



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 30, 2020

DISCIPLESHIP
2020 PNCC



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.

THIS 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.

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXIII Niedziela zwykła

September 6, 2020

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

First reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm: 95:1-2,6-9

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

Epistle: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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. Exposition and Benediction with prayers for vocations, Church youth, and our parish's growth.

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Whoever corrects a scoffer wins abuse; whoever rebukes the wicked gets hurt.

R. A scoffer who is rebuked will only hate you; the wise, when rebuked, will love you.

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 30: 22nd 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. Holy Mass at 10am for the intention of all workers and worker justice.**
- **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.**
- **September 15: Solemnity, Holy Mother of Sorrows.**
- **September 20: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Back to Church Sunday (Invite Someone). 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.

Trapped.

I urge you, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

It is said that a Sunday's first reading and gospel deliver the same message. They closely follow the same theme. The Epistle however always seems to stand out as something different and apart.

The key to understanding the Epistle, the letters, is that they effectuate the Old Testament readings and gospels. Epistles are the game plan for how we are to carry out what God has given us. It is what we allow ourselves to be trapped into doing in accepting the great

love of God.

Jeremiah laments the fact that God has given him a very hard message to proclaim. He has to preach the disaster that will come upon Israel if they will not turn away from their evils, their worship of false gods.

In lamenting what he must preach, Jeremiah realizes that no matter how much he would wish it, he cannot hold it in. He has to do as God has asked. *I will not mention Him, I will speak in His name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart.* Jeremiah is trapped because the powerful love and truth of God are irrefutable.

Now, Peter thought he knew what he must say. After proclaiming Jesus to be God, Peter decides he is going to teach God. Jesus gives him a quick lesson which is also meant for us. If we wish God's love, we must surrender. We must stop thinking our way and start thinking God's way. We must be willing to

hand it all over to God and be trapped up by and in Him.

Our instinct is to escape being trapped, to free ourselves and do as we please. Humans hate being trapped, we feel like we're in the Poseidon, an overturned ship, trying to find a way out. Paul knew that, he realized it on the road when Jesus confronted him. His choice, allow himself to be trapped up into Jesus' way, or get back on his donkey and live a valueless life.

Today, Paul tells us how we put those lessons from the first reading and gospel into action. We offer ourselves, our wills and ways sacrificially allowing ourselves to be trapped into the life of God. True love is to give oneself over. Once trapped in the life of God, we do His will, because like Jeremiah, we can do no other. We let our old ways dissolve as our minds are renewed. Getting rid of our 'conformity to the as-is,' allows us to be *good and pleasing and perfect*. In being trapped we are freed.

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: Galatians 2:20
MONDAY: Psalm 51:10-12
TUESDAY: 1 John 1:9
WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 4:29
THURSDAY: Philippians 1:6
FRIDAY: Colossians 3:10
SATURDAY: 2 Timothy 2:15

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, I have accepted You as my Lord and Savior. I have confessed my sins before You. Your great love has now trapped me. Grant that I may never go back, but rather move ever forward to You.

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

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, Maggie, 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, 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Minneapolis, MN.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogoslawa im, O Boze!

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. ---