



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 3, 2024

31st Ordinary Sunday XXXI Niedziela zwykła

November 3, 2024

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

First reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Psalm: 18:2-4,47,51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Epistle: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

Intention: 10am and Noon for all faithful departed commended to us.

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. You, O Lord, are near and all Your commands are permanent. Of old I know from Your decrees, that You have established them forever.

R. See how I love Your precepts, O Lord; in Your kindness give me life.

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 (verses 1, 2, 4).
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: B210, In Thy Protection.
- Communion Reflection: R686, Christ For The World We Sing.
- Recessional: R389, Let All Things Now Living.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please 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.
 - **Seniorate Thanksgiving Gathering, Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham on November 16th starting at 11am. A reader is needed from our parish.**
 - **Winter Clothing Drive, now until January 6th. Count sheets are available.**
 - **Food Collection for those in need in our community. Please place your offerings by the Mary Altar.**
 - **Fall Comfort Food Sale, TBD. A sign-up sheet is available for those who wish to help Fr. Jim cook.**
- **School of Christian Living.** Please have your children attend each Sunday. Tell friends and neighbors too.
- **Please continue to pray** for our six seminarians: Deacons Sean and Justin, David, Todd, Joel, and Jon. Pray for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate. In the past two weeks I have taken four calls of inquiry.
- **Christmas Vigil Raffle:** Please see Joe Kaczynski to get your tickets. They are \$50 each.
- **Pizza and Game Night Thank You** to all who attended. It was a great time.
- **Thank you** to Paul, Linda F., Gary, Warren, Chris, Lauren and Jeff, and Joe for your help at the Pierogi 5k.

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 when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

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?

In case you haven't noticed, Jesus' journey has been continuing. Jesus moved from Galilee into Judea and on to Jerusalem. In today's Gospel passage He is now there about a week before His arrest and crucifixion. This is Jesus' ultimate journey to the sacrifice He would offer for our salvation.

Thus far Jesus has been doing a great job silencing those who were seeking a reason to arrest and kill Him.

After the Herodians and Pharisees ask Jesus about taxes, His answer silences them. After Jesus

answers the Sadducees about the resurrection, they fall quiet. Now the Scribes show up in the form of this one man.

The Scribes were learned men whose business was to study the Law, transcribe it, and write commentaries on it. This man knew his Mosaic Law.

In a way, the man's question, meant to entrap Jesus, was a silly one. The Shema prayer was repeated daily by all the Jews. It is still recited by Jewish people today: *Hear O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one. And as for you, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

Everyone in Jesus and the Scribe's hearing knew this was the most important thing in the Law – For Jews it was and is the bringing of everything and the mark of their relationship with God. Factually, it is for us as well.

Jesus couldn't answer in any other way. The Scribe affirms His answer. Then something amazing happens. This man, on a mission to entrap Jesus is affirmed by Jesus. Jesus saw something much deeper in the Scribe.

The Scribe *answered with understanding*. This aspect of the Law was not just words to the Scribe, not just part of his studying, transcribing, and commenting job – but part of his life. The Scribe got it deep down and understood what it called him to do, and he allowed it to mold his life.

Did the Scribe then believe in Jesus? Did he follow Him or walk away afraid of rejection and the loss of approval? Perhaps he believed and followed Jesus in secret? We may never know what happened in the silence. What we do know is that we must get and live God's Law of love, allowing it to mold us into the image of Jesus.

Memory Verse

The unfolding of Your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

Psalm 119:130

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 4:7
MONDAY: Proverbs 2:2-5
TUESDAY: Proverbs 3:5
WEDNESDAY: James 1:5
THURSDAY: Proverbs 2:6
FRIDAY: Ephesians 1:17-18
SATURDAY: Colossians 1:9

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant me the full embrace of Your Law within me. May Your statutes of love guide my very being, my outward and my hidden life. Free me from the burdens of adherence to worthless things. 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, Liz, 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 pray for the people and clergy of St. Casimir's parish, Welland, Ontario.

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

Upcoming

- **November 3: 31st Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. SOCL. Daylight Savings begins. All Souls Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery, 2:30pm.**
- **November 4: Food Pantry, 3 to 6pm.**
- **November 5: Holy Mass at Noon with Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **November 6: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 7: Commemoration – St. Willibroad. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 8: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 9: Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.**
- **November 10: 32nd Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. SOCL.**