



VMFC
A VETERAN/MILITARY FRIENDLY CONGREGATION

Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XX Niedziela zwykła

August 16, 2026

Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. Up Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. **R. I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." And now our feet are standing within your gates, Jerusalem.** 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 56:1,6-7

Psalm: Ps. 67:2-3,5-6,8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Epistle: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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: I Am the Bread Of Life (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:** Hyacinth, Edwin of Northumbria, Ludmila, Helen, Bernard, Stephen I. Timothy, Sigfrid, Andrew the Scot. May they pray for us so we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. **The Dormition of the BVM was Saturday. We will bless flowers, herbs, and vegetables today.**
- **New Priests:** This past week two new priests were 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.
- **Altamont Fair:** We will be at the Altamont Fair Chapel once again with Holy Mass at 11am on Friday, August 21st. Please join in.

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.

And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her.

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 at the end of several weeks where we studied the miracles of Jesus. These ranged from the feeding of the multitudes, healings, and demonstrations of Jesus' power over nature itself.

The Kingdom of God and our insight into it, our practical experience of it, call us to a response.

Today, Jesus calls us to demonstrate in very tangible ways our confidence and trust in Him.

Through each our readings and the gospel we see God's desire to have all belong to Him, for all to have a place in the Kingdom. God does not want anyone left out.

As such, through Jesus' cross we have been adopted in His blood. What comes next are conscious choices.

The first choice, will I be born a child of the kingdom by regeneration in the waters of baptism?

From there, will I grow each day into the image of the Heavenly Father? Will I walk in the footsteps of Jesus? Will I live the way He showed me through Holy Scripture and the teaching of the Church?

Far too many think the Kingdom life is a one-way street. God has adopted me

and now I don't have to do anything. I will just sit around waiting for God to do stuff for me.

Remember, we must demonstrate our confidence and trust in Jesus.

Throughout Scriptural history everyone called took action to show their faith. Today we encounter the Canaanite who would not relent.

She would not just sit on the side of the road, silent. She would not go away. She would not let silence, rejection, or insult drive her away.

Wherever I came from, whoever I am, faith and trust is required as with the Canaanite woman. Nothing stood in the way of her showing her trust. May Jesus say to us: *great is your faith!*

Memory Verse

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Luke 11:9-10

Time to Study God's Word

SUN: 1 Thessalonians 5:17

MON: Galatians 6:9

TUE: Philippians 3:14

WED: James 1:12

THR: 1 John 5:15

FRI: Hebrews 11:6

SAT: Romans 15:13

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You showed forth Your power by signs and wonders, great miracles, and asked us to persevere with faith, trust, and confidence. Grant that nothing may stand in my way to You. 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, Dewey & Barbara Rogers, Jeremy Spencer, Ross Jenkins, 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, Patricia 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 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.
- **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.
- August 26: Solemnity of Our Lady of Częstochowa. Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 29: Solemnity – Beheading of John the Baptist.
- **August 30: 22nd Ordinary Sunday. Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- August 31: Food Pantry, 3-5pm.