



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm: Ps 145:2-3,8-9,17-18

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Epistle: Philippians 1:20-24,27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Intention: 10am and Noon for śp. Lyn Podkulski and all members of Spójnia living and deceased.

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).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.

R. The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature.

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: We Are The Light Of The World (handout).
- Communion: Blest Are They (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R681, Let There Be Peace On Earth.
- Recessional: R319, Immortal, Invisible.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship. 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.
- **Next Pizza and Game Night.** Will be this coming Saturday, September 30th starting at 5pm.
- **Pet Blessing:** At all Holy Masses on Sunday, October 1st 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.
- **Anticipating:** This time of year begins to get busy on our parish calendar. November is the month of All Souls. Please begin to consider those you would like us to pray for throughout the month. At the start of November, we will begin collection of items for our Thanksgiving/Christmas food bank donation. Our Seniorate Thanksgiving gathering will be at Holy Cross parish in Lakeland on November 4th starting at 11am. Please let us know if you plan to attend.

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." ---

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?”

Welcome as we continue our journey of study and commit ourselves to the work of following, witnessing to, and sharing Jesus.

Last Sunday we talked about celebration, and the many reasons we, who follow, witness to, and share Jesus have for celebrating.

We learned last week of the amazing generosity of God’s forgiveness. After Peter’s question related to accounting for forgiveness Jesus replies that forgiveness for those who follow Him is not a thing to be counted. Rather, our forgiveness must remain uncountable. We are not in Jesus’ gospel life as scorekeepers. The limitless forgiveness of our good and

loving God is to be the forgiveness we are known by.

Our reconciliation and salvation, our redemption all come from the uncountable gift of God’s only Son, and His self-giving to save us.

Imitating God’s uncountable forgiveness we can look at ourselves and each other differently, as freed people.

This Sunday we are once again reminded of God’s generosity.

Jesus’ well-known parable of the landowner and the workers covers several points again related to counting, and there is more to it than what is at face value.

The first workers are looking at the generosity of the landowner and admire it. Wow, this guy is so generous I can’t wait to see what I get. After all, these latecomers are not as good and deserving as I am. They lazed

around all day, they’re bums. I’m a hard worker. They felt them less worthy than themselves (counting and judgment). When they get the same, *they grumbled.*

The early workers are grumbling not just because of the wage, but because of the generous redemption practiced by the landowner. All work was redeemed without counting the score or the before.

St. Paul reminds us *to conduct [our]selves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.* That, brothers and sisters, means that we must refrain from counting what others have or have not done, from looking at someone’s past, and from judgmentalism.

Some figure they are at the front of the line for God’s blessing based on history alone. Jesus tells us it is not so. Our generosity modeled on the Father’s in the now (the last thing) is what matters.

Memory Verse

“Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Luke 6:38

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Luke 12:33
MONDAY: Proverbs 11:24-25
TUESDAY: Psalm 112:5
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 103:2
THURSDAY: James 1:12
FRIDAY: 1 John 4:6
SATURDAY: 2 Peter 3:9

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I may not count the good I do as I model Your gospel way. Help me in seeing all as brothers and sisters worthy of my love, whether first or last. 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, Devon Boff, 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 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.**
- **September 26: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**
- **September 27: NO Holy Mass.**
- **September 28: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 29: Feast – St. Michael the Archangel. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 30: Pizza and Game Night at 5pm.**
- **October 1: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 10am and Noon with Blessing of Pets. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **October 2 - 4: NO Holy Mass.**
- **October 5: Holy Mass at Noon.**