



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 4, 2024

18th Ordinary Sunday XVIII Niedziela zwykła

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Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

Psalm: 78:3-4,23-25,54

The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Summer Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. They spoke against God, and said, "Can God spread a table in the desert? Can He also provide bread, give meat to His people?"

R. Then the Lord heard and grew angry; for they did not believe in God, did not trust in His saving power.

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.

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Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith v. 1 & 2.
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: Seek Ye First (handout – all three verses).
- Communion: I Received The Living God (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: One Bread, One Body. (instrumental).
- Recessional: R338, We Sing The Greatness Of Our God.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Altamont Fair Sign-ups:** Friday, August 16th will also be designated as our day to be present at the chapel at the Altamont Fair. Fr. Jim will hold Holy Mass at 11am that day. We request volunteers to be greeters/welcomers at the chapel that day after Holy Mass between noon and 8pm. A sign-up sheet is posted. There are a couple spots left.
- **Please PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.**
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the summer. There are deadlines for registration. Please see Fr. Jim in relation to these events.
 - **Parish/Community Picnic**, Sunday, August 18th following 10am Holy Mass. Please sign up.
 - **YMSofR Golf Tourney**, August 24th in Buffalo.
- **See the volunteer flyers** for our food bank partnership. We began this wonderful ministry this past Monday. It was glorious – thanks be to God for His provision including all our community members who volunteered to help. The pantry is open every Monday from 3pm until 6pm. We begin packing orders at 1pm.
- Thursday, August 15th is the Solemnity of the Dormition. Holy Mass will be at Noon with the Blessing of flowers, herbs, and vegetables. Bring your homegrown and favorite garden items for a blessing.

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

So they said to Him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

The Apostles had gone out and ministered to the people of Galilee. They proclaimed the Gospel message, declared the Kingdom, and healed. They came back tired and alongside Jesus were soon confronted with more work, teaching a large crowd of people who were *like sheep without a shepherd*. Jesus seeing deeply into the totality of their need miraculously fed them.

Now the rubber meets the road. What would be the reaction of these people? Would they embrace the Kingdom and its truth? Would they follow a heavenly King Who would give them Himself as food for eternal life?

We sit in a moment of anticipation. Factually, that is what the true followers of Jesus have been doing for two thousand

some years. We anticipate our receiving the Bread from Heaven in sacramental word, bread and wine. We anticipate the full revelation of the Kingdom we are working for. We anticipate Jesus' return and the exaltation of all believers.

The Gospel of St. Mark led us into a continuation of events as recorded in the sixth chapter of the Gospel of St. John. As we look at today's passage, we sense an upcoming realization, the rubber beginning to meet the road. This will play out over the next several weeks. The truth of people's hearts will be revealed.

The Old Testament offers a foretaste, a shadowy revelation of the coming Messiah, Jesus. In our First Reading from Exodus, we find the same events: people grumbling, unsatisfied even though they had clearly seen God's power in saving them from the Egyptians. They focused solely on temporal, everyday needs

and remained blind to God's promise of rest, a land of plenty, and continuing provision. Today's Introit from Psalm 78 recounts it so well: *They spoke against God, and said, "Can God spread a table in the desert? Can He also provide bread, give meat to His people?"*

That says it all and is an indictment down through the ages. It indicts us if we do not put our full faith in God's saving power which we see here regularly.

God came among us to give us Bread from Heaven, the full and eternal presence of Jesus among us. We are called to believe and receive Him – and that includes receiving His great promise – life now, life eternal, a full satisfaction of all things people long for, the healing of their souls and peace. Let us truly enjoy and rejoice in His feeding, provision, and true life. Let us believe.

Memory Verse

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

Matthew 26:26

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 6:11
MONDAY: Ecclesiastes 9:7
TUESDAY: Acts 20:7
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 81:16
THURSDAY: Genesis 14:18
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:17
SATURDAY: Acts 2:46

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, You lay the Bread of Life before me in word, bread, and wine. You grant me the fulness of Yourself in the Eucharist. Grant that I may clearly perceive Your great promise and place all my confidence in it. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, 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, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Tony and Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic 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 who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of St. Barbara's Parish, Houtzdale, PA.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **August 4: 18th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **August 5: Food Bank 3pm until 6pm.**
- **August 6: Solemnity of the Transfiguration. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 7 - 9: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **August 10: Women's Empowerment Group, 10am until noon with a prayer vigil outside in memory of Ericka Brown.**
- **August 11: 19th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **August 12: Food Bank 3pm until 6pm.**
- **August 13 - 14: Holy Mass at Noon.**