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## GIVE THANKS



WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 18, 2012

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXXIII Niedziela zwykła

November 18, 2012

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm: Ps 16:5,8-11

**R. You are my inheritance, O Lord!**

Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-14,18

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Intention: For those remembered on All Souls Day.

Worship leader at 9:30am: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee hour
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Parish Committee Meeting

### Solemnity of Christ the King Uroczystość Jezusa Chrystusa, Króla Wszechświata

November 25, 2012

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm: 93:1-2,5

**R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.**

Epistle: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

Intention: For those remembered on All Souls Day.

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins.
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee hour/Pampered Chef Party
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes

**Sick Calls and Hospital Visits** – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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### Upcoming...

- November 18: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- November 21: Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 22: Thanksgiving
- November 25: Solemnity of Christ the King/Pampered Chef Party after church
- November 30: Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle
- December 2: 1st Sunday of Advent

*We give Thee our most humble and hearty thanks, O God, for blessings without number which we have received from Thee, for all Thy goodness and loving kindness, for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. And, we beseech Thee, give us that due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful for all things, and that we show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. — A General Thanksgiving – from A Book of Devotions and Prayers According to the Use of the Polish National Catholic Church,*

# We thank you Lord.

..and anticipate Your coming.

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds"

It is the Sunday before Thanksgiving, and our readings focus on the end times, the second coming of Jesus. It can seem like a scary and even depressing subject when we want to focus on celebrating.

When we hear Jesus speak of these images of darkness, falling stars, and the heavens being shaken we are shaken. Daniel reminds us that these will be times of "surpassing distress."

We grow a little frightened, what if Jesus were really to come tomorrow, or in the next hour, or minute? We certainly may

consider ourselves unprepared.

Maybe we are prepared for Thanksgiving. The turkey is purchased, the potatoes, yams, vegetables, those special items unique to our family traditions are stored away. But are we prepared to meet Jesus when He returns?

As we approach Thanksgiving, let's prepare ourselves; fill ourselves with a spirit of thankfulness. Let that thankfulness include a sense of praise and anticipation for Jesus' coming.

Whatever the events that will precede the glorious appearance of Jesus with the angelic cohort, we should gladly celebrate Jesus' promise and be thankful for it. We know that when He comes we will be ready to be drawn to His side.

We are the people Daniel speaks of because of our faith in Jesus.

"The wise who shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, those who lead the many to justice who shall be like the stars forever."

Like the psalmist, we can declare that the Lord is our inheritance. What a wonderful thing to be thankful for, an inheritance with God forever in His kingdom.

As we pray this Thanksgiving let us set aside our concern over the events of the end times. Any fantastic theories and predictions about the end of the world and return of Christ are worthless. Instead, praise God and be thankful for the spirit of renewal, which prepares us for Jesus. Pray Maranatha – a word meaning, "Come, O Lord." This prayer asks for the speedy and early return of Christ.

Build desire and thankfulness for the Second Coming. This is our preparation. To live in the hope that strengthens and fortifies us seeking always to live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ALWAYS giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."  
Ephesians 5:19-20

## Time to Study God's Word

- SUNDAY: 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- MONDAY: Philippians 2:13
- TUESDAY: 1 Timothy 6:17
- WEDNESDAY: Psalm 95:6
- THURSDAY: Psalm 100:1-5
- FRIDAY: Colossians 2:7
- SATURDAY: Luke 17:15-16

### Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may continually return to you in thanksgiving.

## School of Christian Living

We have an active and on-going Confirmation, First Communion and SOCL classes. Thank you to our parents for supporting the program. Sign-ups can be done at any time – it is never too late to learn. We are here to assist in delivering knowledge of the faith through SOCL. Also remember, no one is too old to learn or make one's confirmation. We welcome all students.

## Giving thanks

To all ye Pilgrims,

Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, squashes and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as he has protected us from the raids of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Plymouth rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving t ye Almighty God for all His blessings. " Proclamation made by Governor Bradford in 1623, 3 years after the Pilgrims settled at Plymouth.

This Thursday is Thanksgiving. One day in which we like those early Pilgrims set aside time in our busy schedules to give thanks to God. It is essential that we set aside a special time to reflect on our thanks. Our nation is blessed for doing this. However, as Christians we must also recall that thankfulness must be a continual, daily, attitude. The Word of God tells us to: "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Good or bad, in all circumstances, thank God for His care over us.

## Month of All Souls

The Holy Church sets aside the month of November to commemorate those who have preceded us in holy death. As Christians we recognize that death is not an ending, but rather a change. We pass through death into everlasting life. We remain joined with all those who have died. We rely on them for their intercession on our behalf. They rely on our prayers and intercession to ease their transition, their journey into the glory of heaven. The Wypominki – Remembrance of the Faithful Departed will be commemorated throughout the month of November and during services throughout the year.

Of note...

## Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzysinski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Cousins, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert Nemkovich, George Damouni, Kindlon Family, Carolyn Walker, Cynthia Hume, Chris, James McGrath, Larry Alfred, Bonesteel Family

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: St. Mary's Parish, Duryea, PA its congregation and pastor Fr. Carmen Bolock.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is back. Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week.

**Parish Organizations:** Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.