



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 25, 2018

## Solemnity of Christ the King

Uroczystość Jezusa Chrystusa, Króla Wszechświata

November 25, 2018

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

First reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Psalm: Ps 93:1-2,5

**The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.**

Epistle: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33-37

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 (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour, Confirmation Class at 10:30am.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

## 1st Sunday of Advent

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December 2, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14

**To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners.

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am. Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath, Oplatek, New Vestments, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite), Exposition and Benediction with prayers for the parish and vocations.
- Coffee Hour, Confirmation Class at 10:30am.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

***Therefore let the Church of Christ, the city of the great King, full of grace, prolific of offspring, let her say what the prophecy uttered about her so long before by the mouth of this pious mother confesses, My heart is made strong in the Lord, and my horn is exalted in my God. Her heart is truly made strong, and her horn is truly exalted, because not in herself, but in the Lord her God. – St. Augustine, The City of God.***

**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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Here!



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## Upcoming...

- **November 25: Solemnity – Christ the King. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **November 30: Feast – St. Andrew, Apostle.**
- **December 2: 1st Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Blessing and lighting of the Advent Wreath, Blessing of Christmas Waffers/Oplatki, New Vestments.**
- **December 6: Commemoration – St. Nicholas. Fr. Jim's 4th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.**
- **December 8: Solemnity – Conception of the B.V.M.**
- **December 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe.**
- **December 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Youth Musical Presentation, Parish Vigil Dinner.**
- **December 21: Feast – St. Thomas the Apostle.**
- **December 23: 4th Sunday of Advent with Advent Penitential Service. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Greening of the church.**

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.

## Enter the realm.

*Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, who has made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming amid the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him.*

All of our readings and Gospel today preach one essential lesson about our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ: He is King, Lord, and Ruler. He owns all dominion and glory. He is to be served by all, and will be lamented by those who missed the opportunity to do what we do today.

I have been in many church buildings in my life. Cathedrals, Basilicas, large imposing structures build through the hard

work and sacrificial pennies of immigrant ancestors, small and humble wooden structures. No matter what kind or type, even in the most modern, blank wall, social realism inspired church buildings, or older buildings that have been wreck-o-vated, you can always find one point, one corner at least, that glorifies God and His Son Jesus. Those buildings while human built monuments, praise the only King, the only government that matters.

Those places, in their simplicity, in their beauty call to us; they draw our eyes and hearts to Jesus and focus us on all the varied and wonderful aspects of Jesus our King.

More than just the buildings, the gathering of the elect, that's you and me, is what puts it over the top. We are here to praise, magnify, and petition. We kneel and adore. We offer and we trust. We sign and call out with joyful noise to our King. Our human

action, through His grace, draws us closer into His Kingdom and sets forth an eternal sign and action through which we meet Jesus.

Lord, how good it is for us to be Yours, to worship You.

God's eternal love, Jesus' setting aside of heavenly glory to save us is now owned by us. Jesus came not just to save, not just to teach, not just to open heaven to us, but all-in-all to leave us a gift. Put together, all those things are what He most intended, the things that allow us to change, to be different, to be His ministers and heirs to the Kingdom. As St. John saw, He brought *us into a kingdom*, and made us *priests for his God and Father*. Our call is to be His, accept His gift, and enter the realm of the King.

*On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.*

### Revelation 19:16

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 1:1-2  
MONDAY: Hebrews 1:3-4  
TUESDAY: Revelation 17:14  
WEDNESDAY: Revelation 11:15  
THURSDAY: Isaiah 9:6  
FRIDAY: Psalm 47:2  
SATURDAY: Psalm 22:28

### Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me humbleness of heart. Make me Your servant. Grant that I may only worship and adore You.

## Advent Begins

Next Sunday, we begin a new Liturgical Year with the First Sunday of Advent. The Church begins using Readings from Cycle C. Advent is a season of penitence and reflection. We should take that seriously. Rather than gather, sacrifice. Rather than imbibe and eat, donate. Rather than increase in frustration under the pressure of deadlines, consider the Lord's return. Add prayer and scriptural reading to your schedule. The gifts you and others will receive as a result will exceed your wildest expectations – indeed they will show forth God's promises in abundance!

## Parish Vigil, Other Advent Events

Several events occur in the pre-Christmas season.

On Sunday, December 16th, there will only be one Holy Mass at 10am. We will then hold our annual youth musical presentation. We have so many talented young musicians among us (don't forget – apply for those music scholarships and incentive awards) and this year's presentation will be particularly beautiful. Following the youth presentation, we will hold our annual meatless vigil dinner. The parish is providing the main dish of fish as we always do. Please bring a meatless dish to share. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the church and downstairs.

On Sunday, December 23rd, we will have a normal Holy Mass schedule. During each Holy Mass, we will hold our Advent penitential service, a chance to get right with the Lord before Christmas begins. Between Holy Masses, we will 'green' the church, arranging our flowers and decorations for the Lord's coming.

## Valentine's Raffle

This coming year, 2019, we will once again hold our Outrageous Valentine's raffle to support the youth of our Church and our parish. Tickets will be in the mail shortly. They make a great gift!

## Food Collections

Our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food collection for those in need in our local community is underway. Please leave your offerings by the Mary Altar.

## #GivingTuesday

A recently released peer reviewed study in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology indicates that those who take an interest in the wellbeing of others, who are charitable, and who sacrifice earn more money than those who are cutthroat, selfish, and self-centered. While the majority of people surveyed thought selfish and greedy people would earn more and be better off, the real results showed that givers had higher earnings and ended up with larger families/more children. Givers ended up better off. This Tuesday, November 27th is #GivingTuesday. We encourage you to be sacrificial and generous this day, throughout Advent, and into the New Year. God promises to pour out His blessing on the generous.

## Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Donnie Wright, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Paul Griswold, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel DiIanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo DiIanne, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Crystal Haley, Michelle & Eric, Tina Haq, Louis Kiernan, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Allen Panfil, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Marysia, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Sal Madalone, and 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, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Sr. Robert Pleczkowski, Fr. Andrew Bilinski.
- 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 Holy Trinity Parish, New Castle, PA.

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

Of note...

**Coffee Hour:** Thank you to all who supported our ministry of hospitality. It will return in September. Please sign up to take a week when the new weekly list is posted.

**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 140 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

--- I can do all things through him who strengthens me. ---