



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 25, 2024

21st Ordinary Sunday

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First reading: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Psalm: 34:2-3,16-21

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Epistle: Ephesians 5:21-32

Gospel: John 6:60-69

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Parish and Community Picnic

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful song.

R. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, His courts with praise; Give thanks to Him; bless His Name.

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.
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: Tree Of Life (handout).
- Communion: I Received The Living God (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R240, Fairest Lord Jesus.
- Recessional: R377, Joyful, Joyful.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the Fall. Please see Fr. Jim in relation to these events.
 - **Labor Day Holy Mass.** Monday, September 2nd at Noon.
 - **Back to Church Sunday.** Sunday, September 15th. Invite friends, family, and those we haven't seen in a while.
 - **Seminary Semester Start.** Monday, September 16th. **Please PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.**
- **School of Christian Living.** Our Sunday School is reborn thanks to Renee, Andrea, and Christina. Please have your children attend each Sunday, starting September 15th, following Coffee Hour Snacks. Tell friends and neighbors too.
- **Parish and Community Picnic:** Thank you to all who prepared for and brought dishes for today's picnic. Have a wonderful time!
- **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.
- **Fr. Jim Away:** Fr. Jim will be away Monday through Wednesday for the Central Diocese Clergy Retreat.

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."* ---

As a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him.

We have been on a long journey, from the Apostles being sent to teach and heal throughout Galilee, to looking after those who were like *sheep without a shepherd*, to the feeding of the thousands, and back to Capernaum where Jesus put it all on the line, where His listeners murmured and grumbled at Him and His words, to this moment where most all left Him.

In the Collect, our Opening Prayer, we heard this verse: 'Give us the conviction to accept Him completely and follow Him faithfully.' Will I do this? This is the question the people who had been following Jesus faced. In the end, the people Jesus was speaking to refused the fight that was at hand, the fight to overcome doubt and to trust in what they heard and experienced, what the Holy Spirit was inspiring them to.

Jesus told those around Him: "*It is the spirit that gives life... The*

words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe."

Indeed, that is what happened, those who walked away would not let the Holy Spirit enter and free them. Rather than listen to the Spirit, they were going to hold on to the heavy rocks that held them down, Laws and a lack of true trust in God. They lived by what they could or could not do, never overcoming that state of existence.

We could shake our heads at what they did, their walking away. We could see it as tragic – it was. Yet, for them and all the others who would not follow, Christ died. He died to forgive those sins and so many others. He died to offer them another and another chance.

Brothers and sisters, we all face the choice. Will I wander away, ignoring the Holy Spirit's voice, refusing to take a chance on faith beyond reason, faith in which I receive the very

presence of Jesus within myself?

Perhaps I will stay yet remain in doubt, Jesus couldn't possibly be all that, but I'm comfortable. Maybe I will revolt, create my own faith in which I define a god who is really only myself. That's what Judas did.

Or maybe, just maybe I will go all in. I will listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and relish the gifts He endows me with. I will praise God for the freedom He has given me from sin through Jesus and use that freedom for the purpose of building God's Kingdom right here and now.

In doubt, then look again at today's corrected gospel verse. The error of or times stopped capitalizing references to God. Seeing it corrected we realize we are His and we must accept the chance we are given to receive and walk with Him.

Memory Verse

He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life

Romans 2:6-7

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Joshua 24:15
MONDAY: Ephesians 2:10
TUESDAY: Revelation 19:7-9
WEDNESDAY: Luke 10:27
THURSDAY: Proverbs 3:5-6
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17
SATURDAY: John 3:16

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, I pledge myself to You in my entire being. I pledge, that by Your grace, I will hold nothing back. Grant me the Holy Spirit's inspiration and guidance in all things and the grace to listen to Him. 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 Holy Family Parish, McKeesport, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **August 25: 21st Ordinary Sunday. Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Rescheduled Parish and Community picnic follows. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **August 26: Solemnity – Our Lady of Częstochowa. Food Pantry, 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.**
- **August 30: No Holy Mass.**
- **Sept. 1: 21st Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **Sept 2: Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.**