



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXIV Niedziela zwykła

September 17, 2023

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

First reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

Psalm: Ps 102:1-4,9-12

**The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**

Epistle: Romans 14:7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Intention: 10am and Noon, for all those here and those we love.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Mattins. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception / Agape
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. No matter the wrong, do no violence to your neighbor, and do not walk the path of arrogance. Odious to the Lord and to men is arrogance, and the sin of oppression they both hate.

**R. Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.**

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: Take Up Your Cross (handout).
- Communion: Blest Are They (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R107, Amazing Grace.
- Recessional: R677, The 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 and the upteenth time. May your day and week ahead be blessed!
- **Helping out:** Janet Kelly, the Central Diocese Secretary, was severely affected by the storms and floods that hit the Scranton area. She has lost her home and is in temporary housing, not able to receive mail. Many people have already asked about how they can help her. If anyone would like to donate to her recovery effort, you can make checks payable to Janet and send c/o the Office of Prime Bishop, 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA 18505. Thank you.
- **Pet Blessing:** At all Holy Masses on Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> in Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi.
- **Doing Good:** We continue our CarePortal work and anticipate our next food bank day. If you know people who need food, we have plenty available, just have them stop by on a Sunday.
- **Next Pizza and Game Night.** Stay tuned, we should decide on a date soon.
- **Polish Food Sale:** At BVM Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Road in Latham from 2-6 pm on Saturday, September 23. Visit their site to pre-order at [www.bvmc.org/foodsale](http://www.bvmc.org/foodsale).

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."* ---

*Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.*

Welcome on this Back To Church Sunday.

For those who are new here or newer, we keep this national day of welcome each year to provide an opportunity for those who may be exploring church for the first time or the first time in a long time.

For others of us, church is a regular thing. We are here almost all-the-time. Yet sometimes even among us who are frequent church goers – well we need a chance to reconnect, to re-establish in our lives those things that make church so very special.

The National Back To Church team surveys participating congregations each year to arrive at the next year's theme. There have been some really great themes, but this one –

well it is extra special. This year's Back To Church theme is CELEBRATION!

You see, whether we are here for the first time, the first time in a long time, or for the millionth time we need to find in this experience of Jesus reason to celebrate.

Now, I must plainly admit, in my life getting up and going to church always seemed like a chore. I can hear my mom now, Get ready! Let's go! We're going to be late. Sometimes we face weather or just common driving challenges in getting to church. Then there's the parking and walking. It could be a turn-off. Sometimes we don't quite understand the pastor (I hope that's not true...). It can be many things.

If our focus is on those things, perhaps we have lost touch with the many things we have to celebrate in Jesus?

Peter asks Jesus about forgiveness: "how often must I forgive?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times."

That is not an answer that relies on counting things, for we rely too much on keeping account of. Jesus' answer means an uncountable number of times, an entire life filled with and marked by forgiveness the forgiveness of a good and loving God.

That, brothers and sisters, is what we celebrate, that as Christians we have been forgiven everything, every time, an uncountable number of times. We are reconciled to God and saved forever. We celebrate because God gave Himself totally to save us. Because we can look at ourselves and each other differently, as freed people. Because Jesus instituted this – church – where regardless of former relationships we are family and care for each other – living Jesus' way forever.

## Memory Verse

*This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

**Psalm 118:24**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 150:1-6  
MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 5:8  
TUESDAY: Psalm 16:11  
WEDNESDAY: John 15:11  
THURSDAY: Luke 15:7  
FRIDAY: Philippians 4:4  
SATURDAY: 1 Peter 1:8-9

## Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I may always see in You and Your Holy Church reason for celebration. Ever increase my joy at the salvation You have offered 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, 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, 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 Union of Scranton.

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

## Upcoming

- **September 17: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **September 18: Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.**
- **September 19: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**
- **September 20: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 21: Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 22: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 24: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Spójnia Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am for the intention of śp. Lyn Podkulski and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **September 25: Holy Mass at Noon.**