



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 19, 2020

DISCIPLESHIP
2020 PNCC



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVI Niedziela zwykła

July 19, 2020

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

First reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Psalm: 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Epistle: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Intention: 10am for vocations, all parishioners, Church youth

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

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

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Lord, You are kind and forgiving, most loving to all who call on You.

R. Lord, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.

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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVII Niedziela zwykła

July 26, 2020

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

First reading: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

Psalm: 119:57,72,76-77,127-130

Lord, I love your commands.

Epistle: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Intention: 10am, for vocations, parishioners, Church youth

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

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

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He has counsel in store for the upright, He is the shield of those who walk honestly.

R. Therefore, I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

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.

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Upcoming...

- **July 19: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass in church and broadcast at 10am.**
- **July 20: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.**
- **July 25: Feast - St. James the Greater, Apostle.**
- **July 26: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass in church and broadcast at 10am. Also, Commemoration of Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V.M.**
- **August 2: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **August 3: Feast - Finding of the Body of St. Stephen**
- **August 6: Solemnity - Transfiguration of the Lord.**
- **August 9: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **August 15: Solemnity of the Dormition. Holy Mass at 11am. Also, 6th Annual YMSofR Golf Tournament.**
- **August 16: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am.**

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 Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

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.

Leave the weeds.

His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest

My mom had a great bookshelf in her room. I used to sit in front of that bookshelf just pondering the titles – classics of literature, a book on the adopted family, and a set of books in a series about homes and gardens. These books had to date from the late 1950s or early 1960s. I can imagine my parents amassing this encyclopedia of home and garden just after they purchased their house.

These books were beautifully illustrated. They had architectural drawings, garden layouts, and idealized drawings and photos of beautifully

manicured and cultured lawns and gardens. I wanted that! I would look out the windows of our home, holding the books, and imagined creating that look in our small back yard; its existing look not perfect enough. Oh, and there were weeds. Weeds were the enemy of perfection.

You can imagine my surprise on one of those idyllic summer Sundays as Jesus' parable of the wheat and the weeds was read. We had to leave the weeds. My little structured world of perfect lawns and raised flower beds had to take a back seat to Jesus' command. Some in our congregation live this today. They allow nature to take its course, not disturbing the wheat of the weeds. I think they understand better than I did.

In its essence, Jesus' parable is about conflict and destruction. The Jewish people would have understood that enemies sowed choking weeds in crops, a war tactic

aimed at destruction. Jesus likened the sowing of weeds to the work of the enemy, Satan, who in all respects seeks to destroy us. The slaves, we who follow Jesus, have an initial reaction to destruction that itself focuses on destruction. Let's go out and destroy the weeds.

Abigail Van Buren once said, "People who fight fire with fire usually end up with ashes." Destruction of the weeds only leads to the destruction of the good. The result of the sinful tendency in us is our giving in to destruction.

As Jesus' people, we are called to plant, nurture, feed, grow, and also bear the weeds. We are not called to the position of harvester. That is Jesus' job. By our action, perhaps in the weeds, we will find a new crop for the Lord. We will give all the chance and opportunity to grow. In the midst conflict we are to reject destruction and leaven the world for growth.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 5:15-17
MONDAY: Galatians 6:10
TUESDAY: Colossians 4:5
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 100:3
THURSDAY: Revelation 14:12
FRIDAY: 1 Peter 5:8
SATURDAY: Acts 4:12

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You act mercifully toward me and provide me with every opportunity and chance to do Your will. Grant that I may act likewise to all I encounter.

CONVO – An Afternoon This Week

With the unfortunate cancelation of Convo 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Polish National Catholic Church is hosting a virtual afternoon gathering of youth from throughout the Church on Zoom.

We plan on having a spiritual reflection by Rev. Dr. Scott Lill as well as some time in prayer. This will be followed by an opportunity for all of you to reconnect with each other, possibly meet some new friends, find encouragement in this difficult time and also offer some perspectives for Convo 2021 to be held next year.

If you would like to attend, please send an email with your name to pbnikovsky@pncc.org and you will receive a link to attend the virtual Convo on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Please spread this message among the youth of the Church so that any who are interested may join us.

I look forward to once again being with all of you on Wednesday, July 22, 2020.

In Christ Jesus, our Lord,

Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky

Golf Tournament

The UNITED YMSofR 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT will take place on Saturday, August 15th. Shotgun Start 8am - Rain or Shine. Registration begins at 7am at the Panorama Golf Course, 1124 State Route 2023, Clifford Township, PA 18421, Entry Fee: \$100 per person includes 18 holes of golf and cart, lunch during play, door prizes and a dinner to follow. Accommodations are available if needed. For more information or questions, please contact tournament chairmen Andrew Shumlas at 570-947-7229 or co-chair Paul Kazinetz III at 570-604-2692. All state and CDC safety guidelines will be followed.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

An Act of Spiritual Communion at communion time and anytime we desire to be most closely united with our Lord and Savior, Jesus: *Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.*

Commitment to Dignity

We as followers of Christ, and members of the Schenectady community commit ourselves to uphold the image of God in all persons. We commit ourselves to form Christians who honor the image of God in all persons, proclaim the Kingdom in our midst, and actively oppose anything that degrades the dignity and worth of others.

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, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Wayne Wienclawski, Zach, Stanley Ordon, David Urbanski, Greg Kaczmarek, Carla, Anita, Polly, Sherry, William & Frances, Joanne Houser, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Micka, Grace Lewis, all suffering due to Coroniavirus, 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, 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 the people and clergy of St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Cedar Lake, IN.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. One day we will gather again and give thanks.

Of note... 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 140/168 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Pastor Jim.

--- For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ---