



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 16, 2023

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 for śp. Darrin Krutz off. by Joan Casca 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).

THIS 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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XVI Niedziela zwykła

July 23, 2023

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

First reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

Psalm: Ps 86:5-6,9-10,15-16.

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Epistle: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Intention: 10am and Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- 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. Lord, You are kind and forgiving, most loving to all who call on You.

R. Lord, hear my prayer; listen to my cry for help.

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 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: Food Bank at 10am. 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: Feast – St. James the Greater, Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **July 26: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **July 27: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **July 28: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **July 30: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **July 31: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 1: Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **August 2: No Holy Mass.**
- **August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen. No Holy Mass.**
- **August 4: No Holy Mass.**

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

"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

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

This is a perfect time of year for the parable Jesus offers us today, the parable of the sower and the seed.

Top level, this is a growth parable. The sower represents God, and the seed is His message. Just as a planted seed starts to grow, the word of God starts to deepen and grow within a person who is open to it, that is the person who is made up of good soil.

Considering growth, let's think of our own gardens. Some of us have significant fruit and vegetable gardens, others smaller ones. Some have beautiful flower gardens, others a few evergreen bushes put in years ago which haven't really been addressed since. Maybe we grow a tomato plant or two in a pot on our deck.

Regardless of situation we know the things we face. Maybe, like me, we have very rocky soil – shale about an inch or two under the soil. Maybe we have a proliferation of thorn bushes, thorny weeds, and brambles. Maybe we drop some seed on the driveway or walkway.

Nearly every person faces situations. It is rare to find a person who meets God with readied good soil. His word is sprinkled over us as we listen and learn in church. We may even pick up scripture references in TV shows and movies. Yet, that word will have no effect, will bring about no bounty, unless we set to work preparing our soil.

Everyone can listen, or at least hear the word, but we must work to gain understanding by reading and studying the word as well as praying it. Almost anyone can receive the word with joy – be ecstatic about it – but we must keep our focus and concentration on it by placing it into action, living Jesus' gospel. All of us have rocks and thorns and no, our

soil will not be good and ready and productive without hard work.

To be the good soil God needs us to be we must first trust in Him and readily accept His grace. We cannot prepare ourselves in a vacuum. We cannot ask God to wait outside while we tidy up. We need His help and the humility of asking is a necessary step.

Then there is the work we must set to. We cannot just cut back the thorns and brambles that choke God out, we must dig down and pull them out by the root, so they never get in the way – that is repentance from our sins. We cannot just shovel topsoil over the rocks and stones in us, because their exitance will block God's word from taking full root. We need to get rid of obstacles to God by placing Him first, above all other things and events – really.

God's word is the seed that contains all life and goodness, peace and joy, comfort, gentleness, and love. We are called to diligence in preparing our good soil to receive life and produce good fruit in the kingdom.

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Jeremiah 29:5
MONDAY: Ezekiel 36:34-36
TUESDAY: Isaiah 58:11
WEDNESDAY: John 15:5
THURSDAY: Revelation 2:7
FRIDAY: Song of Songs 4:16
SATURDAY: Jeremiah 31:12

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Thou callest me to work diligently in preparing myself for Thy life giving word. Grant me Thy grace in this work and an abundant harvest for Thee. Amen.

Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith, v 1 and 2.
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: Seek Ye First (handout).
- Communion: Here I Am Lord (handout).
- Communion Reflection: R334, We Praise Thee O God.
- Recessional: R337, Praise To The Lord, The Almighty.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Food Bank:** Our next Mobile Food Bank event will be on Friday. July 21st from 10am until 12:30pm.
- **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 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. MB Nieustającej Pomocy i Świętego Józefa, Długi Kąt, 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."* ---