



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Septuagesima Sunday

Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnica

February 16, 2025

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalm: Ps 1:1-4,6 **R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.**

Epistle: Corinthians 15:12,16-20

Tract: The Lord withholds no good thing from those who walk without reproach. **O Lord of hosts, happy are those who trust in You.**

Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Intention: For all parishioners, for the intercession of Bl. Francis Hodur.

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. Happy those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, nor go the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the Lord is their joy; God's law they study day and night.

R. They are like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in due season; Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers.

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, 4.
- Sacrament of the Word: R141, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R319, Immortal, Invisible (vs. 1, 2, 3, 4).
- Communion: Deep Within (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B87, Be Merciful (v. 1, 2, 3).
- Recessional: B110, Cross Of Compassion (all verses).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we continue through Winter into Spring (let's think Spring). Please see Fr. Jim or Paul in relation to these events.
 - **Operation SouperBowl:** The soup pot is out. Please share what loose change you may have to help feed the poor. Next Sunday is the last day for donations
 - **Official Notice:** Our annual financial and budget meeting will be held Sunday, March 2nd. There will be only one Holy Mass at 10am.
 - **Annual YMSofR Dues** of \$12 are due. Please see Paul.
 - **Basket Social:** Sign-up sheets are out.
 - **Epiphany Home Visitations:** Home blessings are underway. See Fr. Jim to make an appointment.
- Please continue to pray for our seminarians: Pray for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.
- **Pre-Lent:** Today we enter the Pre-Lenten season of Septuagesima. This period lasts for two-and-a-half weeks and brings us from the joys of the Christmas and Epiphany seasons and prepares us for the somberness and sobriety of the Great Lent. You will note several changes in the Liturgy. After the Entrance Rite we will sing the Penitential Litany (Sung Ordinaries, page 9, No. 1. We will sing a different Kyrie (Lord have mercy) (Sung Ordinaries page 13, No. 2). There is no Gloria and the Alleluia verse before the Gospel is replaced with a Tract. This time of preparation helps us to take account of God's vision for us and the picture we paint of ourselves so to see where change is necessary.

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."* ---

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD. He is like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream

Welcome to the start of this Pre-Lenten season of Septuagesima.

The Holy Church gives us this season of preparation so we might not jump into the Great Lent unprepared, but ready for a spiritual marathon through which we pray to be transformed. What we are at the end of Lent needs be quite different from what we are at its start.

Keeping up the sports analogies, this season is akin to the stretching exercises an athlete does before they head out onto the track. This season of stretching ourselves helps in preventing spiritual injury – regrets and disappointments – because we were unprepared for our Lenten walk.

I have begun today by drawing pictures for you. Certainly, you can mentally see an image of a

marathon runner, an athlete preparing by stretching, and an athlete ill-prepared getting injured.

God uses imagery today as He has done throughout history in order that we might clearly understand His intent for us, the picture He envisions for us.

Consider our first reading. We can see a dead tree standing in the middle of a lava wasteland. That tree has no life and bears no fruit. What could be beautiful and life giving is useless and an occasion for sorrow.

Is that what we would want for our self-vision? Is that what we would want God to see as He looks at us? Is that what we would want to present before God on the day we meet Him? Of course not!

But if we turn away from God, if He is not our first priority, if His work is somewhere down our list, we are doing our best to end up a dead tree.

Yet, if we take this opportunity for reflection, for a re-evaluation of our self-vision we take the first steps toward being that living and fruitful tree; not only living and fruitful, but also fully assured no matter what may come.

We can see ourselves as that living and fruitful tree when we stretch out our hands and arms in prayer to the God Who lives and is merciful. We live when we turn to God, do His work, and make Him our priority.

It all comes down to what we want to look like in presenting ourselves to God and how we get there.

Jesus came to show us the road to life, and to remind us of what God desires we pursue. He paints a picture of life and glory for us. So let us now set to work in meeting His vision for us, a living and flourishing people.

Memory Verse

You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.

John 15:16

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 15:8
MONDAY: Philippians 1:6
TUESDAY: 2 Peter 1:5-8
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 3:8
THURSDAY: Romans 7:4
FRIDAY: Galatians 6:7-8
SATURDAY: Psalm 1:3

Pray the Week

Lord Jesus, You call me to be Your image in my life and among all I encounter. Grant that I be a genuine and true representation of You and in word and deed to draw many into the Kingdom. 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, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, 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 pray for the people and clergy of St. John the Baptist Parish, Frackville, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **February 16: Septuagesima Sunday. Pre-Lent Begins. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **February 17: President's Day. No Food Pantry. Parish Committee Meets at 3pm.**
- **February 18: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 19: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 20: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 21: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 23: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **February 24: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **February 25 - 28: No Holy Mass.**
- **March 2: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Annual Financial & Budget Meeting.**