



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JUNE 16, 2024

11th Ordinary Sunday XI Niedziela zwykła

June 16, 2024

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

First reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalm: 92:2-3,13-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

Intention: 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. The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce: 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is among you.

R. "For He is the living God, enduring forever; His kingdom shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall be without end."

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 (v.1&4).
- Sacrament of the Word: B142, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R6, This Is My Father's World.
- Communion: I Will Follow Him (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R414, Father I Adore You.
- Recessional: R385, Holy God.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Altamont Fair Advanced Notice:** We have undertaken sponsorship of the chapel at the Altamont Fair (August 13-18). This is a wonderful privilege. We will be placing information about our parish in the chapel and will have a sign outdoors. Friday, August 16th will also be designated as our day to be present at the chapel. Fr. Jim will hold Holy Mass at 11am that day. We request volunteers to be greeters/welcomers at the chapel that day after Holy Mass between noon and 8pm. A sign-up sheet will be posted.
- Thank you to those who attended the **Men's Retreat**. It was truly enlightening and strengthening.
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the summer. There are deadlines for registration. We unfortunately had no one step forward for the Mission and Evangelism Conference this year. Let us make a point of participating next year. Please see Fr. Jim in relation to these events.
 - **Kurs** (July 4 – 13) for youth ages 8 to 17 and
 - **Convo** (July 22 – 26) for youth ages 13 to 20.
- Note the sign for a **Ziti Dinner** at our neighbor, Mount Carmel, on the back bulletin board. Thank you Paul Jendzeizyk.
- **See the volunteer flyers** for our food bank partnership. It is a wonderful ministry to those in need in our local community.
- **The PNA** is offering great rates on annuities and other specials. See Fr. Jim.

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."* ---

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God”

Today we re-enter Ordinary Time and the wearing of the Green. We had six weeks of Rose and Purple, ten weeks of White, and a brief week of Red.

Driving out to the Seminary and the Men’s Retreat was so refreshing. The land alive with growth, and on beautiful green display.

Holy Church uses green to convey a call to growth in our Kingdom citizenship. Not only that, it dedicates the majority of the weeks of the year, twenty-five in all in our Church, to growing.

In a beautiful way the call to growth is made **imperative** in today’s readings and gospel. Let’s look at that call.

In our first reading Ezekiel proclaims God’s promises of hope. He will restore Israel and plant it securely to grow and prosper. What had been broken

and withered, reduced to nothing, will live again.

God likens Israel to the tender shoot from the top of the Cedar. We may not necessarily find cedars around us, but almost all types of evergreens put out tender shoots. Even the prickliest ones produce bright green, soft, fragrant shoots.

In Ezekiel, God does as He promises. The imperative things, that is the vitally important and crucial things authoritatively commanded, God Himself carries out. Israel had no power to restore itself, no army or political power. Israel is ‘new.’ So, out of His tremendous love and forgiveness, He will re-establish them. The imperative is from God and done by God.

Jesus Who came to usher in the Kingdom changes things up for us. Using nature and growth we see a different imperative. The focus is now on us.

God has scattered the seed – what we covered in the past few weeks – His sacraments and the depth of His Word given us, He has implanted in us by Jesus and has given us a place to dwell, His Holy Church, symbolized by the mustard bush *the largest of plants with large branches, where the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade.*

As Jesus states: *Of its own accord the land yields fruit.* The imperative remains from God but now it must be done by us. Growth in ourselves and in the Kingdom is dependent on us. We must yield fruit.

So, we are to grow ourselves: our sanctification growth into the image of God filled with complete self-giving love. We are to evangelize, to draw people into the Kingdom. It is imperative!

Memory Verse

And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Galatians 2:20
MONDAY: 1 Peter 1:2
TUESDAY: 2 Timothy 2:21
WEDNESDAY: Romans 6:6
THURSDAY: Hebrews 10:14
FRIDAY: Hebrews 12:14
SATURDAY: 2 Peter 1:2-4

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, You have changed and challenged me. Grant that I may meet the imperative You have set for me by growth through grace and evangelization to the Kingdom. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Tony and Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, and all in need of God’s healing grace.

- 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
- The residents and staff of Pathways
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of Holy Trinity Parish, New Castle, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **June 16: 11th Ordinary Sunday. Father’s Day. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Breakfast for Father’s Day. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **June 17: No Holy Mass. Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm.**
- **June 18: Commemoration, Ephraim the Syrian. Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **June 19: Juneteenth. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **June 20: Holy Mass at Noon. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at 5pm.**
- **June 21: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **June 23: 12th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **June 24: Solemnity – St. John the Baptist. No Holy Mass. Food Bank Meeting at Noon.**