



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

22nd Ordinary Sunday

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

First reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Psalm: 15:2-5

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Epistle: James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Intention: For śp. Stefan Węglinski off. by family.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

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

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.

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: R342, Come Christians Join To Sing.
- Gloria: E1, Glory Be.
- Sacrament of the Word: B142, Holy Spirit Come Inspire Us.
- Offertory: R690, America The Beautiful.
- Communion: Deep Within (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R338, We Sing The Greatness Of Our God.
- Exposition and Benediction: B147-150.
- Recessional: R677, They Will Know.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the Fall. Please see Fr. Jim in relation to these events.
 - **Labor Day Holy Mass.** Monday, September 2nd at Noon.
 - **Seminary Semester Start.** Monday, September 16th. **Please PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.**
- **School of Christian Living.** Our Sunday School is reborn thanks to Renee, Andrea, and Christina. Please have your children attend each Sunday, starting September 15th, following Coffee Hour Snacks. Tell friends and neighbors too.
- **Parish and Community Picnic:** Thank you to all who prepared for and brought dishes. It was a beautiful day and very special in so many ways.
- **See the volunteer flyers** for our food bank partnership. The pantry is open every Monday from 3pm until 6pm. We begin packing orders at 1pm.
- **A Word About Back to Church Sunday.** People, once they stop coming to church, drift further away, not because of unbelief but because of the fear of embarrassment. Will people ask where I've been? Remember, Jesus never asked the lost sheep: What have you been up to? He just welcomed him back. Sunday, September 15th. Invite friends, family, and those we haven't seen in a while.

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."* ---

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

For seven Sundays we journeyed with Jesus and His apostles. Today, and for the rest of Ordinary Time, Jesus will discuss the practical application of being in Him. How do we do it?

In the context of the journey, we discussed the Law of God that Israel was commanded to follow, covering it especially during the past two weeks.

There is a lot to the Law. At a basic level, as we heard from Moses today, the Law set Israel apart from other nations, but it wasn't quite that simple.

Israel's Law of social and religious behavior was developed based on the Ten Commandments, spoken by God to Moses on Mount Sinai. The Ten express the essential religious and moral principles Israel was to follow and put in a nutshell what God revealed to the Israelites about Himself, as well as how they should live in community. From these Ten "Words," as well as instruction

through prophets and priests, Israel developed a detailed system of religious and social communal regulations.

Now, other nations (e.g., the Amorites of Babylon, Assyrians, and others) had codes of laws that predated Israel. In many ways they were similar, and each borrowed from the other.

The differences are in three essential elements. One is the grounding of the codes. Other kingdom's codes were based on the authority and power of a ruler. Their laws protected the rights of the wealthy and powerful. For Israel, the Law is grounded on communal experience of God. So, although the Law deals with some economic matters, that does not dominate. Rather, at the center of Law is: *"I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of slavery; you shall have no other gods besides me."*

Other differences are the way

God is to be treated. The Law did not change with the whims of a king but was the baseline against which all were to behave under and toward God. Lastly, other codes had an imbalance. They treated rich and poor, slaves and free differently. They punished the poor severely for minor things. In the Law, the most severe penalties were applied to offenses against other people, regardless of social rank, or actions which threaten the community and its values. It was Law for all.

The Law reflected Israel's unique encounter with God. Hearing its corruption, it being reduced to a series of dos and don'ts without any relationship to God, Jesus speaks of the Law's true nature. It is about a community in relationship with God and each other. Being in Jesus means that together we are to grow toward God, have our hearts close to God, and always keep our worship directed to God, living His way.

Memory Verse

For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Romans 6:14

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 10:4
MONDAY: Romans 3:31
TUESDAY: Romans 7:7
WEDNESDAY: John 1:17
THURSDAY Galatians 5:18
FRIDAY: Galatians 3:10
SATURDAY: 1 John 3:4

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I live, work, celebrate, and do all in You. Make me completely Yours, not by dos and don'ts, but by an ongoing relationship with you. Subsume me into You. 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 Holy Trinity Parish, McKees Rocks, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **Sept. 1: 22nd Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **Sept 2: Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.**
- **Sept 3 - 5: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **Sept. 6: Holy Mass at Noon off. for Marcin Nowak.**
- **Sept. 8: Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **Sept. 9: Solemnity – Nativity of the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.**
- **Sept. 10: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **Sept. 11: 23rd Anniversary of 9/11/2001. Holy Mass at Noon.**