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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXIII Niedziela zwykła

September 6, 2026

Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. Whoever corrects a scoffer wins abuse; whoever rebukes the wicked gets hurt. **R. A scoffer who is rebuked will only hate you; the wise, when rebuked, will love you.** 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: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm: Ps. 95:1-2,6-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Epistle: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Intention: For śp. Marcin Nowak, 73rd anniversary by Fr. Jim.

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

- Communion Hymn: Gather Us In (instrumental).
- Recessional: R692, Battle Hymn of the Republic v 1, 3, 4

+++ 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**: Phoebe, Regina, John of Nicomedia, Adrian & Natalia, Isaac the Armenian, Nicholas of Tolentino, Gertrude, Guy. 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**: As we approach Holy Synod in only twenty days, consider how we might work together on how to make this Church less 'our church' and more Christ's Church.
- **CarePortal Messages**: We are so grateful for the ministry of CarePortal and all Paul does with his helpers to see to the needs of local families. Paul recently received this message from a mother we helped: "I'm beyond grateful for what this awesome ministry has done for me. Thank you so very much for your kindness and your spirit of giving. Mostly, thank you for the new Bible. It means a lot to me." These messages remind us that CarePortal is more than technology, furniture, or supplies. It is a network of people choosing to show up—with practical help, encouragement, compassion, and gratitude.

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.

<i>"You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love is the fulfillment of the law.</i> We have been focusing on our response to what we have seen Jesus do and what we have heard Jesus say. Now Jesus introduces us to His instruction on how we are to live in the most ordinary of circumstances—especially when things go wrong between us. The truth is that God is close to us; He understands our human condition. Jesus after all became like us in all ways except sin. Certainly, Jesus lays out the way we are to live. His call and His instruction are extraordinary. He asks us to become like our Heavenly Father, Whom He reveals to us. At the same time, Jesus knows that we grow into that life through a process—and that there will be roadblocks along the way. Our journeys are marked by failure, misunderstanding what the Lord and His Church teach, and by our own human stubbornness. We want the	Church to say what we want it to say. We want God to do what we want God to do. And so, Jesus shows us the process He wants us to use when we encounter failure, misunderstanding, and stubbornness. It is a process of conversation intended to correct and restore. Our opening hymn, the Introit, taken from Proverbs 9:7–8, tells us that correcting a scoffer—someone who is arrogant, prideful, and refuses to accept correction or instruction—wins us abuse; whoever rebukes the wicked gets hurt. But the wise, when rebuked, will love us. That sets an important parameter for us. Who can truly benefit from the correction of the Church and Her members? The wise, of course: those who are sincerely working their way toward the model Jesus placed before us.	There comes a point when continuing to argue with someone who has decided to scoff at correction accomplishes nothing. Jesus Himself recognizes this possibility: <i>"If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile..."</i> There are a couple of lessons here. The first is that we must take correction seriously. We should never become incapable of hearing the truth. When we refuse every attempt at correction, we place ourselves outside the very process Christ has given us for reconciliation. The second lesson is that the enormous power to correct comes with an equally enormous responsibility. Christian love cannot simply say, "It is okay," when something is not okay. Sometimes we love one another precisely	by speaking honestly, listening humbly, correcting gently, and holding one another accountable. <i>"Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."</i> Sometimes fulfilling the law of love means having difficult conversations. Sometimes loving our neighbor means correcting him. And sometimes loving our neighbor means having the humility to allow him to correct us.
			Memory Verse <i>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.</i> Hebrews 12:11

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

- **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.