



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

26th Ordinary Sunday XXVI Niedziela zwykła

September 29, 2024

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Psalm: Ps 19:8,10,12-14

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Epistle: James 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

Intention: For śp. Angeline Nowak.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

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

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Pursue love, but strive eagerly for the spiritual gifts, above all that you may prophesy. On the other hand, one who prophesies does speak to human beings, for their building up, encouragement, and solace.

R. For no prophecy ever came through human will; but rather human beings moved by the Holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God.

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: We Are The Light Of The World (handout)
- Communion: Blest Are They (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R681, Let There Be Peace On Earth.
- Recessional: R319, Immortal, Invisible.

+++ 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.
 - **Pirogi 5k at Schenectady Central Park, October 26th at 11am. Join in to represent our parish,**
 - **Fall Comfort Food Sale, TBD. A sign-up sheet is available for those who wish to help Fr. Jim cook.**
 - **Blessing of Pets at all Holy Masses next Sunday, October 6th.**
- **School of Christian Living.** Please have your children attend each Sunday, following Coffee Hour Snacks. Tell friends and neighbors too.
- **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.
- Please continue to pray for our five seminarians: Deacon Sean, David, Todd, Joel, and Jon. Pray for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.
- Please pray for the upcoming Holy Synod of the Central Diocese to be held Saturday, October 12th via Zoom. Fr. Jim and John Clas are attending. *Holy spirit, come inspire us!*

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."* ---

There is no one who performs a mighty deed in My name who can at the same time speak ill of Me.

For seven Sundays this summer we journeyed with Jesus and His apostles coming to understand that we receive Him. For the rest of Ordinary Time and the special Solemnities of our Church, Jesus discusses applying His presence within us. How do we do it?

A certain way to live out the presence of Jesus is to avoid both personal and faith possessiveness.

Notice in our reading from Numbers, Eldad and Medad prophesy – they express outwardly the gift God’s Holy Spirit has bestowed on them. They are doing exactly what God wants them to do, living His gift out.

Right away, a boy runs to tell on them and Joshua is ready to shut them down. The boy and Joshua engaged in a possessiveness towards God’s gifts that was uncalled for. Moses sets them straight.

In the same way, the Apostles come to Jesus telling on someone driving our demons with His Name. They engaged in the same type of possessiveness that Moses had to deal with. Likewise, Jesus deals with it. He turns the Apostles attitude from one of possessiveness to one of acceptance and welcome for all who are with God and who are using God’s gifts rightly.

St. James illustrates what happens when we live possessively toward the gifts in our lives. It is cheapness of life, distractedness through a sole focus on gaining and possessing things of little to no value. In a stunning condemnation, St. James tells his listeners that their sin of possessiveness killed Jesus. Their greed killed love.

We may sadly know people who possess much. We see the lifestyles of the rich and famous in movies and on TV, we can join Rap star 2 Chainz

on his show "Most Expensivest" and see people spending to excess on worthless things. If one were to look just a little more deeply, we would find lives lacking fulfillment and a bunch of damaged souls left behind.

Jesus is strongly reminding us to value things rightly. To damage someone’s soul, especially that of an innocent person, *it would be better if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea.* It is about properly valuing, caring for, and living rightly. If we do it wrong in selfishness, placing ourselves first, there is a consequence.

What we possess, even our bodies, must be put to work for Jesus’ Gospel and the Kingdom. The presence of Jesus within us calls us to offer it all, and to do so both willingly and rightly, getting rid of whatever holds us back.

Memory Verse

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 6:19-21

MONDAY: Luke 12:33-34

TUESDAY: Luke 12:15

WEDNESDAY: Acts 20:35

THURSDAY: 1 John 3:17

FRIDAY: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

SATURDAY: Acts 4:32-35

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, grant me a heart freed from possessiveness. Allow me to be content in Your provision and to share rightly from any excess. May Your Gospel shine brightly in me and free me from anything holding me back.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, 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, 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, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, and all needing 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 Transfiguration of our Lord Parish, Mount Pleasant, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **Sept. 29: 26th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. SOCL.**
- **Sept. 30: Feast – St. Michael the Archangel (trans.). Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.**
- **October 1: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **October 2: Feast – Guardian Angels. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **October 3: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **October 4: Commemoration – St. Francis of Assisi. Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.**
- **October 6: 27th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Pet Blessing at all Holy Masses. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. SOCL**