



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 24, 2025

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time XXI Niedziela zwykła

August 24, 2025

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

Entrance Hymn: V. To You we owe our hymn of praise, O God on Zion; To You our vows must be fulfilled, You Who hear our prayers. To You all flesh must come with its burden of wicked deeds. **R. We are overcome by our sins; only You can pardon them. Happy the chosen ones You bring to dwell in Your courts. May we be filled with the good things of Your house, the blessings of Your holy temple!** 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.**

First reading Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm: Psalm 117:1-2

**R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!**

Epistle: Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Gospel: Luke 13:22-30

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Holy Mass at Noon (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Fellowship.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

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### Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith (v. 1, 2, 4).
- Word of God: B142, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R564, Let Us Break Bread Together.
- Communion: Deep Within (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: R240, Fairest Lord Jesus.
- Recessional: R377, Joyful, Joyful.

R=Red Hymnal, B=Blue Hymnal

### +++ 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.
- **Picnic Thank You**: Thank you to all who joined in for our parish/community picnic. It was so good to see so many friends there. Thank you to all who helped with set-up and breakdown and to all who brought such lovely things to eat. Thank you to our grill masters, Larry and Pete.
- **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.
- **Grounds Cleanup**. Paul will be here on Saturday morning, August 30th, to do a grounds clean-up. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs. Please join in to help. Let us keep our property clean, protected, and dignified.
- **Trip to Scranton**: Fr. Jim would like to organize a trip to Scranton this Fall, likely in September. We will see the cathedral, visit the seminary and National Church Center, the tomb of Bishop Hodur, and spend some time and have a picnic at Spojnia Farm in Waymart. There is a sign-up sheet for those interested.

**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 people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.*

Over the past two weeks we have discussed some very difficult things. We reviewed our call to love, to put our faith on full display, to be resolved in all we do, and to be honest, not just nice. We are called to discipline ourselves, for there is fruit from discipline as the Letter to the Hebrews recounts:

*At the time, all discipline seems a cause not for joy but for pain, yet later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness*

We talked about placing our faith and trust on and in Christ, following His teachings which indeed are meant for us; the way we are to live.

It may all seem difficult, a

bridge too far, a hill we may not think we can climb, but we can because we have God's promise, grace, and proof that doing His will results in blessings.

In our first reading from Isaiah, we hear of God's promise to all nations. This prophecy was antithetical to the people of Israel to which it was being proclaimed. God had bigger plans than just them. God let them know His promises were for all nations. They didn't believe it, God proved it for here we are. God would not just make us part of His promises and inheritance, but would install us as priests and Levites, the most exalted of the Children of Israel.

Our call is to recognize the value of heeding the things we are reminded of and living our faithfulness. That value is God letting us in, and not just

an entrance to the heavenly kingdom but also the joy of our reclining at table in the kingdom of God.

Jesus' reminder of what it takes to be those people "*Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough*" does not mean we have to be physically strong, but rather metaphysically strong.

We must be strong in our faith, and in those small things we do each day as our testimony. It is a small prayer for someone we do not know or even like. The sign of the cross out in public. The kind word of truth spoken to someone. Our hands outstretched in charity as we live the Good News.

## Memory Verse

*"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?"*

**Luke 6:46**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 4:9-11  
MONDAY: 2 Timothy 2:15  
TUESDAY: Romans 8:7  
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 46:10  
THURSDAY: John 8:31-32  
FRIDAY: Galatians 5:19-21  
SATURDAY: 1 John 1:9

## Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, grant me the spiritual strength to constantly strive for Your kingdom. Guide me in each thing I do so that by my example and witness Your Good News may be proclaimed. Amen.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepakowski, 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, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk.
- 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 St. Casimir's parish, Lowell, MA.

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

## Upcoming

- **August 24: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Second Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 25: Feast - St. Bartholomew. Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **August 26 - 29: No Holy Mass.**
- **August 31: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Youth Sunday: Holy Mass at 10am off. for śp. Stefan Węglinski. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Second Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 1: Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon. No Food Pantry.**
- **September 2 - 5: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 7: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Larry Panfil. Second Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 8: Solemnity - Nativity of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **September 9 - 10: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 11: 24th Ann. Of 9/11/2001. Holy Mass at Noon with Special Prayers.**