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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 12, 2026

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XV Niedziela zwykła

July 12, 2026

Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart. **R. And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.** 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 55:10-11

Psalm: Ps. 65:10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Epistle: Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Mattins, Holy Mass at 10am (Worship Aid).
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

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Today's Music

- See Worship Aid
- Communion Hymn: We Are The Light (instrumental).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **PLEASE PRAY EACH DAY: Come Holy Spirit. Pour out Thy blessings upon our parish and the entire Church, especially considering Holy Synod this Fall.**
- **Thank you to** Rev. Mr. Mark Koscinski who will fill in for Fr. Jim today last week. He will be with us again next Sunday.
- **Some Saints for this Week:** Henry, Veronica, John Gualbert, Silas, Mildred, Bonaventure, Vladimir, David of Sweden, Hedwig/Jadwiga, Simon of Lipnica, Frederick. May they pray for us so we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- **Weeks Ahead:** Low Mass – we will have Low Mass on Sundays in the summer singing only hymns. Fr. Jim will be away for most of July. Rev. Mr. Mark Koscinski will fill in on July 19th. Please welcome him.
- **Kurs and the Independence Day gathering** at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center was fantastic. Over 160 gathered for Holy Mass celebrating our Country's 250th anniversary. The Kurs Camp went amazingly well, and God's blessings were indeed poured out on all campers and staff throughout. May God continue to bless your commitment.

Baptized Christians who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and have prepared themselves through the Sacrament of Penance are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body of Christ is immersed into the Precious Blood and is placed on the tongue and not in the hand of the communicant. Come and let us be one with our Lord.

To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

We are to live faith actively, a faith that permeates every aspect of our lives.

Jesus continues to discuss those traits we are to necessarily integrate into our lives.

In the parable of the sower and the seed Jesus points out the necessity of receptivity – I like that line – necessity of receptivity.

We start in God's gifts to us – the sacraments – where we encounter God in the doorway and receive His grace.

The funny thing about that doorway is that we need to open it. As the old picture shows, Jesus knocks, the Holy Spirit calls out, but we are the only ones with the power to open the

door.

We have all done that – we are here in worship of our Savior.

Once the door is open Jesus tells us of the necessity of receptivity. God's word is sown in us with its sacramental effect. We receive the word, and the next step is for us to allow it to take root and then to act on it. This is not talking root in some random person, some theoretical individual. These words are for us.

The first individual Jesus speaks of fails to concentrate at all. They might hear Jesus' word, but it is only that, they hear without taking the time to listen and comprehend. They cannot be bothered. Like a dusty hard road,

they are lifeless.

The next person lacks depth and commitment. The tribulation and persecution they face is not always from the outside. It comes from within. It is their failure to commit to God and His Church. They flit about and the gentlest breeze blows them in another direction.

The third person puts everything else first. My shopping, car, leisure, job, sports, entertainment – you name it, they want it – but not God.

Failure to concentrate on, commit to, and prioritize God brings a fruitless life. For us who have opened the door and live and believe, we yield a great harvest.

Memory Verse

Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Acts 2:33

Time to Study God's Word

SUN: Acts 8:14-17

MON: Acts 5:32

TUE: Acts 2:38

WED: Acts 1:8

THR: Luke 11:9-10

FRI: Galatians 3:2

SAT: Romans 1:1-6

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You have asked us to receive You and to actively live what we have received. Your gifts are great. Grant me the strength to follow You and set aside my priorities. 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, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Steve Snyder, Susan D'Ameco, Ed Sargalis, Chip, Jacqueline Lawrence, Don Carpenter, Dewey & Barbara Rogers, Jeremy Spencer, Ross Jenkins, 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, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Andrew Tenus, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk, and for all Veterans.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy 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.

We pray for our entire Church as we approach Holy Synod.

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

Upcoming

- **July 12: 15th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- July 13: Food Pantry, 3-5pm. Parish Committee Meets at 5pm.
- **July 19: 16th Ordinary Sunday. Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 10am ONLY. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- July 20: Food Pantry, 3-5pm. Fr. Jim at CAP Encampment, Hancock AFB, Syracuse.
- July 25: Feast – St. James the Greater, Apostle.
- **July 26: 17th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- July 27: Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- July 29: Funeral Service for Nick Emmanuel at 11am, Demarco & Stone Funeral Home.
- **August 2: 18th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- August 3: Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- August 3 – 7: Youth Convocation, Camp Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH.