



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 18, 2024

20th Ordinary Sunday

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Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalm: 34:2-3,10-15

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:15-20

Gospel: John 6:51-58

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Summer Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers.

R. In order to show you that not by bread alone does man live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the Lord.

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: R5, Morning Has Broken.
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R373, Praise The Lord.
- Communion: One Bread, One Body (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R334, We Praise Thee, God.
- Recessional: R338, We Sing The Greatness Of Our God.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Altamont Fair:** THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU. To all who joined in and worked so hard to encounter people and share the life of our parish: Paul, Liz, Denise, Lauren, Linda F., Dorothy, Gary, Larry, Donna, Renee. This type of Servant Evangelism spreads the spirit of Christian service in ways we may not easily perceive but makes a real difference.
- **Please PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.**
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the summer. There are deadlines for registration. Please see Fr. Jim in relation to these events.
 - **Parish/Community Picnic CHANGE, due to weather, is moved to next Sunday, August 25th following 10am Holy Mass.**
 - **YMSofR Golf Tourney, August 24th in Buffalo.**
- **See the volunteer flyers** for our food bank partnership. The pantry is open every Monday from 3pm until 6pm. We begin packing orders at 1pm. **This week Monday, FREE FRESH PRODUCE available to all.**

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."* ---

“For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in Me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent Me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on Me will have life because of Me.”

Remember last week, “*The Jews murmured about Jesus.*” Jesus had been describing Himself as the Bread that came down from heaven. He said that He will give Himself as a bread that lets us live forever. He also assumed God’s name, I Am. He told His listeners that they must eat His flesh to live forever. Today He goes even deeper.

We said last week that the reaction of the people who followed Jesus to Capernaum made sense. After all, Jesus words, claims, and instruction were outstandingly unbelievable, impossible to grasp.

To even better set the situation, the Jewish people then and to this day follow the prescriptions of the

Law, the Law overcome by the sacrifice of Christ Jesus.

Observant Jewish people cannot say nor write the word God nor His name YHWH. They cannot consume blood of any type: *‘Moreover you shall eat no blood whatever, whether of fowl or of animal, in any of your dwellings. Whoever eats any blood, that person shall be cut off from his people.’* Leviticus 7: 26-27. Kosher meat is prepared by proper slaughter and the washing, salting, and rinsing of the meat three times to remove all traces of blood.

We can clearly see why Jesus calling Himself I AM and telling the people they are to eat His flesh and drink His blood would cause not only confusion, but anger and disgust.

Yet eat and drink is what we are to do if we want eternal life. That is what we must do if we desire everlasting freedom.

Our freedom comes from the

fact that we need not be afraid of God. In Jesus we can approach God, speak His name, take Him within ourselves, and live in His love as one in His body; the fullness of Christ Jesus.

Our freedom comes from the fact that the prescriptions of the Law no longer hold us hostage. Again, we are free in Jesus because He gave Himself completely for us and allows us to partake of Him. The sacrifices of the Law are not needed to atone for sin because Jesus freed us from sin once and for all in His body and blood.

Jesus sets the Eucharistic feast before us. Eucharist means thanksgiving. As we meet Him today in the consecration and eat His body and drink His blood in communion, let us be truly thankful for and celebrate the freedom, fellowship, and life we have in Jesus.

Memory Verse

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Luke 22:19-20

MONDAY: Acts 2:42

TUESDAY: Revelation 3:20

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 53:5

THURSDAY John 17:21

FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 6:14

SATURDAY: Hebrews 10:25

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, In Your Body and Blood I have been freed. Grant that I may use that freedom to do Your will, serving Your Holy Church and all around me. 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 Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, 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 All Saints Parish, Carnegie, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **August 18: 20th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **August 19: Food Bank 3pm until 6pm.**
- **August 20 – 23: No Holy Mass.**
- **August 24: Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle.**
- **August 25: 21st Ordinary Sunday. Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Rescheduled Parish and Community picnic follows. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **August 26: Food Bank 3pm until 6pm.**
- **August 26 – 28: Clergy Retreat, St. Francis Retreat House, Easton, PA.**
- **August 29: Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Holy Mass at Noon.**