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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 4, 2026

27th Ordinary Sunday

XXVII Niedziela zwykła

October 4, 2026

Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. You brought a vine out of Egypt; You drove away nations and planted it. You cleared the ground; it took root and filled the land. **R. It sent out boughs as far as the sea, shoots as far as the river. Why have you broken down the walls, so that all who pass by pluck its fruit?** 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 5:1-7

Psalm: Ps 80:9,12-16,19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Epistle: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Intention: For śp. Angeline Nowak. For our parish.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Mattins, Holy Mass at 10am (Worship Aid). Pet Blessing.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

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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.
- **Some Saints for this Week:** Francis of Assisi, Bruno, Fides, Holy Mother of the Rosary, Justina of Padua, Holy Simeon, Bridget of Sweden, Pelagia. May they pray for us so we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- **Month of the Holy Rosary:** October is dedicated to the Holy Mother of the Rosary. We will gather on Wednesday, October 7, 14, and 21 at 3pm to pray together.
- **News from the Synod:**
 - With exceeding joy and thanks to Almighty God, the Prime Bishop informs the parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church that following the election at the XXVII General Synod, **Very Rev. Charles Zawistowski** will be raised to the episcopal office of Bishop on **Wednesday, October 28th**, the Feast of SS Simon and Jude, Apostles. Holy Mass with the consecration ceremony will be celebrated at **St. Stanislaus Cathedral, 529 East Locust Street, Scranton, PA**. Information regarding accommodations will follow. We have been asked to inform the Office of the Prime Bishop of the number attending from our Parish.
 - At the Synod, our Pastor, Fr. Jim Konicki was appointed the next Vice Rector of the Savonarola Theological Seminary and Institute.
 - Much was accomplished at Synod. We will make a full report to the Parish Committee and Parish soon.
- **THANK YOU:** Fr. Jim spent much time rightfully bragging about our parish family. You enabled Renee and him to celebrate Adam and Laura's wedding. Many were there. Other took care of things for us. Rev. Jim saw to our worship. We are deeply grateful.

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 he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

I am not sure how many of us here have ever grown a grapevine. I had a good friend who did exactly that.

He and his wife had a pretty garden in their backyard. Now, he was a person of many interests, and one of those interests was wine. He figured he would purchase a grapevine and attempt to grow it.

He purchased a Concord grapevine. They tend to be rather hardy. Welch's grape juice, for example, is typically made from Concord grapes. Many of those grapes are grown along the shores of Lake Erie. In fact, there are some 304 grower-owners in the Lake Erie and Niagara regions, representing the largest concentration of Welch's growers anywhere.

Pretty quickly, my friend

figured out what *hardy* means - the vine took off! It produced a ton of grapes from which wine and other goodies were made.

Several years later, my friend was sitting there talking about cutting the vine back. It had literally inundated his deck, the back of his house, and most of the garden space.

Echoing the words of Isaiah, which the Pharisees would have recognized, Jesus speaks of a vineyard and its vines.

Isaiah, conveying God's words to the people of Israel, uses the vineyard as a metaphor for a rebellious people, a vine that would not produce goodness or righteousness, no matter how much God cared for it.

Isaiah warns about the failure to produce the fruits of righteousness; Jesus now warns about the leaders' refusal to acknowledge God's rightful authority over the

vineyard and its harvest. Those refusing God had allowed their faith to die through their obstinacy and unbelief, assuming God's authority for themselves.

Traveling with Jesus as He taught in Jerusalem, just before His arrest and execution, we quickly recognize that those with closed ears and narrow vision would soon kill the Son Himself.

These words, delivered to us today, repeat the warning given to Israel all those centuries ago. They offer us a moment to examine ourselves.

What do we believe about Who Jesus is? How powerful is He? What is our faith in Him worth? Can I surrender control and place myself in His hands?

St. Paul asks us to set aside *anxiety*, to reflect on the better things and cultivate what is good.

As we sit in our inner garden of faith and tend to the vine that grows there, let us offer ourselves to Jesus—all that is good, along with our worries and anxieties. Let us place everything in His hands, trusting that He will take what we offer, nurture what is growing, prune what is unfruitful, and bring forth an abundance of good fruit.

Memory Verse

So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God

Colossians 1:10

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 Giczowski, 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 Bishop Elect Charles Zawistowski. Bless him, O Lord!
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **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 - 9: Holy Mass at Noon.
- **October 11: Solemnity of the Christian Family. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- October 12: Columbus Day. No Food Pantry due to Federal Holiday.
- October 13: Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 14: Holy Rosary at 3pm.
- October 15 - 16: Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- October 17: Diocesan Council Meeting. Fr. Jim attends. Pierogi 5k at Central Park.