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A VETERAN MILITARY FRIENDLY CONGREGATION

Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

26th Ordinary Sunday

XXVI Niedziela zwykła

September 27, 2026

Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. May the God of peace, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do His will. **R. May He carry out in you what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever [and ever]. Amen.** 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 18:25-28

Psalm: Ps 25:4-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: James Kopp.

Lector: Not assigned.

- Sunday Prayer Service at 10am (Worship Aid).
- Coffee Hour.

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Today's Music

- See worship aid.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- PLEASE PRAY EACH DAY: As we now enter Holy Synod as of 6pm today. Let us pray:
 - **Prayer for the Delegates to the XXVII General Synod:** Almighty God, grant to all delegates of the Synod a humble spirit. As they seek Your wisdom, lead and guide them in their deliberations. May they be aligned with Your desires and plans for Your Holy Church. Give them vision, courage, and hope for the future as they follow where You lead. We ask this in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.
 - **Prayer for the Church:** Almighty and eternal God, You have called us to serve You through the Polish National Catholic Church. Hear our prayer for the bishops, priests, deacons and faithful of our Holy Church. May Your gifts and blessings strengthen our resolve to serve You and by example bring others into the Mystical Body of Christ. May all that we do be for the glory of Your Name and the salvation of Your people. By our faithful witness and service may we eventually be received into Your eternal kingdom. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- **Some Saints for this Week:** Cosmas & Damien, Barry, Wenceslaus, Michael the Archangel, Jerome, Gregory the Enlightener, Romanus the Melodist, The Guardian Angels, Theresa of Lisieux. May they pray for us so we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- **Week Ahead:** Fr. Jim and Renee Are at Holy Synod along with Paul Zawistowski. They will not be returning until after Holy Synod, on Thursday, October 1st. Please keep them in your prayers, especially for safe travel.

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.

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

What is going on here? Why this sense of urgency?

For several weeks we considered our response to Jesus' teaching. We discussed our response to God's love in light of how we love. We saw God's generosity at work. Can I be that generous?

Considering all this thinking and considering suddenly Jesus' teaching becomes urgent.

Our scriptures for this week and the weeks ahead are taken from Jesus' last discourses before He would be arrested and killed. He has arrived in Jerusalem. The people are cheering Him on. He sees the corruption and disregard for

His Father's way all around Him, especially among the leaders.

He teaches in the Temple with urgency. He is basically saying: Hear Me and live. Ignore me and be condemned. There is no time.

He makes this point exceptionally clear in today's teaching.

Jesus lays out a parable about two sons, the son who says yes, but does not follow through and the son who says no and later does follow through.

The Chief Priests and Elders inherited the yes of God's leaders, but they have not followed through. The tax collectors (working for the Romans and considered the worst of betrayers) and the prostitutes (unclean) listened to the call to repentance the Baptist offered, and they followed through.

Who are the redeemed and saved, the ones who listened.

Worse than not listening, if that wasn't bad enough, was the blindness to what they saw before them. How can they possibly ignore what God is doing right in their presence, how can they possibly write it off?

Jesus makes their offense clear: *"Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."*

The urgency is here for us. We see, hear, and truly experience Jesus' miracles big and small. We see His power to overcome adversity and save. We see people set upon by life finding a way back from the brink. It happens all the time. Jesus asks us the same

question: What is your conclusion?

Here is the conclusion the Chief priests and Elders arrived at: Who, them!?! They are not worthy, they are dirty!

Jesus' conclusion, they heard the call to repentance. They heard the call to set aside stereotypes and fear, and they received life.

Will we allow it? Will we look forward to a future with Jesus, relying on His forgiveness and renewal? Will we believe?

Memory Verse

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

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 enter Holy Synod. Bless them, O Lord! Pobołogślaw im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **September 27: 26th Ordinary Sunday. Sunday Prayer at 10am. The XVII Holy Synod begins with Holy Mass at 6pm.**
- September 28: Holy Synod. Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- September 29-30: Holy Synod.
- October 1: Fr. Jim returns from Manchester, NH.
- October 2: Feast – Guardian Angels.
- **October 4: 27th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon with Blessing of Pets. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- October 5: Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- October 6: Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 7: Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary. Holy Rosary at 3pm.
- October 8: Holy Mass at Noon.