



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 19, 2017

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXXIII Niedziela zwykła

November 19, 2017

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

First reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

Psalm: Ps. 128:1-5

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for All Souls remembrances.

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/First Communion/Confirmation classes.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

Solemnity of Christ the King

Uroczystość Jezusa Chrystusa, Króla Wszechświata

November 26, 2017

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

First reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

Psalm: Ps. 23:1-3,5-6

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for All Souls remembrances.

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Lector: 9:30am open, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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Nor let it disturb you, dearest brethren, if with some, in these last times, either an uncertain faith is wavering, or a fear of God without religion is vacillating, or a peaceable concord does not continue. These things have been foretold as about to happen in the end of the world; and it was predicted by the voice of the Lord, and by the testimony of the apostles, that now that the world is failing, and the Antichrist is drawing near, everything good shall fail, but evil and adverse things shall prosper. – St. Cyprian of Carthage

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 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.**
- **November 30: Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle.**
- **December 3: 1st Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **December 6: Commemoration of St. Nicholas of Myra. Fr. Jim's 3rd Anniversary of Ordination.**
- **December 8: Solemnity – Conception of the B.V.M.**
- **December 10: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **December 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10:30am followed by Youth Presentation and Vigil Dinner**

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.

Investing rightly.

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away."

In case anyone might have missed it, the past two weeks have focused on getting ready and being prepared. Prepared for what? It is about preparing for wise investing, that is that carrying out of the obligations God has entrusted to us.

Given the time of year and the immanent celebration of Thanksgiving, we might take Jesus teaching on talents as a time to discuss investing in our church. We could turn this day into a discussion of money stewardship and emphasize generosity. While Jesus' parable deals with stewardship, it is about a different kind of investing.

For the past few weeks we have heard Jesus talk about the end times. Jesus has been encouraging us to prepare for his Second Coming. Today, we do not hear a 'Let's get ready for Jesus' coming parable, but are asked to look back – what have we accomplished after we had prepared.

St. Matthew's is writing in the late first century when the church was struggling with Jesus' delayed return. This retelling of Jesus'

parable reminded his people and us that we have been entrusted with great treasure, we have been prepared, and that we will now be held accountable for how we have invested.

In this parable, the man going on a journey represents Jesus. His going on a journey represents His ascension. The servants represent Christians who are awaiting Jesus' Second Coming. The talents represent the blessings God has bestowed on us. The man's return represents Jesus' Second Coming. The master's assessment of the faithfulness – the investment of the servants – represents Jesus' assessment of us at the end of time.

Jesus has entrusted His property to us – His word and the building of His kingdom. He has treated us as individuals, allocating resources in accord with each of our abilities. He neither insults the most able servant among us with trivial responsibilities nor overwhelms the least able servant in the community with impossible tasks.

The parable indeed celebrates active, forward-leaning, risk-taking, involved-in-the-world, where-the-rubber-hits-the-road investment of our preparation.

The master does return, and will settle accounts with us. This will be the time for accountability. Jesus will ask us to show what we have done for Him, for the kingdom. If we have taken our church time, our prayer time, our scripture time, and our fellowship, all in preparation, and have invested it

wisely, if we have taken risks, sweated the details, and have remained while others have hidden, we will be rewarded greatly.

As in the parable, the Lord rewards the servants who have invested in four ways: He gives each investing servant equal treatment even though each servant returns different amounts; He will pronounce us as 'good and faithful.' Nothing feels better than words of praise given by God; He will give us increased responsibility—a promotion; and He will say, "Enter into My joy." This is what the faithful Christian can expect to hear when Christ comes again.

As John Shedd observed, "A ship in harbor is safe, but that is not what ships are for." So, we must not live in fear, prepare and bury what we have learned. We must invest and build for His return.

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Matthew 24:14

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Timothy 3:1-5
MONDAY: Matthew 24:1-2
TUESDAY: Matthew 24:21-22
WEDNESDAY: Revelation 14:12
THURSDAY: Revelation 14:7
FRIDAY: Luke 21:36
SATURDAY: 1 Thessalonians 4:17

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may not only prepare, but also invest wisely. Help me to use all in preparation for Your return.

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, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, 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, 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, Patricia 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 Sacred Heart/Holy Cross Spirit parish, New York Mills, NY. Very Rev. Walter Madej, Pastor.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogoslaw 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.

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. Thank you to all who attended our All Souls service at Good Shepherd Cemetery last Sunday.

Thanksgiving Holy Mass Thank You

Thank you to all who attended our Thanksgiving Holy Mass and reception. We have two pies left for sale at \$8 each (one apple, one pumpkin). During this week, let us honor Him Who gives all good gifts!

Food Collection

We will be collecting dry and canned goods throughout November and December for donation to those in need in our community. Please make a prayerful donation in thankfulness. Please place your donation by the Mary altar in the church. Bless you!

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 held in our local parishes including: **Holiday Bazar** at Holy Cross Parish, Lakeland, NY on Saturday, December 2nd from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. Admission is free.

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.

Of note.:

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