



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
XXII Niedziela zwykła

September 3, 2023

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 92.

First reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm: Ps 63:2-6,8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Epistle: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Intention: 10am for Robert Gretnirewicz off. by Paul Zawistowski and Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Mattins. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63), Exposition and Benediction for special needs.
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds.

R. My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds me.

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
- Gloria: E1, Glory Be
- Sacrament of the Word: B142, Holy Spirit, Come Inspire Us
- Offertory: R690, America The Beautiful
- Communion: Deep Within (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: R308, We Sing The Greatness
- Exposition and Benediction: B147-150.
- Recessional: R677, They Will Know

+++ 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.
- **Happy Labor Day:** As we take an opportunity to rest and give thanks for the gift of work, let us remember all in Organized Labor who struggle to see to every worker's rights. Let us pray for those who do not have work or who are exploited in the workplace. Weather permitting (and it looks good so far) we will hold Holy Mass at Good Shepherd cemetery on Monday at noon.
- **Doing Good:** We had two CarePortal deliveries in August. Thirty-two people were served through the Food Bank. If you know people who need food, we have plenty available, just have them stop by on a Sunday.
- **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."* ---

“You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.”

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

We’ve seen quite a bit over August. In our gospels we experience the Transfiguration, Jesus revealed to Peter, James, and John as the Son of God. Moses and Eli’jah give witness to Him.

The power of Jesus was further revealed as He walks on the sea, teaches Peter a lesson in faith, and calms the sea. He heals the Canaanite woman’s child after her faith is tested and she perseveres in that faith.

As we discussed last Sunday, the disciples, who would become the Apostles, debated and discussed all this. That discussion was brought to a head in a conclusionary

statement by Peter: *“You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”*

An amazing revelation in the Transfiguration, amazing power at work – power over nature and illness, and then affirmation. Yet today we hear Peter advising Jesus on the future: *“God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.”*

I remember back in my school and early workdays hearing a very wise saying – ‘a little knowledge is dangerous.’ That was often heard when I would venture an opinion that did not take everything into account. I needed to know more before venturing an opinion. Peter fell into that trap.

What should Peter have done? Firstly, Peter should have trusted Jesus, he should have let God be God. Second, he should have realized he

did not know it all, gone to humility rather than advice.

Last week Peter followed what Jeremiah spoke about – the need to confess God’s revelation - when He declared Jesus’ identity. He could not keep it shut up within himself – so it shouted out of him.

Certainly, Peter’s statement today was not God revealed, was not worthy of trust nor necessary to say. It was whispered out of him in almost secret - *Then Peter took Jesus aside.*

Thinking as God does requires that thing Peter fell short of; that is the faith to trust and listen. We must attune ourselves to the Holy Spirit’s call, His revelation. All it takes is that we listen, and when we hear Him it will burn in us. Then we will have a hard time holding it in. Then we must speak and act.

Memory Verse

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Acts 18:9-10
MONDAY: Ephesians 4:29
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 3:15-16
WEDNESDAY: Romans 1:16
THURSDAY: Colossians 3:16
FRIDAY: Ephesians 4:15
SATURDAY: Colossians 4:6

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I may have ears to listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and that I speak only His words burning within me. 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

- **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).**
- **September 5: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**
- **September 6: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 7: Funeral Service for Robert J Gretrirewicz at the Jendrzeczak Funeral Home, Amsterdam at 11am.**
- **September 8: Solemnity – Nativity of the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 9: Women’s Empowerment Group at 10am.**
- **September 10: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**