



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 26, 2025

3rd Ordinary Sunday III Niedziela zwykła

January 26, 2025

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

First reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

Psalm: Ps 19:8-10,15

R. Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Intention: For All Church Musicians; For śp. Pat McCreech; For śp. Louis Konicki

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. How good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise.

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathers the dispersed of Israel,

R. Heals the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds.

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: R190, Angels From The Realms Of Glory.
- Gloria: R192, Angels We Have Heard On High.
- Sacrament of the Word: B45, Hear The Glad Tidings.
- Offertory: B61, Shepherds Hurried Into Bethlehem.
- Communion: Cantic Of Zachary (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B75, It Came Upon A Midnight Clear.
- Recessional: R205, Go Tell It.

+++ 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 continue through Winter into Spring (let's think Spring). Please see Fr. Jim or Paul in relation to these events.
 - **Operation SouperBowl:** The soup pot is out. Please share what loose change you may have to help feed the poor.
 - **Official Notice:** Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 2nd following 10am Holy Mass. There will only be one Holy Mass that day.
- Please continue to pray for our seminarians: Pray for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.
- Annual YMSofR Dues of \$12 are due. Please see Paul.
- **Basket Social Organizational Meeting:** During Coffee Hour today. Sign-up sheets are out.
- **Music Scholarship Sunday.** Today we honor our church musicians and work to support the legacy of our Church's hymnody.
- **New envelopes are here.** Please take yours. Indicate the envelope number you took on the sheet next to the envelopes.
- **Epiphany Home Visitations:** Home blessings have begun. See Fr. Jim to make an appointment. Visitations end on March 4th.

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."* ---

He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.

Today, we are called to reflect on the ministry we have been given.

Jesus tells those listening to Him that Isaiah's prophecy has been fulfilled. He is the one that came to carry out a ministry of freedom and to draw us into that ministry.

Jesus' freedom is true freedom. His freedom is not just a concept nor is it a political system. God's freedom is the essential way of being and living that is in our very essence.

Freedom comes from our relationship with our Creator God in which He provides every bit of love we need (we call that grace) and where we in turn live and act within that freedom by sharing it everywhere, every time, and without restriction. Our freedom is the reality wherein no one and nothing can bind us nor restrict

us. It is the free invitation we offer to all to enter the community of the one body.

Our words and actions of love and grace toward all is not just something we do because we feel like it or have a few extra minutes, or because it agrees with something we hear on TV or online, but rather it is an expression of our love relationship with God.

Our free love is perfect and complete when we carry out what we have been given by sharing it, by not being possessive of it, and most particularly by not restricting it in any way.

You see, every other form of alleged freedom is more of a bargaining of this for that. Those 'freedoms' only work if we give up parts of our freedom in the bargain. Limit yourself here, don't say that, don't stand up for them, repeat what we tell you and you can have what we give you. That sounds more like a deal with

the devil.

God's reality is so different. St. Paul shows the Corinthians the nature of our life together. *Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.* We are part of one body. There is no border or division in the Christian life. We cannot cut off one part of us, or another, or another and survive as a body. We must stand together in the many ministries of love given us.

I said at the start that we are here to reflect on the ministry we have been given. It is so true; we each have a ministry we are charged with carrying out and if we do not, the body suffers.

So let us be as the people hearing God's word for the first time in ages and rejoice as we set forth in the ministries given us to care for the freedom of the whole body.

Memory Verse

Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

Hebrews 1:14

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Colossians 3:16

MONDAY: 2 Timothy 2:15

TUESDAY: Matthew 5:16

WEDNESDAY: Acts 20:24

THURSDAY: 1 Peter 4:10

FRIDAY: Ephesians 6:12

SATURDAY: Galatians 6:9

Pray the Week

Lord Jesus, You have called me to minister in true freedom. Grant that I may be bold in my proclamation and in my work for the body so to proclaim Your Father's love to all.
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, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, 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. Adalbert's Parish, Dickson City, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **January 26: 3rd Ordinary Sunday. Music Scholarship Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **January 27: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **January 28: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 29: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 30: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 31: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY with Blessing of Candles and Blessing of Throats. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Annual Parish Meeting follows.**
- **February 3: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **February 4: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 5: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 6: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 7: Holy Mass at Noon.**