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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXII Niedziela zwykła

August 30, 2026

Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds.

R. My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds 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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm: Ps. 63:2-6,8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Epistle: Romans 12:1-2

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Intention: For the health and healing of Tom and Amanda

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- 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: Gather Us In (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:** Rose of Lima, Felix, Aiden of Lindisfarne, Giles, Rosalia, Ida, Zachariah the Prophet. 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:** Last week we were asked to reflect on the Holy Church and Whose possession it is. Take your answer and consider how it informs your everyday life, work, worship, and service.
- **Prayers Please:** Our dear sister Andrea's home in Wilton was one of the victims of this past week's tornadoes. Thankfully no one was injured. The damage to the property is extensive. Let us keep Andrea and Joe in our prayers.
- **Thank you again and again:** To Paul for his awesome work in framing out the new door. **Our Stair Lifts:** We will bless and dedicate our stair lifts after Holy Mass today.

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 Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

For three weeks we studied the parables of Jesus. We then studied the miracles of Jesus for another three weeks.

Each of these studies of stories and miracles provided us insight into the Kingdom of God. As we discussed over those six weeks, we are called to respond.

Jesus asked us last week: What do you have to say?

Having declared their faith in Jesus that faith starts to slip quickly when they are confronted with Jesus' reality. The Kingdom calls Me to journey to Jerusalem where I will be tried, tortured, and killed in the worst and most humiliating way possible

Jesus tells His apostles and thus tells us – it is not like you think it is. Your assumptions and

imaginings fall far short of the Kingdom's reality.

Jeremiah tried to exhort the people with God's reality. For that he was deemed a fool. He says straight out in a very unconditional way – people see me as an ass. The Bible translation used for the reading we heard does not really capture what Jeremiah was saying. In the Jerusalem translation it is rendered: *I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt.*

Despite all this, Jeremiah could not stop from doing as the Lord asked. He put it all out there because God's way burned within him. Jeremiah's doing of God's will was expensive, but then again, he saw God as worth his all.

St. Paul calls us to sacrifice ourselves for the

Kingdom; to be changed and transformed so our entire focus is on God's will so we may do *what is good and pleasing and perfect* in God's eyes, not our own.

We are called to the fullness of Christian life, to being the real and persistent image of Christ each day.

Conceptually it may be easy to see ourselves as Jesus' faithful child. When moments arrive to be charitable, kind, or courteous we do exactly that. We would not do less.

In the hardest of situations, when confronted by real hate and mockery, facing impossible news and events Jesus did not see the cost too high. He asks us to be there too, taking up the expensive cross.

Memory Verse

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Time to Study God's Word

SUN: Philippians 2:8

MON: Galatians 6:14

TUE: Colossians 1:20

WED: Galatians 3:13

THR: 1 John 3:16

FRI: 2 Corinthians 5:21

SAT: Philippians 3:10-11

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You took up the expensive cost of our salvation in the cross. Grant that I may never shortchange You or Your Body the Church. When the cost seems too high may I not turn away from your will. 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, Tom Nowak, Amanda, 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 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.
- **September 13: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Veterans & Community Picnic.**
- September 14: Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Food Pantry, 3-5pm. Seminary Semester Starts. Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- September 15: Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows. Fr. Jim at Seminary.