

Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH - JULY 2, 2023

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

THIS 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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time XIV Niedziela zwykła

July 9, 2023

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

First reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalm: Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14.

R. I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.

Epistle: Romans 8:9,11-13 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Intention: 10am and Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

• Mattins. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).

• Coffee Hour Reception

• Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. You made them a kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign on earth.

R. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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

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Upcoming...

- July 2: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. <u>Holy Mass at 10am ONLY.</u>
- 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.
- July 11: Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.
- July 12: Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 13: Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 14: Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 16: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- July 17: Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 18: Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.
- July 19: Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 20: Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 21: Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.

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

"Whoever receives you receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One who sent me."

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

Why does Jesus say such difficult things? It is a common question and a very popular question in our day and age. People pick up the tough sayings of Jesus and say: 'Look at this – how stupid. He doesn't' want me or us to be free. God is not worth believing in because He is mean and controlling.'

Indeed, Jesus does ask much of us. He wants us all-in, completely dedicated to listening to His commands and His way (not my way), to obedience (not going my own way), and to witness to His tough call (do I really have to?). He tells us that this priority is first, even before family.

We cringe, don't we, when we hear words like obligation, obedience, duty, sacrifice, submission, requirement, restraint, perseverance, follow, and commandment. I am sure you could think of others. But those are the all-in things Jesus asks of us, to put Him and the Kingdom first.

Jesus asks us to put our old selfish selves and self-interest away and allow ourselves to listen to, obey, and witness to Him above all things.

What does it mean to carry out Jesus' work, to fulfill our obligation for His having saved and reconciled us and for forever ending death so we might have eternal life? It means that we must level-up our faith. We must work hard to overcome the things that are broken in us and the obstacles and enemies in our way with the help of His grace. We must endeavor to be not just different, but different and ever better.

If we were to draw a map from where we were just a few years earlier, and for older folks perhaps decades earlier, would we be on the same level or have we leveled up?

You may remember the picture of Jesus standing outside a door. If you observe closely, He is knocking but cannot enter on His own. The door on the outside has no doorknob. We must open the door for Jesus. That is where we start leveling up, by letting Jesus in. Unfortunately, too many think they are being progressive, by not only refusing to open the door, but by locking it and barring it. Don't let Jesus in. I'll stay where I am. It looks like I am moving, but I'm just falling. Waaaaaaaaa...

As we set forth into the days and decades ahead let us resolve to level up. Let us level up our faith, compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, and our love. Let us let Jesus in and accept His grace and His tough sayings which will make us better than we are today.

To those who say: 'Look at this – how stupid. Jesus doesn't' want me or us to be free. God is not worth believing in because He is mean and controlling,' we can say: 'God wants me to succeed, to level up, to listen, obey, and witness and to obtain all His

glory.'

For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome.

1 John 5:3

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Peter 1:23 MONDAY: Romans 13:4 TUESDAY: Matthew 6:33 WEDNESDAY: Luke 11:28 THURSDAY: Revelation 21:8 FRIDAY: Acts 17:11 SATURDAY: 2 Peter 1:21

Pray the week:

Son of God, You call us to follow Your Word and to set ourselves aside in great humility. Grant me the courage to listen, obey, and witness to You. Amen.

Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith, v 1 and 2.
- Sacrament of the Word: B142, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R686, Christ For The World To Sing.
- Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R681, Let There Be Peace On Earth.
- Recessional: R690, America The Beautiful.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- Loooowwww Mass: In our Catholic tradition there are several ways of offering the Holy Mass. The priest may offer a Solemn High Holy Mass (with Deacon, Subdeacon, incense, and almost everything sung); High Holy Mass (Ordinaries and other parts of are sung, Deacon and Subdeacon optional, incense optional); and Low Mass (just hymns are sung, fewer candles are lit). During July and August, we offer Low Mass.
- Sacred Vocations Month: Thank you for praying throughout June, Sacred Vocations Month. Please keep up the prayer intention as it is very fruitful. So, 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 Filling In: Fr. Jim will be filling in for Fr. Mark at Blessed Virgin Mary parish from July 9th through 16th. This will not interfere with our normal schedule. Depending on traffic he will be here well in advance of 10am Holy Mass. Please be patient if there are any unforeseen travel delays.
- Christmas Vigil Raffle: Now is the time to get in and get your tickets. Please see Joe Kaczynski.
- **Quick Reminder:** We are in Ordinary Time. Abstinence from meats is called for each Friday.
- On Sunday (the Sabbath): PNCC Catechism #229 How should we celebrate Sundays and Holy Days? We should celebrate Sundays and Holy Days by: (1) Dedicating them to God; (2) Attending Mass; (3) Listening to the Word of God; (4) Prayer and receiving Holy Communion; (5) Special acts of charity. #231 When do we sin against the Third Commandment? We sin by not observing the Lord's Day.

Praying for:

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepkowski, 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. <u>Michael</u> Angehr, <u>Mark</u> Collins, <u>Pattric</u> Jones, <u>Timothy</u> Olsen, <u>Charlie</u> Prothero, Fr. <u>Joseph</u> Kolek, Fr. <u>Andrew</u> Bilinski, Fr. <u>Stan</u> Jasiurkowski, Fr. <u>Andrew</u> 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. Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego, Bydgoszcz, Poland.

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

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.