

THE GOSPEL

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LUKE 20:27-38

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 6, 2016

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XXXII Niedziela Zwykła

November 6, 2016

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

First reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

Psalm: Ps 17:1,5-6,8,15

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38

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

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). Exposition and Benediction
- Coffee Hour/School of Christian Living.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXXIII Niedziela Zwykła

November 13, 2016

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

First reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm: Ps 98:5-9

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

Intention: 9:30am for śp. Edward & Josephine Panfil and 11:30am for all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour/School of Christian Living, Parish Breakfast
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

And God, the Father of the universe, who is the perfect intelligence, is the truth. And the Word, being His Son, came to us, having put on flesh, revealing both Himself and the Father, giving to us in Himself resurrection from the dead, and eternal life afterwards. And this is Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. He, therefore, is Himself both the faith and the proof of Himself and of all things. Wherefore those who follow Him, and know Him, having faith in Him as their proof, shall rest in Him. – St. Justin Martyr

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 6: Daylight Savings Ends. 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. All Souls Prayers at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2pm.
- November 7: Holy Mass and Novena at 8am
- November 8: Election Day. Holy Mass and Novena at 8am
- November 11: Veterans' Day.
- November 13: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Breakfast.
- November 14: Parish Committee Meeting, 7pm.
- November 18: Thanksgiving Dinner Preparation at 9am.
- November 19: Seniorate Thanksgiving Holy Mass at 11:00 am followed by a free Thanksgiving Dinner.
- November 23: 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.

What's next.

Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise.

This week and next bring to an end the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. With these weeks we begin our expectation of the end times and Jesus' return as our Lord and King. Today's questions from the Sadducees get to the question of what happens after death and the essential truths of God's kingdom.

The Roman historian of Jewish matters, Josephus, identified the Sadducees as being upper crust socially and economically. They had a great deal of political, social, and religious power. They believed that the soul was not immortal; that

there was no afterlife, and that there were no rewards or penalties after death. They specifically rejected the resurrection of the dead.

It is ironic; the upper one percent denied any idea of hope or reward in the life to come. It sounds like something we might hear in this day and age. If you were the working poor, if you had nothing, you would receive nothing regardless of how faithful you might have been. Again, there is a distinct parallel to our present age. The rich Sadducees had no worries. They saw life as something they could enjoy to the fullest while the rest of the world suffered in despair.

Jesus came to set aside all such notions. He did not just attempt to set them aside. He destroyed this lack of hope with the authority and power of God.

If, like the Sadducees, our concern is about our power in this life and projecting that power into eternal

life we fail to understand the purpose of the Kingdom of heaven. We fail to see essential hope that exists in God's kingdom.

God's kingdom is defined by life, not death. It transcends our senses and time. God's kingdom – to which we are made heirs through Jesus – ends the base and immoral systems of domination and control that mar this life. God's kingdom offers true rewards based on faith as well as our spiritual growth, loyalty of God's way, and righteous living. God's kingdom is limitless and eternal – our awaited home.

Hope does not regard today's riches or defeats, power of lack thereof. As God's children His rewards await us and we will enjoy them eternally. There will be many poor and lonely who will rule in God's kingdom. The lordly and mighty men and women who ruled over institutions and nations and who, if they are lucky enough to even enter into the Kingdom of God, may get an apartment. This is what is next.

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live"

John 11:25

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Thessalonians 4:14

MONDAY: John 6:40

TUESDAY: Romans 8:1

WEDNESDAY: Luke 14:14

THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 6:14

FRIDAY: 1 Thessalonians 4:16

SATURDAY: Acts 24:15

Pray

Lord Jesus, sustain my hope. Bring me into Your kingdom of everlasting life.

Month of November – Holy Memory

Fr. Jim will celebrate the memory of the faithful departed interred at Good Shepherd cemetery in Amsterdam today at 2pm.

Thanksgiving Celebration

Our Seniorate Thanksgiving celebration will be held right here, in our parish, on Saturday, November 19th. Holy Mass will begin at 11am to be followed by a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. We invite you and all your friends and family. We hope for an excellent turn out to welcome our brothers and sisters from throughout the Mohawk Valley. Please RSVP by E-mail or telephone to Stephanie Dominy at sdominy@nycap.rr.com or (518) 369-1346 this week with the number of attendees. Join to help with preparation on Friday, November 18th at 9am. You may also drop off things you have prepared and desserts at this time. Sign up sheets are posted.

Nine Days of Holy Masses and Novenas

As Election Day approaches we are given an opportunity to pray for our country in a special way. We began a series of daily Holy Masses with a Novena to St. Jude offered for the intention of our nation and the upcoming election last Sunday. Please join us on Monday (the Commemoration of St. Willibrord of Utrecht) and on Tuesday, Election Day, at 8am

Your Vote

As Christ followers we are not bound to any ideology, party or even form of government. We are citizens of God's kingdom. During these next few days of political tension and conflict let us practice forgiveness and remember where our true home is. Let us set forth to cast our votes in conformity with the rules of God and His Holy Church. Certainly the choice is always ours – but we err grievously when we fail to put God and His laws of life in charge of our choices.

Free Smoke Detectors

On Saturday, November 12, the American Red Cross will be installing free smoke alarms and providing fire safety education for families in the Schenectady area. To arrange for installation of these free smoke detectors please contact the Red Cross to set up an appointment at (518) 694-5121 or visit <http://www.redcross.org/local/new-york/eastern-new-york/homefires>.

Saint Notes

This week we commemorate St. Willibrord of Utrecht. He was consecrated Bishop of Utrecht (in today's Holland) in 696. He was a missionary to the people of that region bringing the hope we too find in Jesus. It is through St. Willibrord that our Church is linked to the Apostles of Jesus.

SOCL Classes

Parents are reminded that when they had their child baptized, they vowed to have the child educated in the Christian Faith. All youth of the parish should be enrolled and attend SOCL every Sunday.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węgliński, Robert Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright, Fr. Ray Drada, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Muse En Lystrala, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, 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.
- 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 Family Parish, McKeesport, PA, Rev. Bruce Sleczkowski.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. Please volunteer to help.

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. Help is always needed for SOCL especially in instructing and encouraging our youth. Please see Fr. Jim.

--- Share the Spirit and invite others to the Kingdom of God. ---