



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – AUGUST 11, 2024

19th Ordinary Sunday

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

First reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalm: 34:2-9

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

Gospel: John 6:41-51

Intention: For the health and healing of Gordon and Bishop John.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- 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. Come to Me, all you that yearn for Me, and be filled with My fruits;
You will remember Me as sweeter than honey, better to have than the
honeycomb.

**R. Taste and see how good the Lord is; happy the man who takes
refuge in Him.**

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: R5, Morning Has Broken.
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R373, Praise The Lord.
- Communion: I Am The Bread Of Life (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R334, We Praise Thee, God.
- Recessional: R385, Holy God We Praise Thy Name.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Altamont Fair:** Friday, August 16th is our day to be present at the chapel at the Altamont Fair. Fr. Jim will hold Holy Mass at 11am that day. We will hold a brief meeting after today's Holy Mass for all volunteers.
- **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**, next 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."* ---

"I Am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world."

Last week, after reflecting on the movement between proclamation, healing, service, care, and feeding the rubber met the road. Indeed, people began to react to the truth of the Kingdom and following the heavenly King Who would give them Himself as food for eternal life.

We anticipated the reaction, and unfortunately the reaction was not positive or accepting. We heard it right at the start of today's Gospel: *"The Jews murmured about Jesus."*

Their reaction might seem natural to us. Here is this Man saying that He will give us a bread that lets us live forever. He is saying He came down from heaven and that His Father is God. He is assuming God's name, I Am. In the end He says that He is the Living Bread and that we must eat His flesh to live forever. He will go deeper

into that next Sunday. The reaction against Him will get more negative.

It is sad that this sort of thinking and reaction makes sense even in the current age. To many people, even to many Catholics, the reaction of the people who followed Jesus to Capernaum makes sense. They cannot believe His outstanding claims. It is indeed hard to grasp the power and mystery of God, because at its core we consider ourselves unworthy of God's abundant goodness How could we possibly be worthy?

If we look at today's reading from First Kings, we see the depth of God's care for His servants. Elijah, afraid, exhausted, and unwilling to go forward is met by God's provision. God provides not once, but twice. God not only provides food and water, but He also works to strengthen Elijah for all he is called to do.

This trope is repeated over and over throughout salvation

history. The foreshadowing of the Old Testament points to God's care for His people, and not just care, but more so a desire for deep and everlasting relationship. God shows His desire to commune with His people.

When God came to earth it wasn't just for a visit. It wasn't to say a few wise words and let us have at it. It was to bring us everlasting life, continual relationship, and perpetual communion.

Jesus calls us into a faith and belief that transcends the ordinary, overcomes our doubts, and in the end calls us to understand that we are worth it to God. He says we are worthy of this mystery so great, His very self.

Overcoming doubt and unbelief by the grace God grants us in His Eucharistic feast, let us truly accept His flesh and blood as we faithfully rejoice in what we celebrate today – salvation.

Memory Verse

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 4:8
MONDAY: Colossians 1:10
TUESDAY: Romans 5:8
WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 43:4
THURSDAY: Luke 12:6-7
FRIDAY: Psalm 139:13-14
SATURDAY: 1 Peter 2:9

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, You came to save me and to give Your very body and blood for me to partake in. In receiving You, change my heart into and image of Yours and help me to see that You value me.
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 Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, 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 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.**
- **August 15: Solemnity of the Dormition. Holy Mass at Noon. Blessing of flowers, herbs, and vegetables.**
- **August 16: Holy Mass at the Altamont Fair at 11am.**
- **August 18: 20th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Parish and Community picnic follow. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **August 19: Food Bank 3pm until 6pm.**
- **August 20 – 23: Holy Mass at Noon.**