



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 26, 2025

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time XXX Niedziela zwykła

October 26, 2025

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

Entrance Hymn: V. Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. **R. This is the commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.** 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: Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm: Ps 34:2-3,17-19,23

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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
- Word of God: B142, Holy Spirit
- Offertory: B261: Virgin Full Of Grace
- Communion: Look Beyond (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: R107, Amazing Grace.
- Recessional: R677, They'll 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.
- **Fall Soup and Pierogi Sale**: We will be selling pierogi and soup to the public on Saturday, November 8th from 9am until 1pm. Please help. Soup is \$10 per quart. Pierogi are \$12 a dozen.
- **Thank you to Paul, Linda, and Lauren for help with pierogi making.** We appreciate your caring. **The next pierogi making session will be Thursday, October 30th at 9am.**
- **Other reminders**: The [Schenectady Social Club](#) breakfast schedule for October is posted. Remember to call by Thursday at 2pm if you are attending.
- **October Rosary Devotions**: Held every Wednesday at 3pm unless otherwise noted. Join in this beautiful meditative prayer practice.
- **Our Seniorate Thanksgiving Gathering** will occur on Saturday, November 15th. The location has been changed to All Saints Parish in Rome, NY. Please let Fr. Jim or Paul know if you can attend.

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."* ---

But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.'

For members of the Civil Air Patrol and those who care about us, the four core values we hold as dear – integrity, excellence, volunteerism, and respect – matter. We work to live by them and to enact them in all that we undertake.

Head out on a search and rescue mission, help cadets to grow – the core values on display, Engage the public in aerospace education - the core values on display.

In today's first reading and gospel we hear of one who cries out to the Lord. Are they perfect, no. Do they do the right thing all the time, no. Do they recognize the fact that they fall short, yes.

In our Epistle, St. Paul notes that he has: *competed well*; and has *finished the race*; and has *kept the faith*. In other words, he has endeavored to keep those values so important to faithfulness. Paul knew that he had to struggle mightily to avoid failure and that powers beyond his control beset him so he might fail.

Amid our struggle, in our endeavor to live up to core values we will find that we fail at times. Now we must be sure to avoid the temptation to just say, well I failed, or to accept failure as something that is ok. As the *prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds*; and as in the prayer of the penitent tax collector we need to recognize where we fall short, make amends, seek reconciliation, and start anew.

In the same vein we must not give up hope nor reject the assurance that God offers. The *prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds*; and *is heard*, the penitent ends up exalted.

They key in all this is our ability to be humble, to recognize where we to miss the mark and, to repent of that. We must be able to resolve to leave failure behind.

Doing all of that we can go forward with a certain confidence, not that we are perfect, but that as humble servants we open ourselves to both repentance and growth, that we open ourselves to a mercy that surpasses all understanding.

Memory Verse

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

Philippians 4:8

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Galatians 5:22-23

MONDAY: Matthew 6:24

TUESDAY: Micah 6:8

WEDNESDAY: Romans 12:2

THURSDAY: James 1:22-27

FRIDAY: Colossians 3:12-14

SATURDAY: Luke 6:31

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, grant me the dedication to embrace and live Your values each day in all my encounters. 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 Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Roni, Susan D'Ameco, 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 Trinity parish, Plantsville, CT.

Upcoming

- **October 26: 30th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at Noon ONLY. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **October 27: Food Pantry, 3 – 5pm.**
- **October 28: Feast – Ss. Simon & Jude. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **October 29: Holy Rosary at 3pm led by Lauren.**
- **October 30: Pierogi Making at 9am. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **October 31: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 1: Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 2: 31st Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. All Souls Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2:30pm.**
- **November 3: Observance of All Souls (translated). Holy Mass at Noon with Reading of the Names Remembered. Food Pantry, 3 – 5pm.**
- **November 4: Election Day. Holy Mass at Noon.**