Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 11, 2026

Solemnity of the Christian Family
Święto Chrześcijańskiej Rodziny

October 11, 2026
Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. **R. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.** 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: Genesis 1:26-28,30
Psalm: Ps 128:1-5
Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.
Epistle: Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52
Intention: For all parish families.
Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.
Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

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

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Today's Music

- See worship aid.
- Communion Reflection: God Make Us Your Family (instrumental).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Some Saints for this Week**: Canice, Maximillian of Lorch, Felix & Cyprian, , Edward the Confessor, Justus of Lyons, Teresa of Avila, Hedwig of Silesia, John the Dwarf. 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.
- **Things Ahead:**
  - Please take your Newsletter.
  - This coming Saturday we could use volunteers to help out at the Pierogi 5k. We should gather at the Central Park Pavillion around 11am to set up. We will be distributing water to everyone. Fr. Kopp will be there.
  - This Saturday is also the Diocesan Council meeting in Scranton. Fr. Konicki attends.
  - The Consecration of Bishop Elect Zawistowski will be Wednesday, October 28th in Scranton. Please advise Fr. Konicki if you will be attending. RSVPs are due by the 17th.
  - Sunday, November 1st is All Saints Day. We will have a regular Sunday Holy Mass schedule. Fr. Konicki will hold a prayer service for All Souls at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2:30pm. All Souls Day is Monday, November 2nd. We will have Holy Mass at Noon with the reading of the names all remembered to us for the month of All Souls. All Souls Envelopes (Wypominki) are available.
  - We will host the Seniorate Advent Retreat on Saturday, November 28th. Please attend.

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.

Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is your acceptable duty in the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, or they may lose heart.

Oh my, he's going to talk about that?

When modern day people hear these words they almost immediately blanch, i.e., go pale and say, Oh nooooo!

There is a reason for that, and we see it daily in the places we go. We observe people cutting us off in lines and on the road. We observe people who feel they have the right to do as they please without regard to anyone else. I am sure you could come up with dozens of examples of lives completely self-centered. Even among church people we observe attitudes focused on what the church can do for me, and if it doesn't serve me, I no longer value it.

Christ and His Church see things quite differently. We see life in relational terms. Thus, we pause Ordinary Time every second Sunday of October to focus on the Christian Family.

The passage taken from Paul's letter to the Church at Colossae speaks in terms of obligations and attitudes. Relationships are the core of our faith, how we hold our relationship to God through witness, evangelism, charity, and worship and how we live together as family.

Paul tells us that we are one body and as that family we are to *clothe [ourselves] with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience*. We are to *forgive* when there is offense. The option is not to do the opposite of those things.

A restatement of the passage from Colossian reflects how many unfortunate people live today – and goes to the sickness of the worldly:

> Wives, disrespect your husbands. Husbands, despise and mistreat your wives. Children, ignore and disrespect your parents in everything. Fathers, disappear from the lives of your children.

Pretty awful, right?

The Church harshly judges those who refuse to live relationally. We heard that in today's Introit from Paul's First Letter to Timothy: *Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever*.

Throughout Paul's letters we hear references to us as a body, as family, and a network of relationships. That is what Christ and His Church call us to because that is how Jesus lives.

Jesus' eternal life and human life remain centered on family and relationship. That very life lives here in our parish, and it is why I love every one of you – because you live the Christian Family life.

Memory Verse

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepkowski, 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, Donna Panfil, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Pattric 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 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.
- **October 18: 29th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon with Blessing of Pets. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- October 19: Feast – St. Luke the Evangelist. Food Pantry, 3-5pm. Parish Committee Meets at 5pm.
- October 20: Holy Mass at Noon.
- October 21: Holy Rosary at 3pm.