



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JUNE 25, 2023

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time XII Niedziela zwykła

June 25, 2023

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

First reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm: Ps 69:8-10,14,17,33-35.

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

Epistle: Romans 5:12-15

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Intention: 10am for Phil Wielewinski for health and restoration and Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Mattins. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we persevere we shall also reign with Him.

R. But if we deny Him He will deny us. If we are unfaithful He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.

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.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time XIII Niedziela zwykła

July 2, 2023

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

First reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16

Psalm: Ps. 89:2-3,16-19.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Epistle: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Intention: 10am for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Thomas Basta.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the One I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One Who sent Me.

R. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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...

JUNE - SACRED VOCATIONS MONTH

- **June 25: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **June 26: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **June 27: Mobile Food bank from 10am till 12:30pm. Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **June 28: Holy Mass at Noon off. for Rev. Dr. śp. Jonathan Trela, 26th ann.**
- **June 29: Feast – Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon. Holy Hour for Vocations with Exposition and Benediction follows.**
- **June 30: NO Holy Mass.**
- **July 1: Independence Day Holy Mass and Picnic and Kurs 2023 Begin at 11am.**
- **July 2: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY.**
- **July 3: Solemnity of the Visitation of the B.V.M. (translated).**
- **July 3 – 8: Kurs. NO Daily Holy Mass.**
- **July 5: Commemoration – Bl. Jan Hus, Priest and Martyr.**
- **July 8: Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.**
- **July 9: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **July 10: Holy Mass at Noon.**

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, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – If someone is in need, please let Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, and anoint them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

Listen, Obey, Witness

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

Thank you for joining today as we begin our Ordinary Time journey and place our focus on listening to, obeying, and witnessing to Jesus.

Today we begin in Jeremiah. When we hear the phrase 'the Lamentations of Jeremiah' we are reminded of the difficult message he had to bring to a people who would not listen, and the cost he faced for bringing that message.

Let's set this up a little bit. Just before the opening verse *"I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!'"* Jeremiah had been in the public stocks outside the Temple. The Chief of the Temple police, Pashhur (whose name means freedom and peacefulness) had arrested him, whipped him with thirty-nine lashes, and put him in the stocks. He then let Jeremiah out

early. Jeremiah immediately called Pashhur a name: Magor-Missabib, literally 'Terror on Every Side.' Jeremiah had no intention of moderating or covering over God's message. He boldly told the priest and chief of police that destruction was sure to come, and they would be at the center of it. They would be 'terror on every side.'

Now we hear Jeremiah quoting the people. In mockery they call him Magor-Missabib, 'Terror on Every Side.' They try to use God's words against him. They will watch for any misstep and use it as pretext for destroying Jeremiah and as an excuse for ignoring God. Knowing this Jeremiah again proclaims his faithfulness to God's message and work.

Jesus tells his disciples that their listening to Him, obeying and carrying out the work of witness He has given them will, just like Jeremiah, not be easy. He also reassures them of God's attention to and protection of their work. They are valued by God for listening, obeying, and witnessing.

To drive the point home, he repeats *"do not be afraid"* three times.

Brothers and sisters, we are called to an incredible and glorious task. We are asked to listen to, obey, and witness to Jesus and His gospel teaching. We are called to the discipline of the Holy Church and her teachings which are the Holy Spirit's proclamation to us of all He heard the Son teach (cf. John 14:26, 16:13).

We have choices. Listen, obey, and witness are three components in which we must choose to follow God's way or go our own way. Choosing God in everyday life and daily encounters has consequences and sometimes they are unpleasant. However, choosing our comfort, convenience, our own way has consequences as well. Jesus – God Himself told us: *be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna*. The evil one leads us in our own ways, in a mirage of freedom which is not freedom at all. Let us choose rightly so Jesus acknowledges us before the Father and does not see us as 'terror on every side.'

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Peter 3:9

MONDAY: Romans 13:4

TUESDAY: Jeremiah 17:9-10

WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 12:11

THURSDAY: Galatians 6:7-8

FRIDAY: 2 Samuel 12:1-14

SATURDAY: Proverbs 25:26

Pray the week:

Son of God, You have taught us of the consequences for all we do or fail to do. Have mercy on my past failings and grant me the courage to listen, obey, and witness to You. Amen.

Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith, v 1 and 2.
- Gloria: E1, Glory Be, v 1 and 4.
- Sacrament of the Word: B142, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R454, Trust And Obey.
- Communion: Be Not Afraid (handout).
- Communion Reflection: R107, Amazing Grace.
- Recessional: R385, Holy God.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Sacred Vocations Month:** June is Sacred Vocations Month. Please pray each day for the gift of more priests and deacons. *Heavenly Father, Master of the harvest, We humbly ask You to send more laborers into Your fields, for the work is indeed great. Grant more faithful priests and deacons to Your Polish National Catholic Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*
- **Fr. Jim Away.** Starting June 30th Fr. Jim will be away as chaplain to the Kurs Youth Encampment. He will be back for Holy Mass on July 9th. Next Sunday, July 2nd, Fr. Tom Basta will be here to conduct Holy Mass. Fr. Tom is wonderful and a great homilist. Please be sure to fulfill your Sunday obligation and show Fr. Tom the great care and hospitality that is our parish.
- **Christmas Vigil Raffle:** Now is the time to get in and get your tickets. Please see Joe Kaczynski.
- **Kurs 2023 Registration is still open.** Visit <https://www.kurscamp.org>. You DO NOT HAVE TO PAY. The parish covers the cost of your registration. Registration ends next Sunday, June 25th.
- **Quick Reminder:** We are in Ordinary Time. Abstinence from meats is called for each Friday.
- **Holy Hour for Vocations.** Please join us on Thursday, June 29th, the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles for Holy Mass followed by special prayers for vocations before the Blessed Sacrament. Since prayer works very effectively – let's do it together.

Praying for:

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węgliński, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Carla, Linda, Carolyn, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Barbara Rogers, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Dave Taylor, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, and all in need of God's healing.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, 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 clergy and faithful of Parafia pw. Najświętszego Serca Jezusa, Bukowo Morskie, Poland.

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

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to support a week.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? See Fr. Jim.

-- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* --