



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 8, 2023

Solemnity of the Christian Family

Święto Chrześcijańskiej Rodziny

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

First reading: Genesis 1:26-28,31

Psalm: 128:1-5

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.

Epistle: Ephesians 6:1-9

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Intention: 10am for śp. Bonnie Caska and Noon, for all Christian Families.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Mattins. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63) with Exposition and Benediction for the intention of all parish families.
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

R. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.

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: B1, Hymn of Faith v. 1 & 2.
- Gloria: E1, Glory Be.
- Sacrament of the Word: E9, Come Holy Ghost.
- Offertory: R338, We Sing The Greatness Of Our God.
- Communion: God, Make Us Your Family (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R537, The Wise May Bring.
- Exposition and Benediction: B147-150.
- Recessional: R525, Now Thank We.

+++ 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 uptenth time. May your day and week ahead be blessed!**
- **Doing Good:** We continue our CarePortal work and anticipate our next food bank day on Friday, October 13th. If you know people who need food, we have plenty available, just have them stop by on a Sunday.
- **Christmas Vigil Raffle:** We have 100 tickets available for our Christmas Vigil Raffle, Each ticket is \$50. If all tickets are sold, the winner will receive a Grand Prize of \$2,500. Otherwise, proceeds will be split with the 50/50 style. The winner will be drawn at our annual Christmas Vigil Dinner on Sunday, December 10th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.
- **Anticipating:** This time of year begins to get busy on our parish calendar. November is the month of All Souls. Please begin to consider departed loved ones 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.
- **Coffee Hour/Agape:** In the early Church, Catholics gathered for worship (Word and Eucharist) as we still do today. This was followed by a love feast meal or Agape. We continue this practice today with our after worship gathering for food and fellowship. Would you please help by taking a week and providing. Sign-up sheets are here in church and downstairs.

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."* ---

And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers.

Once again, we take a break from Ordinary Time to focus on this special Solemnity only celebrated in our Holy Church, the Solemnity of the Christian Family.

While taking this break we, in a very special way, continue to study and commit ourselves to the work of following, witnessing to, and sharing Jesus as His family. That is the essence of family, to be together as one in Jesus.

It may seem strange in our day; families are often separated by time, distance, and priorities.

In this separation, we tend to get caught up in the minutia. Certainly, some things are important like work and school, but when it comes down to it, there are plenty of opportunities to come together and strengthen

the family.

We see this when the happy and tragic moments confront us. Someone is in the hospital, a baby or wedding shower, the wedding or christening, a funeral. A flood comes and we need to help our family. At these times you will surely find someone saying: We ought to get together more often, let's have a reunion, let's stay in contact. But then... missed opportunities. Strengthening each other requires more than occasional time together.

We heard that people were amazed at Jesus' *understanding* and *answers*. In the various gospels we hear this theme repeated:

Matthew 7:28: *...the crowds were astonished.* Matthew 22:33: *...they were astonished at His teaching.* Mark 1:22: *The people were astonished at His teaching, because He taught as one who had*

authority. Mark 11:18:

...they looked for a way to kill Him. For they were afraid of Him, because the whole crowd was astonished at His teaching.

This astonishment or amazement is rendered *existanto* in Greek. People were changed in encountering Jesus, they saw things in a new and previously unheard-of ways.

The same *existanto* is used for those times people met the first Christians. Those encounters changed their lives and relationships.

Things are different because we, the Christian family, get together to strengthen each other in Christ. Jesus understands our need and gives us this place and each other as strong family, both at home and in the wider Body of Christ, so to live differently because of Him

and amaze those we meet.

Memory Verse

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

Ephesians 3:14-15

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 4:7

MONDAY: John 17:21

TUESDAY: 1 Peter 3:8

WEDNESDAY: Genesis 28:14

THURSDAY: Colossians 3:14

FRIDAY: Romans 12:16

SATURDAY: Romans 15:5-6

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I may strengthen my brothers and sisters. Guide and guard my particular family and protect and encourage Your Body on earth, the Holy Church. 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 who serve on the Church's Supreme Council.

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

Upcoming

- **October 8: Solemnity of the Christian Family. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **October 9: Columbus Day. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **October 10: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**
- **October 11: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **October 12: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **October 13: Food Bank 10am until 12:30pm. YMSofR Convention. No Holy Mass or Rosary.**
- **October 14: Women's Empowerment Group 10am until Noon. YMSofR Convention.**
- **October 15: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **October 16: Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm.**