



VMFC
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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JULY 26, 2026

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVII Niedziela zwykła

July 26, 2026

Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He has counsel in store for the upright, He is the shield of those who walk honestly. **R. Therefore, I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.** 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: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm: Ps. 119:57,72,76-77,127-130

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Epistle: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- 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: Here I Am Lord (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 filled in for Fr. Jim last week. God bless you and your ministry.
- **Some Saints for this Week:** Joachim & Anne, Simeon the Armenian, Aurelius, Natalia, & Companions, Samson, Martha, Olaf of Norway, Olaf of Sweden, Helen of Skovde, The Holy Maccabees. 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.
- **New Priests:** During the week of July 5 – 11 three new priests were received into the Church. More info to come. Please continue to keep them and all preparing to enter the Church in your prayers.
- **Parish/Community/Veterans Picnic:** Our annual picnic will be held Sunday, September 13th, Brotherly Love Sunday. Holy Mass that day will be at 10am only. There will be all the great food we usually enjoy plus special gifts for veterans and servicemembers and their families. Please join in honoring those who gave and are giving so much for us. If you know a veteran please invite him or her.

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.

"Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Two weeks ago, we began our study of a series of parables Jesus offers. Today we hear the last in this series from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel account.

Parables are an illustrative way Jesus uses to describe God's Kingdom and how we are to attain to the Kingdom through our actively lived faith.

The passage taken from the conclusion of Chapter 13 speaks of a trained scribe. The scribe has a storeroom of knowledge and wisdom.

Part of our active faith life is to gather all needed for that storehouse. Jesus speaks of the sacrifices the pearl merchant and the land buyer make to

acquire what is important and most particularly valuable.

The Kingdom is filled with things of great value, its way of life, its teaching, its knowledge of God. Gathering all that is needed means we take the time and effort to do so. That is the exchange, the giving up of all we have for what is far more valuable.

If we do that, the great net of the Kingdom will gather us in as the good fish.

Like Solomon seek what is most important. Our focus is important just as Solomon's was. Because he sacrificed asking for all those other things (long life, riches, victory over enemies) God granted him those in addition to the wisdom he sought. St. Paul echoes that in telling us that

all things work for good for those who love God.

Our efforts to be well trained scribes with a storehouse of the timeless and ancient wisdom of God will give us the ability to apply that wisdom to modern-day challenges and struggles.

Allow the Holy Spirit to impel us toward growth in the knowledge of God, not for the sake of knowledge but so that we might know Him better and knowing Him model our lives on His as shown us by Jesus.

Let us activate our faith life by doing that scripture reading and study, engaging in weekly worship, setting aside the worthless, and filling our storehouses for God's work.

Memory Verse

Knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ

1 Peter 1:18-19

Time to Study God's Word

SUN: 1 Timothy 4:8
MON: Matthew 16:26
TUE: Philippians 3:7-8
WED: Proverbs 3:15
THR: Hebrews 13:5
FRI: 1 Corinthians 6:20
SAT: Matthew 6:19-21

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You showed us the way to knowledge of You and asked us to store up a treasury so we may see clearly by its wisdom. Grant that we may set aside what is worthless for what is priceless. 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 Tenu, 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 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: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen. Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- August 6: Solemnity - Transfiguration
- August 3 – 7: Youth Convocation, Camp Monadnock in Jaffrey, NH.
- **August 9: 19th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- August 10: Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- August 15: Solemnity of the Dormition of the BVM.
- **August 16: 20th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon with Blessing of flowers, herbs, and vegetables. Lector: Larry Panfil.**