



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 5, 2017

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XXXI Niedziela zwykła

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

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for śp. Walter and Helen Kupiec

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

Lector: 9:30am Joe Kaczynski, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction
- Coffee Hour/First Communion/Confirmation classes.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).
- All Souls Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2pm.

## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### XXX Niedziela zwykła

November 12, 2017

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

First reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm: Ps. 63:2-8

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.**

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Intention: for all parishioners.

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

Lector: 9:30am Daniel DiLanne, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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

*I should say that the humble man is not of this world. For he is not troubled and altered by sorrows, nor amazed and enthused by joys, but all his gladness and his real rejoicing are in the things of his Master. Humility is accompanied by modesty and self-collectedness: that is, chastity of the senses; a moderate voice; mean speech; self-belittlement; poor raiment; a gait that is not pompous; a gaze directed towards the earth; superabundant mercy; easily flowing tears; a solitary soul; a contrite heart; imperturbability to anger; undistributed senses; few possessions; moderation in every need; endurance; patience; fearlessness; manliness of heart born of a hatred of this temporal life; patient endurance of trials; deliberations that are ponderous, not light, extinction of thoughts; guarding of the mysteries of chastity; modesty, reverence; and above all, continually to be still and always to claim ignorance. – St. Isaac the Syrian*

**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...

- **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 18: Thanksgiving Holy Mass at 11am.**
- **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.**
- **November 21: Solemnity of the Presentation of the B.V.M.**
- **November 23: Thanksgiving.**
- **November 26: Solemnity of Christ the King. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

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.

Getting ready.

“The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Church dedicates the month of November to remembrance and prayer. This month, we recall our faithful departed and offer up prayer for their benefit on their journey to heaven. But what about us?

Unfortunately, in this day and age, we have forgotten or have lost the notion of humility. In the past, no one thought that a person who had died simply floated off into heaven. It’s a nice notion, but far from the truth. The Church rightly teaches that such thinking is false and destructive. Yet now, everyone, regardless of their life or their faith goes to heaven. This is a human invention, and not of God.

In the early Church, such notions were declared a heresy. It is the heresy of universalism – no matter

what you do or believe, you get to heaven. God has no requirements, Jesus taught nothing, we are good enough no matter what we do. No faith in Jesus – no matter. Heresy is a belief or opinion contrary to God’s revealed truth and universalism is a prime heresy, especially today.

Universalism teaches that we have no need to put our faith in Jesus or to be humble before God. We have no need of following Jesus’ teaching. When Jesus told us the He is *the Way* – He was either lying or kidding. Let’s be real – He is either *the Way* or what we do here is foolishness; Christianity is just a waste of energy.

We are here to call to mind and to integrate the fact that none of us is worthy of instant entrance into heaven. Our organizer, Bishop Hodur himself offered prayers and supplications for the departed. He spoke of “*a life of torture, limitless pain, doubt, loneliness, and remorse*” for those who have wasted the opportunities given, “*who have trampled God’s gifts.*” He noted that “*Spiritual death is our own doing.*” No universalism there.

Month of 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. We are conducting an All Souls service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam, NY this afternoon at 2pm.

Fr. Jim Away

Fr. Jim will be away from Monday, November 6th through Thursday, November 9th. In case of emergency, please call Fr. Mark at 518-453-2258. Father will also be away Monday, November 13th through Wednesday, November 15th for the National Clergy Conference. Please keep our Holy Church and all its clergy in your prayers. In case of emergency, call Father’s cell phone.

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.

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.

This month we should especially focus on prayer to God for salvation from such a death – that we be sanctified and remain faithful.

We have something to rightly fear if we do not follow God’s way, if we let anything come between us and the praise, worship, and dedication rightly due God. If we fail to put faith in Jesus and set aside God’s Church and its teachings – we are in trouble. Time is short.

Jesus calls all to a spirit of humility. He calls us to recognize our unworthiness. He commands us to faith, servanthood, and humility. He destroys false notions, this one or that one will reach heaven because of what they are, not who they are. Let us recognize that it IS who we are that counts, our call to humility: *Lord, I am not worthy...* If we declare our faith and live those words, we will be *exalted*.

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

**Philippians 2:3-4**

**Time to Study God’s Word**

SUNDAY: James 4:6  
MONDAY: Luke 14:11  
TUESDAY: Proverbs 22:4  
WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 5:6  
THURSDAY: Colossians 3:12  
FRIDAY: Romans 12:3  
SATURDAY: Proverbs 11:2

**Pray**

Lord Jesus, take all pride from me. Teach me my place so that at the appointed time I may be exalted.

**Praying for...**

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice 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 Sczepkowski, 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 DiLanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo DiLanne, Cassandra Wade, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Crystal Haley, Linda DePaula. 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, Pattric 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 Holy Cross parish, Syracuse, NY. Very Rev. Marian Pociecha, 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* ---