steward, once confronted, set out to shrewdly protect himself, to act smartly for his own benefit.

All this selfishness and self-

preservation, and we would think Jesus would roundly condemn all the players. Yet, oddly, Jesus doesn't. Instead, he lauds the steward for his cleverness, with an additional complement to "children of this age" (those who were not His followers), for their shrewdness.

The lesson we can take from this teaching is that being shrewd requires we know what rules our hearts, that we know Who we serve, and that we take decisive action to change our ways in light of the coming judgment. If we serve wealth and self-preservation for their own sake, we will fail. But if we shrewdly (i.e., wisely) work for God, placing Him first in all we do - on Sundays, with money, with what we have, in acting compassionately toward the poor and suffering, we will enjoy the blessings of life with God because we cannot "serve both God and mammon."

*Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

**Philippians 2:4**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 15:5  
MONDAY: Leviticus 25:36  
TUESDAY: Ezekiel 18:17  
WEDNESDAY: Nehemiah 5:1-13  
THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 4:5  
FRIDAY: Ezekiel 18:9  
SATURDAY: Romans 13:8

## Pray the week

Lord, grant that I may be shrewd in the ways of eternal life. Grant that I may prepare diligently for Your return in all that I do.

## Coffee Hour - Join Us/Pitch In

We have restarted our regular coffee hour following 9:30am Holy Mass. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Please take a moment to volunteer to provide for coffee hour. Remember - fancy and supersized not necessary - only to be loving.

## 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.

## God Bless Kyle & Alyssa

Yesterday we celebrated a beautiful occasion on a spectacularly wonderful day, The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony was administered by the Church to Kyle and Alyssa (DePaula) Carlson followed by a Nuptial Holy Mass. The prayers of our entire community are with them as they begin their joined life. We thank them for the beautiful decorations in the church, the joy which they shared with so many. Sto lat!!! Many years!!!

## Blessing of Pets

We will hold the Blessing of Pets in honor of the Commemoration of St. Francis on Sunday, October 6th at all Holy Masses. Please invite neighbors, friends, and furry and feathered friends to join at Holy Mass - YES IT IS OK. They can be with you and receive a special blessing at the end of Holy Mass. If you know someone who has lost a pet, invite them to remember on this special day. Bring pet foods which will be donated to a local shelter.

## Spójnia Sunday Today

Today we celebrate Spójnia Sunday - let us always remember to support the efforts of our sister organization as the PNU continues to support the members, clergy and parishes of the PNCC. For more information on the Polish National Union please contact Fr. 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, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Wayne Wienclawski, Zach, Stanley Ordon, David Urbanski, Rev Kathy Maker, 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 Heart of Jesus Parish, Bayonne, NJ.

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

Of note...

**Coffee Hour:** Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. There is a sign-up sheet. Please take a week. We need your help.

**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.* ---