



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 27, 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

First reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm: Ps 138:1-3,6,8

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Epistle: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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).

## THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. For I will sing to the Lord's renown. Oh, proclaim the greatness of our God!

**R. The Rock - how faultless are His deeds, how right all His ways! A faithful God, without deceit, how just and upright He is!**

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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## Today's Music

- Entrance: R342, Come Christians, Join To Sing.
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: Tree Of Life (handout).
- Communion: I Received The Living God (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R240, Fairest Lord Jesus.
- Recessional: R337, Joyful, Joyful.

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **WELCOME:** We welcome all those visiting for the first time. May your day and week ahead be blessed!
- **Puzzle:** As many of you may know, we have a new Bible theme puzzle to work on. Join in on this wonderful community activity.
- **Catechism – The Sacrament of the Word of God #322-323:** The Word of God is a sacrament through which we: (1) Learn to know the Diving Will of God; (2) Become strengthened in faith; (3) Are united with Christ our Lord; and (4) Become better qualified to labor for the kingdom of God. We should receive the Sacrament of the Word of God because Christ commanded us to receive and proclaim it. Holy Scripture says this: (1) *Go ye therefore and teach all nations.* Matt. 28:19; (2) *The seed is the Word of God.* Luke 8:11; (3) *Blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.* Luke 11:28; (4) *You have been born again...through the living and abiding Word of God.* 1 Peter 1:23; and (5) *Man does not live on bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.* Matt. 4:4.
- **Getting into the Word:** Check out the TV/Streaming program 'The Chosen.' It tells the story of Jesus in a very accessible and easy to understand way. The program will start its 4th season in March 2024. In the meantime, you can watch the three prior seasons. It is on TV (CW), Amazon (for free), YouTube, Netflix, and in its own App. Most sources are free.

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.

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

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and He asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

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

As we know, the disciples, who would later be Apostles, gave various answers to Jesus' question of identity. They recounted what they heard and likely discussed among themselves. If there can be one thing said for the Jewish culture it is that it has a propensity for deep study and debate. Questions are asked to make one think. Thoughts and opinions are pondered over.

We have that heritage within our own pristine Catholic faith. We continue in modeling the early Church. We have debate

as part of our democratic decision-making process. It happens at every level within the Church from the parish annual meeting to our quadrennial Holy Synods.

Having just returned from our annual Central Diocese clergy retreat, I can report that this process of debate, discussion, and decision making is alive and active – and we are edified by it. Thinking builds one up.

We can see that Peter's statement of faith was not a sudden one-off. He is recounting what the disciples have been discussing throughout their journey with Jesus. They thought over and considered what John the Baptist had said. They knew Jesus' words, that He is the Son of Man, taken from the prophecies of David.

In Daniel 7:13–14 the

"Ancient of Days" (God) gives dominion over the earth to "one like a son of man." In some Jewish thought the "son of man" is interpreted as the Messiah.

What set Peter apart was this admission of faith, taking a discussion and debate to a resolution.

My dear brothers and sisters, that is what we are called to do, to reach a conclusion and resolution about Jesus. If we have resolved, within ourselves, that He is our Savior and Redeemer, that He is God among and alongside us, then we have done well.

The next step for each of us, in different ways, is to permeate our lives with Jesus. Jesus' call to us is not a Sunday one-and-done faith, but a faith lived in real ways, prayer in each moment, confidence in public witness, and fully living the gospel.

## Memory Verse

*"There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides You; there is no rock like our God."*

**1 Samuel 2:2**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Deuteronomy 32:4  
MONDAY: Matthew 7:24  
TUESDAY: Psalm 18:31  
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 62:6  
THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 3:11  
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:4  
SATURDAY: 2 Samuel 22:32

## Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I may stand on the Rock, which is You alone. May I place all confidence in You for You are all truth. Amen.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, 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, 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, Kelly Light, Joan Charnews. 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.

This week we remember and pray for the clergy and faithful of the Polish Catholic Church in Poland, that they would remain Catholic.

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

## Upcoming

- **August 27: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time/Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **August 28: Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.**
- **August 29: Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist. No Holy Mass.**
- **August 30 – 31: No Holy Mass.**
- **September 1: Food Pantry 10am till 12:30pm. Holy Mass follows.**
- **September 3: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am with Exposition and Benediction and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **September 4: Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon at Good Shepherd Cemetery (weather permitting, otherwise at church)**