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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 2, 2026

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time XVIII Niedziela zwykła

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Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines. **R. The eyes of all look hopefully to You; You give them their food in due season. You open wide Your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.** 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 55:1-3

Psalm: Ps. 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

Epistle: Romans 8:35,37-39

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Intention: For +Nicholas Emanuele

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: One Bread, One Body (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.**
- **Some Saints for this Week:** Stephen, Alfrida, Gamaliel, Dominic of Guzman, Romuald, Oswald, Addal & Mari, Justus & Pastor, Cajetan, Claudia. May they pray for us so we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- **New Priests:** In the weeks ahead, two new priests will be received into the Church. Please continue to keep them and all with a vocation 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 or active servicemember, please invite him or her.
- **Cups Galore:** We had been running short of cups for coffee hour and our brother Albert identified the need and purchased and donated 2,000 cups. Thank you so much!!! **Doorway:** Thank you to Paul and Jeff for the installation of our new doorway – it looks great. **A/C:** Our A/C needed some work. Thank you to John C. for taking care of it. He sees to all our HVAC needs. **Flowers:** Thank you to Alyssa and Lulu for the beautiful new flower arrangements on the altars. They give great glory to God!

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.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied

For three week we studied the parables of Jesus. The parables give us, as they did for the disciples, insight into the mysteries of the Kingdom.

We now enter several weeks where we will be studying the miracles of Jesus. These will range from the feeding of the multitudes to healings, and demonstrations of Jesus' power over nature itself.

The Kingdom of God is indeed a place of great mystery and power. Yet, we as its citizens have access to all that and more.

A study of miracles may be an occasion to marvel at God's power and command over all

things. It may be a chance to grow in our confidence in what God can do for us and for greater thankfulness for the big and small miracles we experience each day. Those are all awesome things to do.

There is another and yet greater aspect to these miracles. Today's miracle and those we will study in the upcoming weeks are a call to trust and faithfulness.

When we are presented with a new opportunity, when it is time for a new effort, we come to that fork in the road. Will I trust and be faithful or will I be fearful and unbelieving? Is my God a small and insignificant being whose day has long past, or is He as mighty and all powerful as in the days of Joshua,

Moses, Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Malachi? Is He the one Who said: *"You need only ask in My Name?"* Is He the One Who conquered death?

We have been given repeated moments where the right choice is to look past fear; factually to destroy fear with trust and faithfulness. It is what we do with those moments that counts.

We might imagine the look on the disciples faces when Jesus says: *"There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves."* Maybe bewilderment, and yes fear. In response Christ crushes their fear with abundance.

Miracles call us to a response.

Memory Verse

The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

2 Corinthians 12:12

Time to Study God's Word

SUN: Hebrews 2:4

MON: John 20:31

TUE: Mark 16:20

WED: John 14:12

THR: Acts 14:3

FRI: 2 Timothy 3:17

SAT: Ephesians 3:20

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You showed forth Your power by signs and wonders, great miracles, and asked us to see beyond mere human understanding and especially past our fears. Grant us the grace of trust and faithfulness. 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, Matthew Nelson, 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

- **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. Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- 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.**
- August 17: Food Pantry, 3-5pm. Annual Clergy Retreat Begins.
- August 18-19: Clergy Retreat.
- August 21: Holy Mass at 11am at the Altamont Fair Chapel. Fr. Jim has tickets.