



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 26, 2017

## 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.

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

Lector: 9:30am open, 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).

## 1st Sunday of Advent

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December 3, 2017

Rite: Pew Missal, page 15, Canon, page 28.

First reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,19 – 64:2-7

Psalm: Ps. 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

**Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am 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 (Traditional Rite). Exposition and Benediction.
- Coffee Hour/First Communion/Confirmation classes.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

***Thus it is clear that he who prays for the coming of God's kingdom prays rightly to have it within himself, that there it might grow and bear fruit and become perfect. For God reigns in each of his holy ones. Anyone who is holy obeys the spiritual laws of God, who dwells in him as in a well-ordered city. The Father is present in the perfect soul, and with him Christ reigns, according to the words: We shall come to him and make our home with him. – Origen.***

**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 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. Breakfast.**
- **December 17: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass with Penitential Service at 10:30am followed by Youth Presentation and Vigil Dinner. Greening of the church follows.**
- **December 18: Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm.**
- **December 21: Feast – St. Thomas.**
- **December 24: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Vigil of the Nativity with Holy Mass at 4:30pm**

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.

Radical revolution.

“And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'”

Belonging to a Church, really belonging, being a member and letting people know that one is a part of that church community is a very radical statement. Believe it or not, that makes us revolutionaries. Why so? Because it involves doing, teaching, proclaiming, and acknowledging revolutionary things.

In part, our revolution is a doing revolution. It means carrying out the tasks our Master, Jesus gave us. It is indeed feeding, welcoming, clothing, caring for, and visiting our brothers and sisters in need. That even more so today. Do those things. *If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.*

Our world certainly places a value on being generous and doing good things, but falsely claims that such instinct and works are some kind of natural instinct. Where did it come

from? Who knows? People just do good, because, well they do good. They may even attribute the doing of good things to political leadership.

In part, our revolution is a teaching revolution. In rejecting such notions, we call the world to understand the source of all the good we have. Our revolution is about having a full, informed, and factual knowledge of what God has done for us. The good we do, the structures of civil society had a source, and it wasn’t people’s natural goodness. The rules of a good and generous life, the call to self-sacrifice came from the example, life, and teachings of Jesus Christ. He is the source and the fulfillment of all good. Without His life, humanity would devolve, perhaps not into complete anarchy, but into a disorder that brings us to the disaster of everlasting death. Teach that truth. *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom.*

In part, our revolution is a proclaiming revolution. The world has its stories of the time. The world urges us to talk about certain things and to shut up about others. We must like those things the world and its talking heads approve of and keep the God stuff to ourselves. The world would say, faith is fine in the walls of your home and the walls of your church – but not in public spaces or ‘polite conversation.’ The teaching of Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church to this day are anachronistic (outdated and

obsolete). Yet we know that the teachings of Jesus are the only sure way to everlasting life. The guidance and laws of the Church are the living path to complete life. Proclaim the reality of God and the life of His Church in every place and time without fear. *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.*

Finally, and most completely, our revolution is about the Kingdom of God and Jesus as our only Lord and King. That is the most radical thing ever! It means that nothing else takes precedence, nothing else is important. The Kingdom is a sole goal and all we do, teach, and proclaim is about building the kingdom and getting to the kingdom. No other leader, no political system, no thing, no person can be our king but Jesus. To be counted among the sheep, to make it is to *seek first the kingdom of God.*

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:15

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 103:19  
MONDAY: 2 Peter 3:13  
TUESDAY: Romans 14:17-19  
WEDNESDAY: Luke 17:20-21  
THURSDAY: Matthew 6:9-10  
FRIDAY: Revelation 11:15  
SATURDAY: Revelation 21:1-4

Pray

Lord Jesus, You are my only Lord and King. Grant that I may be focused always on Your Kingdom and all necessary to build it.

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, 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 Parrocchia dello Spirito Santo, Sabaudia, Italy.

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...

Advent Begins

The season of preparation for Jesus’ return begins next Sunday. We transition to the readings for Year B. More importantly, we use this time to transition ourselves by cleansing our hearts and minds through fasting and penitential practices. These practices should include Devotional Reading – get a good Christian book. Listening in Prayer – learn to end talking at God and to listen for His voice. Christian Music – turn off secular Christmas tunes. Give – alms and food for the poor and those in need. Learn – about the Saints of the season including Nicholas, Lucy, Barbara, Bibiana, and Thomas the Apostle. Gain Patience – need the tree up now? Really?!? When Christ returns what will He find in and around us? Let Him find us with hearts prepared and filled with longing for His Kingdom only.

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 help 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.

Christmas Pies

Joanne Bauer and Helen Spencer are selling Christmas pies. All pies are 9 inches. Pies are \$15 each or 2 for \$25. **To order, call 518-377-1806.**

Valentines Raffle

Stay tuned for our annual Outrageous Valentines Raffle.

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.

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