



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – OCTOBER 29, 2017

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXX Niedziela zwykła

October 29, 2017

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

First reading: Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm: Ps. 18:2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Intention: for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour/First Communion/Confirmation classes.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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November 5, 2017

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

First reading: Malachi 1:14 – 2:2,8-10

Psalm: Ps. 131:1-3

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

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- All Souls Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2pm.

O faithful man of solitary life, and practiser of true religion, learn the lessons of the evangelic conversation, of mastery over the body, of a meek spirit, of purity of mind, of destruction of pride. Pressed into the service, add to your gifts, for the Lord's sake; robbed, never go to law; hated, love; persecuted, endure; slandered, entreat. Be dead to sin; be crucified to God. Cast all your care upon the Lord, that you may be found where are tens of thousands of angels, assemblies of the first-born, the thrones of prophets, scepters of patriarchs, crowns of martyrs, praises of righteous men. Earnestly desire to be numbered with those righteous men in Christ Jesus our Lord. To Him be glory forever. Amen. – St. Basil of Caesarea

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-453-2258.

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Upcoming...

- **October 29: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **October 31: Vigil of All Saints**
- **November 1: Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at 7pm.**
- **November 2: Observance of All Souls.**
- **November 5: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. All Souls Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery, Amsterdam, NY at 2pm. Daylight savings ends.**
- **November 7: Election Day.**
- **November 11: Veterans' Day, Remembrance Day, Polish Independence Day.**
- **November 12: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **November 19: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **November 20: Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.**

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 by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

I will see
and hear.

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

We have reflected on this gospel reading throughout Ordinary Time as it is read during Matins before Holy Mass. Who do we consider a neighbor? Really at the heart of the question, who matters? Jesus quickly answers the questioner: God matters and each and every person matters.

Doesn't it make us happy and comforted to know that God thinks we all matter? So many try to draw circles around people, those inside, those outside. The good versus the bad, those like me and everyone

else. Our lesson – once again, everyone matters. Setting aside the view of others, and the labels they place, we also have to be careful about how we view ourselves. Sometimes, and likely all too frequently, we are our own worst enemy. We forget our inherent dignity – the goodness of our creation. The fact that God has his laser focus of care on us. We think ourselves less than worthy. Oh, I failed, I'm not good enough, I didn't meet expectations, I don't pray, read scripture, reflect on God enough, I sin too much, I fall over and over into habits that are harmful to myself and others. It's easy to come up with a list of our own shortcomings because we forget God's view.

God sees, hears and knows everything. Nothing is hidden from Him. Does He see where we fall short - sure. Yet, He doesn't take his gaze from us. When we fully grasp and understand that His eyes are on us, His care is over us, His love and His Son's sacrifice were for each of us, then we will allow Him to declare our value, and we will see that each and every person matters too.

God does not operate like man. His thoughts and ways surpass that of man. They are way higher. Knowing how God is, we need to step up to see and hear as He does, to live valuing and counting ourselves and all people as those who matter.

We face challenges in this world, the naysayers, the put downers. We may even put ourselves down. As His people, we need to confront that head on with God's truth, with the fact that He sees and hears and wants it different, "I will surely hear. I will hear; for I am compassionate."

Indeed, our compassionate God sees and hears. No division or label (even our self-labeling) can last before Him. We all matter. Let us take up God's great commandment, let us live it loving Him and everyone. To live like He does, to be men and women with God's vision.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Psalm 139:14

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 2:3
MONDAY: Psalm 15:1-5
TUESDAY: Acts 2:44-45
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 18:10
THURSDAY: 1 Peter 1:18-19
FRIDAY: Luke 6:31
SATURDAY: James 1:22-27

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may truly know how much I am valued and live valuing others as You value me.

All Saints and All Souls

November is set aside to commemorate those who have preceded us in holy death. We will remember our dearly departed during the month according to age old Catholic custom of commemoration and prayer...a custom known as "wypominki." If you would like the souls of loved ones to be remembered during the Commemoration of All Souls and at every Holy Mass throughout November, please send the names of these loved ones to Fr. Jim by Sunday, October 29th. Envelopes are available in the back of the church. We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints on November 1st at 7pm along with the first reading of the names of our dearly departed. We will also conduct an All Souls service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam, NY on Sunday, November 5th at 2pm.

Spaghetti Dinner – Date Change

Join us for our 2nd annual spaghetti dinner which has been moved to **Saturday, January 20th** from 4pm till 7pm hosted by Joanne Bauer, her three daughters, and three granddaughters. This is a traditional truly homemade spaghetti dinner which includes spaghetti, 2 meatballs, salad, Italian bread, drinks, and Italian cookies.

Eat in or take home. Dinners are \$10 per person, \$5 for children under 10. Children 5 and under are free. Extra meatballs - \$1 each. An order of a dozen meatballs - \$10.

Local Parish Events

Please consider attending one or more of the events being help in our local parishes. These include:

Harvest Dinner at Holy Spirit Parish, 618 Gansevoort Street, Little Falls, NY on November 5th starting at noon. Featuring Roast Pork and Ham. Tickets at \$10 for adults and \$5 for teens. Children 12 and under are free. Take out available.

Home-Made Pot Roast Dinner at Holy Cross Parish, Lakeland, NY on November 11th. Holy Mass at 3pm. Dinner follows and runs from 4 until 6:30pm. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$6 for children 5-12 and children under 5 are Free. Take out is available.

Thanksgiving Pies

Joanne Bauer and Helen Spencer are selling Thanksgiving pies. All pies are 9 inches. Pies are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. Orders will be taken November 1st through 17th. Orders may be picked up between November 20th and 22nd. **To order, call 518-377-1806.**

Youth Commission Raffle

The PNU is hosting a raffle to benefit its College Stipend Program. Donations for tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10. Tickets on the back table.

Your Help Appreciated

Since the beginning of 2012, we have taken on twenty-two major infrastructure projects. God has blessed us greatly. If you wish to help toward the cost of these projects, particularly the cost of the new floor, your donation would be very welcome.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Robert & Stephanie Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Donnie Wright, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel DiIanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo DiIanne, Cassandra Wade, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Crystal Haley. All in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones. Fr. Joseph Kolek
- All those in Public Service, 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
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for the clergy and people of B.V.M. of Częstochowa parish, Latham, NY. Rev. Mark Gnidzinski, Pastor.

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

Coffee Hour: Please join us for Coffee. Your support and assistance are needed for this ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to take a 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 Father Jim.

Of note.:

--- Holy Name: A Place to Belong ---