



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 17, 2021

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time II Niedziela zwykła

January 17, 2021

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

First reading: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

Psalm: 40:2,4,7-10

**R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20

Gospel: John 1:35-42

Intention: 10am, for the health and healing of Sandra Tatlock. For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Thus says the Lord: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine. Because you are precious in My eyes and glorious, and because I love you.

**R. When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart, because I bore Your name, O Lord, God of hosts.**

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.**

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time III Niedziela zwykła

January 24, 2021

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

First reading: Jonah 3:1-5,10

Psalm: Ps 25:4-9

**Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Intention: 10am, For śp. Dolores Konicki off. by Phyllis Walkowiak. For all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).

### NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and there is something greater than Jonah here.

**R. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away, and that the Lord may grant you times of refreshment.**

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...

- **January 17: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am. Parish Committee Meeting follows.**
- **January 18: Feast – St. Peter's Chair at Antioch/Martin Luther King Day. Start of the Week of Christian Prayer for Unity. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **January 20: Virtual Retreat and Holy Rosary for Christian Unity and Peace in Our Land at 7pm.**
- **January 21: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.**
- **January 24: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **January 25: Feast - Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends.**
- **January 31: Septuagesima Sunday. Pre-Lent Begins. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **February 2: Solemnity – Presentation of the Lord. Holy Mass at 7pm with Blessing of Candles/Gromnica.**
- **February 3: Commemoration – St. Blaise of Sebastea.**
- **February 7: Sexagesima Sunday. 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.

Any good?

He first found his own brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah” — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus.

This scripture, taken from the first chapter of John’s gospel, concerns the gathering of the first disciples. The next verses following today’s gospel concern the calling of Phillip and his friend Nathanael. We all recall their exchange: *Phillip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth.” But Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come from Nazareth?”*

Nathanael isn’t buying it. After all, can anything worthwhile come out of that place? Nathaniel saw Nazareth as a downer, no good. We encounter people like that. We say something, and they naysay it. It may seem to us that they are glass half-empty people, yet there is something more there. Perhaps they are projecting their own sense of personal worthlessness in their reaction.

In our sinful and broken world, we ask the same question about ourselves. Can anything good come from my life, my family

situation, my personality, from someone who looks like me, is as old or young as me, or who has made mistakes like I have?

How about you? How are you feeling this morning? What motivated you to come here this morning or to join us virtually? Are we all feeling good and inspired, or has the past week taken its toll on us and put us at the end of our ropes?

Perhaps this is how Nathanael was feeling as he listened to Phillip’s words. Perhaps, rather than Nazareth, he was thinking, “Nathanael! Can anything good come from me?”

There are times when we look at ourselves like that, perhaps because of a secret, an illness, trial, hurt, grief, or loneliness. Perhaps it is the state of our country, and we say it will never get any better. Nazareth, everything else, and me – Nothing is good!

When Jesus met the disciples, He met men who all felt small and were caught up in their own pasts. As with Nathaniel, Jesus saw through that and said, “I see you and I know what you are like. I’ve got you all figured out. I know you better than you know yourself. Come follow Me.”

When someone sees you, welcomes you and believes in you, it is

powerful, freeing, life-giving, and transformative.

Jesus knows us completely and all that troubles us. He understands our faults, failures and insecurities. He knows the things we’ve kept secret. Jesus isn’t shocked by anything about us and loves us no matter what. He died to set us free from all that and He has great plans for us. He says, Come, follow Me.

When we get up and go like those disciples we come to not only understanding and acceptance, but to love God and to a whole new way of seeing ourselves, everybody, and everything. We set aside the traps of anger, fear, prejudice, and self-centeredness.

Jesus saw something in the disciples that surprised them. Instead of seeing rotten, no good sinners, people out of whom nothing good can come, Jesus saw people He loved and with a great future. Can anything good come from me? Yes! God has seen it and has said so. He has asked us in. Come, follow Me.

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, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, 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, Stanley Ordon, Greg Kaczmarek, Carla, Joanne Houser, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Micka, Grace Lewis, Maggie, Susan, Fr. Sr. Don, Linda, Ed Casey, Virginia Rogers, Carolyn, Francine, Marjorie, 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, Patricia Jones, Timothy Olsen, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, and Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- 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 for any need or intention.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church/Union of Scranton. This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of St. Michael Mission, Gilching and Karlsfeld, Germany.

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.

*Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

**Romans 12:21**

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Isaiah 5:20  
MONDAY: Psalm 1:1-6  
TUESDAY: Psalm 37:3  
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 100:5  
THURSDAY: 1 Thessalonians 5:21  
FRIDAY: Romans 8:28  
SATURDAY: Micah 6:8

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, thank You for calling me and for helping me see good. Grant that my eyes and actions ever be focused on seeing and doing good among my brothers and sisters.

Praying for...

Our 100th Anniversary – Is Here

This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish. All ideas and input are welcome. Please contact our Anniversary Chairperson, Alyssa. Send your input to [Alyssa.DePaula@gmail.com](mailto:Alyssa.DePaula@gmail.com). We will have a full schedule of spiritual, liturgical, and social events planned for the celebration. Stay tuned.

Together in Faith and Love

Join us each Thursday evening at 7pm for our Together in Faith and Love Zoom sessions. The winter months and continued social isolation challenge us all. These weekly virtual informal get-togethers are an opportunity where, with faith and love, we can face challenges together; share time, stories, or recipes; reminisce; or even sing songs. If you have a computer or smart phone you can login to Zoom (ask Fr. Jim for a link). If you do not use computers, you can just join by telephone.

Virtual Discipleship Retreat

A Church-wide Discipleship Retreat will be held this Wednesday, January 20th at 7pm. To register, send an E-mail to the Prime Bishop’s office at [pbmikovsky@pncc.org](mailto:pbmikovsky@pncc.org) or to Fr. Sr. Rob at [RobNem21@aol.com](mailto:RobNem21@aol.com). We will livestream the Retreat at church followed by a Rosary for unity and peace.

Reminders

If you would like a home blessing (outdoors only) during the Epiphany season, please let Fr. Jim know.

Valentine’s raffle tickets have been sent out.

Envelopes and tax statements for 2021 will be arriving shortly.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

*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.*

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

Of note...