

# Holy Family Parish

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## 25th Sunday Ordinary Time September 23, 2018 Spojnia Sunday

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**YEAR OF THE FAMILY**

## SUNDAY LITURGY

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| OPENING HYMN   | Bulletin             |
| Entrance Hymn  | Jeremiah 12: 19a, 20 |
| P: Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, has not realized that they were hatching plots against me.  |                      |
| R: But You, O Lord of hosts, O Just judge, searcher of mind and heart let me witness the vengeance You take on them, for to You I have entrusted my cause. |                      |
| P: 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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| OPENING PRAYER |         |

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

|   |                       |
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| First Reading   | Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20   |
| Responsorial Psalm  | Psalm 54              |
| R: The Lord upholds my life.  |                       |
| Second Reading  | James 3: 16-4:3       |
| Gospel Acclamations.  | 2 Thessalonians 2: 14 |
| C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  |                       |
| R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  |                       |
| God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. |                       |
| R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  |                       |
| Gospel  | Mark 9: 30-37         |

### SACRAMENT OF THE WORD LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

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| R: Lord, Hear our Prayer   |          |
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**Opening Hymn: “God Is Here! As We His People”**

CC Hymnal 400 verses 1, 2 & 4

God is here as we His people, meet to offer praise and prayer.  
May we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share:  
Here as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts,  
Wait the coming of His Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us, of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font and pulpit, here the cross has central place:  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence as in speech,  
Here in newness and renewal God the Spirit comes to each.

Lord of all of Church and Kingdom, in an age of change and  
doubt;

Keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out:  
Here in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive;  
We who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!



**Closing Hymn: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”**

CC Hymnal 391

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. with  
God as our Father, family all are we.  
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take’ let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment. and live each moment  
in peace eternally. let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**

**Ordinary 25**

**Spojnia Sunday**

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| Confessions  | 8:30 A.M.  |
| Holy Mass  | 9:00 A.M.  |
| <b>+Dorothy Misuira</b> Int Ted & Jan Gibala <b>+Denise Gass</b><br>Int. Rosemarie Korch |            |
| SOCL Classes   | 10:15 A.M. |
| YMSR Meeting   | 10:15 A.M. |
| Fellowship Hour  | 10:15 A.M. |
| Holy Mass  | 11:00 A.M. |
| <b>+Paul Yonek</b> (25 <sup>th</sup> Ann.) Int. Bob & Janet Yonek                        |            |

*Spojnia Branch 132 will be hosting the Fellowship Hour between Masses, celebrating Spojnia Sunday with free doughnuts & coffee. Come downstairs to the parish hall to enjoy and learn about the PNU.*

**Tuesday, September 25, 2018**

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| Adult Confirmation Class | 7:00 P.M. |
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**Wednesday September 26, 2018**

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| Adult Bible Class      | 6:00 P.M. |
| Chopin Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 P.M. |

**Thursday, September 27, 2018**

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| Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal | 6:30 P.M. |
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**Sunday, September 30, 2018**

**Ordinary 26**

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| Confessions | 8:30 A.M. |
| Holy Mass   | 9:00 A.M. |

Since the XXV General Synod will begin early Monday morning, there will be only one Mass celebrated at 9:00 AM on September 30<sup>th</sup>, allowing travel time for our delegates to drive to Belleville, Ill and arrive at a timely basis. There will be no SOCL and 11 AM Mass scheduled on this Sunday.

## **This Week Ministries**

**9:00 A.M.**

Greeters: C. Trumpe

Lectors: Red Team

Ushers: T. Gibala & S. Tadajski

**11:00 A.M.**

A. Fioravanti

B. Zaucha

J. Wagner

## **Next Sunday Ministries**

**9:00 A.M.**

Greeters: M. Sleczkowski

Lectors: Yellow Team

Usher: D. Crouch & L. Guy

**11:00 A.M.**

No

Mass

Scheduled

## **Parish Ministries**


If you would like to become a part of our parish ministry of Greeter and Lector; please contact Fr Bruce. Lectors schedules and training are coordinated by David Kost.

