Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 25, 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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October 25, 2026
Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. **R. This is the commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.** 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: Exodus 22:20-26
Psalm: Ps 18:2-4,47,51
I love you, Lord, my strength.
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40
Intention: For śp. Nick Emanuele
Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki. Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- 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: Seek Ye First (instrumental).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Some Saints for this Week**: Lucian & Marcia, Frumentius of Aksum, Simon & Jude (Apostles), Anastasia & Cyril, Fidelis of Como, Narcissus of Jerusalem, Abraham of Rostov, Serapion of Antioch, Wolfgang of Regensberg. May they pray for us so e may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- **Month of the Holy Rosary:** Thank you to all who gathered to pray the Rosary on Wednesdays together.
- **Thank You:** To Paul for clearing a fallen tree at Good Shepherd Cemetery.
- **Things Ahead:**
  - The Consecration of Bishop Elect Zawistowski will be this Wednesday, October 28th in Scranton. Please pray for him and for the Church.
  - 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.
  - Please remember the Winter Clothing Donation Program. The men of the YMSofR are ready to help. Forms are available.

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.

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Recall back a few weeks when I mentioned our gospels are taken from Jesus final week in Jerusalem before His arrest, death, and burial.

The gospels we have read focus on the challenges to Jesus from both the Pharisees and the Sadducees. They tried to trap Jesus with questions about taxes, the resurrection, and today about the greatest commandment.

These discourses will go on in the weeks to come, eventually leading to Jesus' final teachings on the end times.

Perhaps it is our nature, we like to get to the end, to have the point made, to discover the solution, to uncover the mystery. Jesus has something far more important for us to do, and that is live today. We are to live our faith each day.

Our first reading from Exodus has a powerful waring – and that warning still resonates today: hate someone – no matter who they are, call someone dirty, no good, worthless, a burden, cheat someone, call upon others, including the government, to oppress someone then *"My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans."*

That is not God speaking poetically or telling a story, it is a promise, a dreadful promise.

Brothers and sisters, you see that our journey through life is fraught with the kind of sins we write off easily. We use metaphors and euphemisms – oh, it's just politics, I personally would never hurt anyone – yet we rage internally. We let media and politicians put thoughts in our heads because they tickle us and reinforce our sense of not getting a good deal.

Jesus has the answer to that, the solution. That solution begins in our own souls because we are forgiven when we say and do wrong. We are given yet another opportunity to set things right by loving God and our neighbor. We are not put to the sword.

Jesus' awesome mercy is shown to us each day. We then are to be equally merciful, loving, and forgiving.

St. Paul, writing to the Thessalonians, points out the way others talk about them because they lived out their faith, they made it real and everyone saw *how they became imitators of the Apostles and of Jesus*.

Let people speak of us that way. Remember that there is no book, no agenda, and no script we are called to fulfill other than Jesus'. *See how they are imitators of the Apostles and of Jesus*.

Memory Verse

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:4

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, us 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 25: 29th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- October 26: Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- October 27 – 29: Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- October 28: Consecration of Bishop Elect Charles Zawistowski at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton at 3pm.
- **November 1: Daylight Savings Ends. Set Clocks Back. All Saints Day. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Good Shepherd Cemetery Service at 2:30pm.**
- November 2: Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon with reading of the names of the departed remembered to us. Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- November 3: Holy Mass at Noon. Election Day.
- November 4 – 6: Holy Mass at Noon.