



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 13, 2024

## Solemnity of the Christian Family

Święto Chrześcijańskiej Rodziny

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

First reading: Genesis 1:26-28,31

Psalm: 128:1-5

**R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways.**

Epistle: Ephesians 6:1-9

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Intention: 10am for all Christian Families.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- 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. Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

**R. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.**

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

- See Board

## +++ 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.**
- **School of Christian Living.** Please have your children attend each Sunday, following Coffee Hour Snacks. Tell friends and neighbors too.
- **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.
- **Christmas Vigil Raffle:** Please see Joe Kaczynski to get your tickets. They are \$50 each.
- **Thank you** to all who offered prayers for our Diocesan Synod. It went well. Thank you to John Clas for representing us.
- **Thank you** to Paul and Jeff for removing the large tree from our backyard. Well done!

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."* ---

*God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.*

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?

Today, our Holy Church offers us a special Solemnity focused on the Christian Family.

Family is the perfect environment for applying the presence of Jesus within us. We might all laugh a bit and say, 'That's for sure.' Family really gives me agita.

Rather than focusing on that, I ask you to imagine concentric circles, a large circle with smaller and smaller circles inside of it. That is a representation of family as we generally envision it.

At the center we find our immediate family, mother, father, children. As we proceed outward, circle after circle, we get to more

distant family. First grandparents, then aunts and uncles, cousins, 2nd, 3rd, 4th cousins, one twice, three times removed. You know your priest is an amateur genealogist when he gets into that much detail.

Getting to the outermost circles we may find our fellow church members, maybe co-workers, members of organizations we belong to, neighbors, and our larger community.

The problem with this vision of concentric circles is that each of the circles is a point of demarcation, a separation, a thing that defines boundaries. That is not what God intended.

In our passage from Genesis God shows us a vision of totality. Adam, Eve, nature, and God included was all part of one big reality. There was no separation, no boundaries. All shared in everything.

God's vision and creation is

the totality of family.

We know that the problem of sin is what causes the demarcations and divisions. We set boundaries both as a way to protect us from the sin of others and as part of our own sinfulness, a guard against fully expressing Christian charity.

To get past sinful inclination we must re-vision our notion of family to come into conformity with God's vision. We need to look at family as one big circle.

Consider this singular circle filled with the presence and light of God. See in it our entire personal families and the entire family of faith. That, brother and sisters, is what the Kingdom of God is.

This is a wonderful vision. It is so good because it is as God intends. It is also immensely attractive for those who hurt, who need family. God saw that it was very good, and so must we.

### Memory Verse

*And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me, says the Lord Almighty.*

**2 Corinthians 6:18**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 22:6

MONDAY: Genesis 2:24

TUESDAY: 1 John 4:7

WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 3:14-15

THURSDAY: Acts 2:39

FRIDAY: Joshua 24:15

SATURDAY: John 17:21

### Pray the week:

Lord, bless and prosper every family united with You. Draw those who do not know You so that they share in our inheritance. Amen.

### 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 Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Kevin Sullivan, Liz, 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 Tenuis.
- 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 pray for the people and clergy of Divine Mercy parish, Mississauga, Ontario.

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

## Upcoming

- **October 13: Solemnity of the Christian Family. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. SOCL.**
- **October 14: Columbus Day. Indigenous Peoples Day. Food Pantry, 3 to 6pm.**
- **October 15: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague. City Council honors Polish American Heritage Month at 7pm.**
- **October 16 - 17: No Holy Mass. Fr. Jim teaches at seminary.**
- **October 18: Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist. Holy Mass at Noon. Rosary at 3pm.**
- **October 20: 29th Ordinary Sunday. Heritage Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. SOCL.**
- **October 21: Commemoration – St. Urszula. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3 to 6pm.**