



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVIII Niedziela zwykła

August 3, 2025

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Entrance Hymn: V. You have given my days a very short span; my life is as nothing before You. All mortals are but a breath. **R. Anyone can see that the wisest die, the fool and the senseless pass away too, and must leave their wealth to others.** 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.**

First reading Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Psalm: Psalm 90:3-6, 12-14, 17

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Mark Gnidzinski.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Holy Mass at Noon (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).

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Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith (v. 1, 2, 4).
- Word of God: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: One Bread, One Body (handout).
- Communion: Look Beyond (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: R334, We Praise Thee.
- Recessional: R338, We Sing The Greatness.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **Before Holy Mass** – Undertake a proper examination of conscience beginning on page 1 of the Pew Missal. Also please observe some quiet time to prepare yourself, and support others as they prepare for the sacraments.
- **Rummage Sale.** Our rummage sale/flea market will be held at Blessed Virgin Mary parish in Latham on Saturday, August 9th. Please sign-up to help. If you know of people who would like to rent a table to sale their wares, please take a brochure and let them know.
- **Upcoming: Parish Picnic:** Sunday, August 17th. **Fall Soup Sale:** We seek volunteers to make soup at home. We will provide quart containers for you. Make any soup you choose and bring 4 or 5 quarts to church. We will sell them frozen. Let Paul know if you can help.
- **Pray for Vocations:** Please pray: *Heavenly Father, Master of the harvest, we humbly ask You to send more laborers into Your fields, for the work is indeed great. Grant more faithful priests and deacons to Your Polish National Catholic Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*
- **Fr. Jim Away:** Fr. Jim will be away with Renee on vacation from August 1st through 7th. Fr. Mark will be here today to celebrate Holy Mass at Noon. Please support his ministry. In an emergency, please contact Fr. Mark at 518-453-2258.

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." ---

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self,

St. Paul slips multiple meanings into this passage from his letter to the Church at Colossae. He mentions lying to one another. There is a lot there.

We have the direct meaning, God's commandment against falsehood. Lying is consistently condemned throughout Scripture. The prohibition against lying aligns with the character of God, who is truth, and the nature of Jesus Christ, who exemplifies truthfulness.

The Christian community was, and still is, obligated to reflect

the moral and ethical standards expected of believers.

Paul is reminding the Colossians that honesty was crucial for maintaining unity and trust within the Christian community. Early Christians were under scrutiny and persecution, making integrity vital for their witness. That precept applies today because we believers remain under intense scrutiny. Evil people just wait for us to prove ourselves liars, untruthful, for if we are liars about little things we are liars about God.

The second aspect concerning lying is against lying to ourselves. If we have failed to put aside those things St. Paul warns against, *immorality, impurity, passion, evil*

desire, and greed we have not truly removed the old and have not become the new self in Christ Jesus, we remain stuck and apart from Him and the community He created, the Holy Church.

Jesus talks about a person who deceives most of all himself. He thinks he has it made; he is set for life. The man forgets his morality and the call to live differently.

As we begin again this new week let us focus on being that new creation, living the new self we really are. Our call is to recognize not just what we must not do, what we must not be, but to understand who we really are because of Jesus. If we do that, we will truly live.

Memory Verse

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 14:6
MONDAY: John 8:32
TUESDAY: John 17:17
WEDNESDAY: John 4:24
THURSDAY: Proverbs 12:22
FRIDAY: Ephesians 6:14
SATURDAY: Ephesians 4:15

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, grant that I may live in truth, lying neither to others or to myself. May the new self that I have been created in baptism may shine forth among all I encounter and bring them to the kingdom. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, 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, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Gail Swart, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patricia Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenu, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob.
- 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 members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of Holy Trinity parish, Webster, MA.

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

Upcoming

- **August 3: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Holy Mass at Noon ONLY. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **August 4: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **August 5-8: No Holy Mass**
- **August 9: Woman's Empowerment Group at 10am. HNJ Flea Market at Blessed Virgin Mary Parish from 9am.**
- **August 10: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Second Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 11: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm. Clergy Retreat Begins.**
- **August 12 - 13: Central Diocese Clergy Retreat.**
- **August 14: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 15: Solemnity of the Dormition of the BVM. Holy Mass at 11am at the Altamont Fair Chapel. Evangelization opportunity at the Altamont Fair. Join us.**
- **August 17: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Larry Panfil. Second Holy Mass at Noon.**