



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXIII Niedziela zwykła

September 7, 2025

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 92.

Entrance Hymn: V. For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been His counselor? Or who has given Him anything that He may be repaid? **R. Will we have arguing with the Almighty by the critic? Let him who would correct God give answer!** 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 Wisdom 9:13-18

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

**R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

Epistle: Philemon 9-10,12-17

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Intention: For śp. Marcin Nowak off. by Fr. Jim & family.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- 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.
- Word of God: B145, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R107, Amazing Grace.
- Communion: Be Not Afraid (instr.)
- Communion Reflection: R334, We Praise Three O God.
- Exposition / Benediction: B147-150
- Recessional: R677, They Will Know We Are Christians.

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.
- **Social Security Notice**: Starting September 30th, federal payments—including Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)—will move to an all-electronic system. This change mainly impacts the small number of people who still receive their Social Security benefits by mail. Those who already use direct deposit will not be affected. Beneficiaries who receive paper checks must switch to an electronic payment method before the September 30th deadline.
- **Fall Soup Sale**: We seek volunteers to make soup at home. Containers are here. Make any soup you choose and bring 4 or 5 quarts to church.
- **Trip to Scranton**: There is a sign-up sheet for those interested.
- **Other reminders**: The [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."* ---

*“In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”*

Over four 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 well as in our humility and charity.

Our guide to right living continues today. Each of these lessons offers a reflection on how we are to be and reminding us of those areas where we must change.

Today, our lesson is on importance.

Jesus calls us to the stark reality of what it means to be a disciple, to be a follower of the Christ.

In college I loved cost accounting. I had a great professor who owned a business and did cost accounting for what his company produced. He made the course very real and pertinent. The best part was that it was logical and made sense.

In short, cost accounting is about counting all the inputs into making something. It is the cost of labor, parts, tools, machinery, the factory where the thing is made and all the little nickel and dime costs that result in a product. Everything we buy had cost accounting behind it from our cars to the spoon in our drawer.

Jesus tells us that we must do

some serious cost accounting. He uses the example of the man building a tower and a king going into battle. He points out that they rushed in without first doing some cost accounting. They ended up as fools and losers.

This is logical, it makes perfect sense. Rather than floating around in our faith, in the life of the Church, we must count the costs against what is to be gained, the end profit.

Being a disciple, doing the hard work necessary, making sacrifices, saying no to what the world is shoving at us and receiving the promise of eternal life is worth far more than any cost we might have to pay. The Kingdom is worth calluses on our hands, strength of heart, and authenticity as disciples.

### Memory Verse

*“You shall have no other gods before me.”*

**Exodus 20:3**

### Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 6:33  
 MONDAY: Luke 12:34  
 TUESDAY: Romans 12:2  
 WEDNESDAY: Mark 8:36-37  
 THURSDAY: Proverbs 21:21  
 FRIDAY: Colossians 3:2  
 SATURDAY: 2 Timothy 2:22

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, grant me the insight to perceive what is truly important, You and Your Kingdom. Grant me the grace to disciple, not counting anything important but to follow You and to work in You. 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, Steve Snyder, 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 Tenu, 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 Mother of the Rosary parish, Chicopee, MA.

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

### Upcoming

- **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.**
- **September 16: Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows (trans.). Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 17 – 19: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **September 21: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Second Holy Mass at Noon.**