



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 9, 2023

## 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).

### THIS 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.**

## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time XV Niedziela zwykła

July 16, 2023

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

First reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm: Ps. 65:10-14.

**R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.**

Epistle: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Intention: 10am and Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim 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).

### NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

**R. And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.**

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...

- **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. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.**
- **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.**
- **July 24: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **July 25: Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **July 26: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **July 20: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **July 21: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **July 23: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and 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

*"Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy, and My burden light."*

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

This statement of Jesus, concerning taking up of a yoke – a weight, an obligation, a means of being controlled – seems odd. Why would Jesus ask us to do that? Didn't He come to free us and take the weight of sin off our shoulders? And anyway, I'm not going to allow myself to be obligated to anyone.

First, let's be honest about Jesus' statement. Yes, He means we are to submit to His will. We are to turn over control of our lives to Him. We are to allow Him to direct us and take us where He will, not where we will. We are to let Him do this through His Word and His Holy Church.

I can hear people say, well forget

that. Who does God and His Church think they are. I can make my own decisions.

Yes, we can make our own decisions, and this decision is a key one because unless we accept the yoke of Jesus, we have no hope of entering His rest.

Is this decision easy? No. It is bad enough when we have to allow someone else to drive us around, much less to have completely surrendered control over our lives to another.

What may help us in reaching the right decision is the metaphor Jesus uses, the yoke itself. The yoke is used throughout scripture as a symbol, but unless we liked Westerns (Wagon Train?) or lived near Amish farmers, we have little practical knowledge of what a yoke is.

A yoke is a binding device for two animals who walk side-by-side. Oxford Dictionary defines yoke as: 'a wooden crosspiece that is fastened over the necks of two animals and attached to the plow or cart that they are to pull.'

You see, Jesus is not asking us to pick up His yoke and put it on our necks and do it all ourselves, for His yoke is Him on one side and us on the other. We are bound together when we accept Jesus and decide to walk in His footsteps, side by side doing His work.

We never go it alone with Jesus. He stands with us, sets to work with us, plows God's field with us. He tells us that His *yoke is easy, and light* because He is carrying almost all the weight for us.

If we bind ourselves to Jesus, accepting His yoke, we accomplish great things. Lives are saved, sinfulness is ended, the good news is proclaimed, people accept Jesus and they are made new. The joy we encounter in doing Jesus' work, at His side, makes even the slightest burden lighter.

Let us then listen to Jesus' call to the yoke, obey Him by taking it up, and walking with Him witnessing the kingdom, and drawing in those who do not know Him to also take up the yoke.

*For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

### Galatians 5:1

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 5:3  
MONDAY: Acts 15:10  
TUESDAY: Micah 6:8  
WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 10:27  
THURSDAY: Amos 3:3  
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 6:14  
SATURDAY: Jeremiah 2:20

### Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, You call me to Your light yoke. Help me to join myself to You in complete giving. Grant that I cooperate in the way You call me to go. Amen.

## Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith, v 1 and 2.
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: We Are The Light Of The World (handout).
- Communion: Here I Am Lord (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: Look Beyond (handout).
- Recessional: Peace Is Flowing Like A River (handout).

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Looowwww Mass:** In our Catholic tradition there are several ways of offering the Holy Mass. The priest may offer a Solemn High Holy Mass; High Holy Mass; and Low Mass (just hymns are sung, fewer candles are lit). During July and August, we offer Low Mass.
- **Month of the Precious Blood:** One devotion connected to the Passion of our Lord is to honor His Precious Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how He spilled his blood for us. We are called to also recollect the fact that His Precious Blood is made present through the gift of the Holy Eucharist and is something we, as Polish National Catholics, consume at Holy Mass, along with the body of Christ, by intinction under the appearance of bread and wine. In the 19th century a universal feast honoring the Precious Blood was established for each July. For this reason, the entire month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood, and Catholics are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the pouring out of His blood for humanity.
- **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.
- **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 Węgliński, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, 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. Matki Boskiej Królowej Apostołów, Częstochowa, 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."* --