



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 31, 2025

## 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXII Niedziela zwykła

August 31, 2025

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

Entrance Hymn: V. Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility. **R. For the Lord takes delight in His people, honors the poor with victory.** 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 Sirach 3;17-18,20,28-29

Psalm: Ps. 68:4-7,10-11

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

Epistle: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1,7-14

Intention: For śp. Stefan Węglinski off. by daughter Christine.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- 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: R342, Come Christians, Join To Sing.
- Word of God: B145, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R564, Let Us Break Bread Together.
- Communion: Tree Of Life (instr.)
- Communion Reflection: R334, We Praise Three O God.
- Recessional: R338, We Sing The Greatness.

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.
- **Yard Cleanup Thank You**: A huge thank you to Paul, Pete, Mike, Jeff, Lauren, Gary, Warren, and Larry for your hard work! Great job! Thanks to Liz for the snacks too!
- **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. The containers are available.
- **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.
- **Other reminders**: The new Schenectady Social Club breakfast schedule is posted. Remember to call by Thursday at 2pm if you are attending. The Pierogi 5k will occur Saturday, October 18th. We will sell food/likely hot dogs and kraut. We will hold a pierogi making day/days for a winter pierogi sale to close this year's financial gap.

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."* ---

*“When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”*

Over three weeks we have discussed 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 recounted the call to discipline ourselves. We talked about placing our faith and trust in Christ by following His teachings which indeed are meant for us. Our faith strength is exhibited in the small things we do each day as our testimony.

When we look at these points, we might say that it sounds like a guide to good living. We may even jokingly say that someone should put those lessons in a book – The Guide to Right Living. Thankfully

we have the Good News of the Gospel.

Our guide to right living will continue through the weeks ahead, each lesson offering a reflection on how we are to be and reminding us of those areas where we must change.

Today, our lesson is in humility and charity, making those virtues prominent.

Jesus dines at the house of one of the leading Pharisees. Many are invited, and as scripture says: *they observed Him carefully.*

Jesus provides a parable concerning humility, taking the lowest place, not setting yourself out as better than everyone else. Then turning to the Pharisee Jesus invites him to rethink his dinner arrangements.

We get a little caught up in this idea of repayment, because

that is part of what Jesus was saying. Do not do things seeking to be paid back. Let God take care of that.

More subtly, Jesus is telling the Pharisee that He knows what is going on. The people invited were not there to see the Jesus show, but rather to gather testimony against Jesus. Jesus saw the corruption in their hearts.

The Pharisee himself set this all up so he could take the first place, and receive acclaim, for prosecuting Jesus when the time came. You see, the Pharisee had no humility or charity.

The lack of humility and charity brought corruption. Jesus calls the Pharisee to repent, for without that humility he would not stand in the *“resurrection of the righteous.”*

### Memory Verse

*But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”*

James 4:6

### Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 25:9

MONDAY: James 4:10

TUESDAY: Ephesians 2:8-9

WEDNESDAY: Micah 6:8

THURSDAY: Romans 12:10

FRIDAY: 2 Chronicles 7:14

SATURDAY: 1 Peter 5:5

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, grant me deep humility in all I say and do. Help me so I might count myself least of all. In Your day O Lord exalt me. 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, 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 Holy Cross parish, Ware, MA.

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

### Upcoming

- **August 31: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time / Youth Sunday: Holy Mass at 10am off. for śp. Stefan Węgliński. 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. Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **September 9 – 12: No Holy Mass.**
- **September 11: 24th Ann. Of 9/11/2001.**
- **September 13: Women’s Empowerment Group, 10am until Noon.**
- **September 14: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Second Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 15: Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross (trans.). Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**