## **Celebrating 100% PNU Families**

This year's Spojnia Sunday contest will celebrate our 100% PNU families and aligns to the PNCC 2018 Future Direction "Year of the Family." Send us a family photo where everyone in the picture is a PNU member. It can be any combination of your family and extended family, but the photo must contain two or more people and PNU members only. Social membership counts as PNU membership. Provide the full names for everyone shown in the photo and mail the photo to: Kathy Nemkovich, 37 Winthrop St., Fall River, MA 02721, or email to [kathynemkovich@gmail.com](mailto:kathynemkovich@gmail.com) . Deadline to receive photos is November 1, 2018. All photos will be entered into a drawing to win \$250 and may be used in future PNU materials. The drawing will be held in December at the PNU Board meeting. If you are not yet a 100% PNU family, you can sign up for PNU membership on Spojnia Sunday or at any time before November 1, 2018 by contacting your Branch Secretary Henrietta Kleckner 724.863.6715. For added information, go to [pnu.org](http://pnu.org)

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Gospel Word Search

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| T | S | E | M | O | C | L | E | W | O | GALILEE  | DEATH | SON  | THREE   |
| E | M | O | U | N | T | A | I | N | N | TWELVE   | HOUSE | MAN  | SERVANT |
| S | S | D | A | T | H | R | N | O | S | WELCOMES | LAST  | RISE | CHILD   |
| U | F | I | N | E | S | G | N | M | E |          |       |      |         |
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**Next Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**  
 Sponsored by the parish youth and coordinators. Come and support the Fair and tell your friends. Chinese Auction baskets are on display in the parish hall downstairs. Tickets will be sold after Mass.

### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE III**

John Robert Wagner, son of John & Roberta (Williams) Wagner and Shannon Langer, daughter of Kenneth & Janet (McCabe) Langer. The marriage will be solemnized Saturday.

**SEPTEMBER IS SPOJNIA MONTH  
 CHECK OUT THE ADVANTAGES THE PNU  
 OFFERS TO ITS MEMBERS.**

**XXV General Synod of the P.N.C.C.  
Our Truth, Our Work, Our Struggle, Our Victory  
October 1-3, 2018 – Belleville, IL**

Our Prime Bishop and Diocesan Bishop encourages prayer for our Holy Synod. There is much important work that needs to be done as we chart a way forward to continue to build up the Kingdom of God with our Polish National Catholic Church. Inserted in this week's bulletin is a Novena for us to pray at home beginning today until October 1<sup>st</sup>. The Novena can be prayed together with the family at an appointed time.

Delegates from Holy Family Parish are Fr. Bruce Sleczkowski, elected lay delegates are Marian Sleczkowski and David Kost. Bozena Kijowski is the alternate.

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Our neighbor, the Free Hungarian Reformed Church will be holding their annual FALL BINGO LUNCHEON, Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Tickets \$25.00. For advance tickets call 412.672.7298.

**Pierogi Sale**

The next Pierogi Sale is set for Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Prep work begins on Wednesday afternoon, Thursday, and pinching and cooking Friday. Help is always needed. Call Steffi @ 412.359.9663 or 412672.5403.

Blessing of Animals will be conducted Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the Church Parking Lot at 11:00 A.M.



## 25th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 54

Second Reading: James 3: 16-4: 3

Gospel: Mark 9: 30-37



**Key Phrase** “Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

Mark 9: 35

**Readings:** The Book of Wisdom describes the virtuous man is a sign of contradiction, not by his severity but by his gentleness. James writes that the wisdom of God is manifested by men who are peacemakers. The Gospel describes Jesus as the gentle servant whose death will result in life for all.

**Reflection:** The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that) he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is one quite chilling phrase which links these together, in the first reading, where the plotters against the good man says, “Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his.” The cold calculation of this is not far removed from the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions - with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his “reproaches for our breaches of the law”. There is indeed a storm gathering. But the last line of the first reading, though meant mockingly, will come true: “God will look after him - we have his word for it.” And three days after his death he will rise again.

**Praying:** Heavenly Father, Jesus died for me so that I may live. Help me to follow His Gospel correctly as I serve Him and have everlasting life through Him