



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

## 25th Ordinary Sunday

XXV Niedziela zwykła

September 22, 2024

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

First reading: Wisdom 2:12,17-20

Psalm: Ps 54:3-6,8

**The Lord upholds my life.**

Epistle: James 3:16 – 4:3

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

Intention: For śp. Marilyn 'Lyn' Podkulski.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

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

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me.

**R. But, You, O Lord of hosts, O just Judge, searcher of mind and heart, Let me witness the vengeance You take on them, for to You I have entrusted my cause!**

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.**
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the Fall. Please see Fr. Jim in relation to these events.
  - **Pirogi 5k at Schenectady Central Park, October 26th at 11am. Join in to represent our parish,**
  - **Fall Comfort Food Sale, TBD. A sign-up sheet is available for those who wish to help Fr. Jim cook.**
  - **Blessing of Pets at all Holy Masses on Sunday, October 6th.**
- **School of Christian Living.** Please have your children attend each Sunday, following Coffee Hour Snacks. Tell friends and neighbors too.
- **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.
- **A Back to Church Sunday SUPER Thanks: For all who attended last week. We were so blessed to have you here. We look forward to our continued growth as the family of Christ.**
- Please pray for our five seminarians: Deacon Sean, David, Todd, Joel, and Jon. Pray for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.

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."* ---

*But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question Him.*

For seven Sundays this summer we journeyed with Jesus and His apostles coming to understand that we receive Him. For the rest of Ordinary Time and the special Solemnities of our Church, Jesus discusses applying His presence within us. How do we do it?

Jesus and the apostles are back in Capernaum. They had been journeying again, keeping it on the downlow because Jesus had things He needed to tell His closest collaborators. For the second time He discusses His ultimate sacrifice. He also lets them know that His sacrifice will not be an ending, but rather the start of a new life for His mortal body and ours.

The gospel tells us that they didn't get it. The gospel then goes on to insinuate why that might have been: they weren't paying attention. They were distracted by their self-centered desires.

It couldn't be any more ironic. Jesus speaks of total self-giving as they talk about self above all else.

Throughout scripture God calls us to look, act, and exist differently. Jesus takes up the child, not so much as a cutesy and sweet moment as some portray in art, but to drive home a point.

God called Israel, through the prophets, to a total change of heart. The Apostles call us to find strength in weakness. That's the real point. To count ourselves least of all, as children were, to use care in not overvaluing ourselves, yet to be loved and counted as a blessing as children were.

St. James reminds the early Church (only about five to six years after Jesus' Ascension) that our attitudes really count. *But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits.*

This comprehensive way of living for the other is to reflect the Jesus within us best.

In Greek there are three words for power or authority. The first two are energy and dynamic. There is a power in energy, in strength, just as there is a power in being dynamic, in having the power to generate energy; but when the Gospels speak of Jesus as "*having great power*" and as having a power beyond that of other religious figures, they do not use the words energetic or dynamic. They use a third word, *exousia*, which can be rendered as vulnerability. Jesus' real power was rooted in an authority from vulnerability based on His trust in the Father, powerless as His child.

Jesus calls us to live His new life presence within us by a vulnerability that shows our complete trust in Him.

### Memory Verse

*But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

**2 Corinthians 12:9**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 4:13  
MONDAY: Deuteronomy 31:6  
TUESDAY: Proverbs 3:5-6  
WEDNESDAY: 1 John 4:8  
THURSDAY: Psalm 72:12-14  
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 13:4  
SATURDAY: Ezekiel 36:26

### Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, grant me a heart like Yours, not self-centered, but open and vulnerable so that others may see You through me. Amen.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, 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, Aimee, and all needing 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 St. Joseph's Mission Parish, Belle Vernon, PA.

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

## Upcoming

- **Sept. 22: 25th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. SOCL.**
- **Sept. 23: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.**
- **Sept. 24: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **Sept. 25: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **Sept. 26 – 27: No Holy Mass.**
- **Sept. 29: 26th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. SOCL.**
- **Sept. 30: Feast – St. Michael the Archangel (trans.). Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.**
- **October 1: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**