



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 23, 2020

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2020 PNCC



## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time XXI Niedziela zwykła

August 23, 2020

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

First reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm: 138:1-3,6,8

**Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Epistle: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. For I will sing to the Lord's renown. Oh, proclaim the greatness of our God!

**R. The Rock - how faultless are His deeds, how right all His ways! A faithful God, without deceit, how just and upright He is!**

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.**

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXII Niedziela zwykła

August 30, 2020

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

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm: 63:2-6,8-9

**R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Epistle: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

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. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds.

**R. My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds 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.**

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.

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## Upcoming...

- August 23: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am.
- August 24: Feast – St. Bartholomew.
- August 27: Solemnity – Our Lady of Częstochowa.
- August 29: Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist.
- August 30: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am.
- September 6: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am.
- September 7: Labor Day
- September 8: Solemnity – Nativity of the B.V.M.
- September 11: 19th Anniversary of 9/11/2001. Prayer service at 7pm.
- September 13: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 10am.
- September 14: Solemnity, Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Consecration of Bishop-Elect Jaroslaw Rafalko, St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr, Cathedral, Scranton, PA.

**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.

Less God?

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

It is the question of the ages, *Who do you say that I am?* This question, to the Apostles, should not have been a surprise. It is the same question God presented to Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, the Judges, kings, and prophets. In each instance, *Who do you say that I am?*

Peter answers in the same way the rest would answer. He answers in the same way the faithful have always answered. In faith (which is the rock), he clearly stated that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. You are God, my God.

As with the rest of the Apostles, and as was done

before them by the prophets, judges, kings, and every person on earth, we quickly go from proclamation to a failure to follow through. We somehow lose touch with the fact that we just proclaimed God to be our God, and suddenly consider Him ‘less God.’

It happened to Peter right after this bold proclamation, He suddenly saw Jesus as ‘less God.’ He told Jesus He believed Him to be God, then told Him – You’re wrong.

This is our predicament as Christians. We are really asked to do very few things. Proclaim salvation in Jesus. Accept Him in faith, live the gospel message by doing love, and give God the worship. All Church laws and dogmas come down to that. We worship Jesus, who is God, and do what He said, for that is the perfection of truth; God’s wisdom laid out before us. All we have to do is take up and do what God said, but we don’t.

Education & Youth Commission Appeal

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic this year, in place of our annual raffle we are issuing an appeal for donations to help support this important fraternal effort.

The members of the Education and Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America ask you to prayerfully consider giving a gift that will be used, appreciated and always remembered by our younger members going to college or schools of higher learning. Thousands of deserving students have received stipends from our Commission. Last year more than 30 students received stipends.

Please make your charitable donation to the **PNU Education and Youth Commission, 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA 18505.** May God bless you; your family and we again thank you for your prayerful consideration of this appeal.

Consecration of Bishop Elect Rafalko

On the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, September 14th, our Holy Church will Consecrate Bishop Elect Jarosław Rafalko to the Office of Bishop. Attendance at the event will be limited due to COVID-19 precautions. Once consecrated, Bishop Elect Rafalko will be formally installed as bishop of the Western Diocese. We ask that in advance of the Consecration, you pray for Bishop Elect, particularly that he be guided in faithfulness to the Gospel of Christ and the Holy Tradition of the Church. *O God, the pastor and ruler of all the faithful, mercifully look upon Thy servant Jaroslaw, which Thou hast deigned to be elevated to the Office of Bishop in Thy Church. Grant that in this time of preparation, the Holy Spirit may guide and protect him, and thereafter, that he remains faithful to Thee and Thy Church. Amen.*

Words!

*I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak* – Jesus. The Apostles themselves (for instance in James) working off Jesus’ teaching on the use of words, said: *If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless.* In this season of politics, and in all cases, do not give in to hatred and anger. Do not repost rumor. Do not fan the flames with your words, writing, and sharing. Guard your mouth and be a Christian. The teaching is true. We should say almost nothing and work, in action, to build up. Don’t be worthless in your faith, unkind or accusatory in your words. You will be held to account for each of your words (and postings).

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. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.*

When we proclaim the creed, we will attest to the fact that Jesus is true God and true man. He is not half-and-half, more of one, less of the other. He is the fullness and completeness of both. So, His words and example are the way to live. His is the way we are to follow. Perfect instruction.

Consider the question of faith; our desire to cling to and fully believe: “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*” Let us ask ourselves whether our lives speak the truth of our belief. Is Jesus God for me, or is He ‘less God?’

Much seems to get in the way. What does for us? Desires, politics, personalities, angers, having it our way, hypocrisy, thinking we are right, property over people, nation over God, the need to state our opinion? It is the question of the ages. If He is nothing less than God, let us put all that aside and live like He really is our God.

*Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Romans 10:9

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: John 3:16  
MONDAY: Acts 16:31  
TUESDAY: John 14:1  
WEDNESDAY: John 15:1  
THURSDAY: John 14:6  
FRIDAY: 1 Timothy 2:5  
SATURDAY: John 8:42

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You are God, my God. Grant that I may live each day by the faith I proclaim with my mouth.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan & Elizabeth 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, 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, Stanley Ordon, David Urbanski, Greg Kaczmarek, Carla, Joanne Houser, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Micka, Grace Lewis, all suffering due to Coronavirus, 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, Pattric 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 Savior Parish, Mosinee, WI.

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.

**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.

Of note.:

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