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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 9, 2026

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time XIX Niedziela zwykła

August 9, 2026

Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck. I have gone down to the watery depths; the flood overwhelms me. **R. Here deep calls to deep in the roar of Your torrents. All Your waves and breakers sweep over 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 19:9,11-13

Psalm: Ps. 85:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Epistle: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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: Look Beyond (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:** John of Riete, Lawrence the Deacon, Clair of Assisi, Alexander the Charcoal Burner, Eusebius of Milan, Cassian, Hippolytus, Maximus the Confessor, Eusebius of Rome, Marcellus. May they pray for us so we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. **The Dormition of the BVM is Saturday. We will bless flowers, herbs, and vegetables next Sunday. Bring your to be blessed.**
- **New Priests:** This week ahead, two new priests will be received into the Church. Fr. Jim will be at the Seminary. 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.
- **Newsletter:** The July/August Newsletter has finally been published. Yours is available today. I apologize for the delay in getting these out. July was particularly busy for me. This past week will likely be the only break in action. Ther following week is our Central Diocese Clergy Retreat. **Altamont Fair:** We will be at the Altamont Fair Chapel once again with Holy Mass at 11am on Friday, August 21st. See Fr. Jim if you would like tickets.

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.

“Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened

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

We are now in several weeks where we will study the miracles of Jesus. These range from the feeding of the multitudes, healings, and demonstrations of Jesus’ power over nature itself.

The Kingdom of God is indeed a place of miracles experienced. They call us to a response.

Today, Jesus demonstrates His power over nature. His walking on the water harkens to the Israelites journey through the sea as God brought them from slavery to freedom by His

powerful hand. We hear of Elijah’s encounter with God through the power of nature – and not its worst, but rather its gentlest.

Those encounters and todays between Jesus and Peter remind us that God responds to our asking by His grace – and an expectation that we be faithful.

The Israelites feared the pursuing Egyptians and cried out to God who saved them through the waters. He answered. God took away fear.

The excerpt concerning Elijah doesn’t tell the whole store. He was in that cave because he was afraid of Jezebel’s anger. He was running away and just the prior day he prayed for death. There in the cave his fears and prayer for death were answered by God in

the gentlest of ways. God took away fear.

In the storm Peter prayed and was heard. Jesus called him forward and he listened. In this case what began in confidence and trust failed on fear. Peter was saying: ‘Jesus, this storm is more powerful than You. Your power and grace are not sufficient for me.’

Miracles call us to a response. Everything that has happened in this place and in our Church is powerful proof of God’s presence and grace. The question, what to do when we perceive fear creeping in, wherever it might come from? Let our response be confidence and trust in Jesus and a step outside the boat unto the waters He stills.

Memory Verse

I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:4

Time to Study God’s Word

SUN: Philippians 4:13

MON: 1 John 4:18

TUE: Romans 15:1

WED: Psalm 23:1

THR: Romans 14:1

FRI: 1 Peter 5:7

SAT: 1 Peter 4:12

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 to step out of the boat. Amen!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepkowski, 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, Joe Horton, Jr., Deb Plantier, 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, Fathers Joseph, Andrew, Nadeem, Andrew, Mariusz, Kes, Gerald, Dominic, Michael, 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 9: 19th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- August 10: Food Pantry, 3-5pm. Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- August 11-13: 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.
- **August 23: 21st Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- August 24: Feast of St. Bartholemew. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3-5pm.