



**VMFC**  
A VETERAN/MILITARY FRIENDLY CONGREGATION

# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 23, 2026

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time XXI Niedziela zwykła

August 23, 2026

Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. For I will sing to the Lord's renown. Oh, proclaim the greatness of our God! **R. The Rock - how faultless are His deeds, how right all His ways! A faithful God, without deceit, how just and upright He is!** 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 22:15,19-23

Psalm: Ps. 138:1-3,6,8

**R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Epistle: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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:** Batholomew, Ouen (AKA Owen), Louis of France, Gregory of Utrecht, Our Lady of Częstochowa, Poemen, Augustine, Moses the Black, Beheading of John the Baptist. May they pray for us so we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- **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.
- **Something to Reflect On:** We indeed love the democratic tradition of our Church where each person has a voice and vote. We will see that exercised at our upcoming Holy Synod. Does that make the Church ours, our possession? Does that make the Church our enclave? Whose Church is it? Think about it.
- **Altamont Fair Thank You:** Thank you to all who attended Holy Mass at the Altamont Fair and represented our parish so beautifully. Many wonderful conversations were had with fairgoers.

**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.**

*Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and He asked His disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"*

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 then studied the miracles of Jesus. These ranged from the feeding of the multitudes, healings, and demonstrations of Jesus' power over nature itself.

We have been provided insight into the Kingdom of God through stories and miracles. As we discussed over the last six weeks, these call us to a response.

Today, Jesus asks His Apostles a key question. Hearing all you heard, seeing all you have seen, what do you have to say?

We often attribute the faith statement we hear to Peter alone. While he was the

spokesperson, this statement was that of all the Apostles. They had certainly discussed this along the way. They debated it and they concluded: *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

Peter's faithful statement sets forth that upon which the Church is built – faith. The rock is faith, not a person, for the only foundation is Jesus, the Son of the living God.

Our confidence and trust must always be on Jesus. Our first reading gives us a bit on insight into the kind of faith that is required.

Israel had been under siege at the time of King Hezekiah. Hezekiah eventually surrendered and paid a heavy ransom using treasures from the Temple. The inhabitants of

Jerusalem took the lifting of the siege as occasion for great rejoicing – they partied. Rather, they should have mourned the dead and should have learned that faith in anything other than God leads to disaster. Shebna was not engaged in faithful service either. Rather, he spent all his time building his tomb. He was unfaithful to his charge and was thus punished. Eventually, Eliakim would fall to the same fate. What of us?

The question is before us. Hearing all you heard, seeing all you have seen, what do you have to say? Where is the Rock I trust in?

We are called to make that leap of faith, focus off us and firmly on the Son of God.

### Memory Verse

*"There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God."*

**1 Samuel 2:2**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUN: Deuteronomy 32:4

MON: Galatians 6:9

TUE: Matthew 7:24

WED: Psalm 18:31

THR: Psalm 19:14

FRI: Psalm 18:2

SAT: 1 Peter 2:7-9

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You are my rock and refuge. Grant me the grace to fully trust in You, to exhibit my faith and confidence each day that I may be radiant with Your grace. 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 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.
- **September 6: 23rd Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- September 7: Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon for all workers. Federal Holiday – No Food Pantry.
- September 8: Solemnity – Nativity of the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon.
- September 11: 25th Anniversary of 9/11/2001. Holy Mass at Noon with Special Prayers.