

Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 17, 2019

TOGETHER

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time XXXIII Niedziela zwykła

November 17, 2019

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

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 and 11:30am for all parishioners, youth, vocations, and the dearly departed.

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

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

- Prayers at 9:20am, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. The day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

R. But according to His promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without

Solemnity of Christ the King

Uroczystość Jezusa Chrystusa, Króla Wszechświata

November 24, 2019

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

First reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm: 122:1-5

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Epistle: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

Intention: 9:30am for śp. Arthur Green Sr., Mildred Green, Eva and for the work of Alcoholics Anonymous; 11:30am for all parishioners and our dearly departed.

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

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

- Prayers at 9:20am, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
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NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

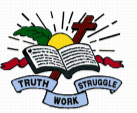
V. The Lord guides the world with a turn of His hand, and all things obey His will. For He is King of all, and by His power He separates what is holy from what is not.

R. All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; All the families of the nations shall bow down before Him. For dominion is the Lord's, and He rules the nations.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Upcoming...

- **November 17: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **November 18: Holy Mass for Healing. Parish Committee Meeting.**
- **November 21: Solemnity - Presentation of the B.V.M.**
- **November 24: Solemnity - Christ the King. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **November 28: Thanksgiving.**
- **November 30: Feast - St. Andrew the First Called, Apostle.**
- **December 1: 1st Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **December 4: Candlelit Rorate Holy Mass at 7am.**
- **December 6: Commemoration - St. Nicholas of Myra.**
- **December 8: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

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.

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.

I know better than God.

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the LORD of hosts. But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

I have always wondered, really wondered about those who predict when the end will come, when the last days will arrive. More than that, I wonder why anyone would follow someone claiming to know.

As I mentioned last week, some people try to do biblical math, adding up various aspects of scripture, especially from the Books of Daniel and Revelation to reveal when the last days will come. As I also mentioned, I am not very good at regular math,

and even if I were, I would not attempt it, it would be a foolish exercise. I do not know better than God. Consider also the many failed end time predictions that started with the Essenes in the 1st Century and continue through today. There are even predictions for the future stretching out as far as a googol (10^{100}) years from now. So many think they know better than God. Don't be fooled.

As Christians we need to act smartly, not foolishly. We need to have an understanding of last things that only comes from taking Jesus at His word - that not even He knew, and that we must be prepared. Sure, lots of things will happen as history unfolds, but those must not dissuade us. Justice and healing await us.

As far as the end times, we cannot know it, we cannot predict it or figure it, but we

have to live constantly expectantly for it is immanent. We must be Eschatologically focused. So, how do we do that?

We do that by looking to the totality of Jesus' encounter with us and our encounter with Him. History did not start with His human birth and did not end with His Ascension. He is, after all, the Alpha and Omega. When we encounter Him in the Eucharistic celebration we are pulled into the totality of His eternity. We stand with Him from before time to beyond time. We must then stay Christ focused, following His model for life so that we are well prepared. We must live without fear, ready to give witness to Him by active ministry, mission, proclamation, and invitation. We don't know better than God, but we know, as Jesus promised, that by our perseverance, we secure our lives.

But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

2 Timothy 3:1

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 24:36
MONDAY: Matthew 24:44
TUESDAY: 2 Peter 3:10
WEDNESDAY: Revelation 1:3
THURSDAY: Revelation 1:7
FRIDAY: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
SATURDAY: John 3:16

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant us the grace of preparedness for the times to come and the blessing of confidence in You above all things.

Seniorate Thanksgiving Thank You

The Mohawk Valley Seniorate's Thanksgiving celebration was a wonderful, well attended event. Thank you to all from our parish that attended. After beautiful worship, we gathered for a wonderful dinner. It was great to gather together, and we look forward to the next event, our Lenten Retreat. Mark your calendars for March 7th.

Pre-Advent Prep.

In these weeks, we encounter Gospels of the end times. Further, throughout November we pray for the beloved departed in our families and among our friends. This of course brings to mind our own immortality and the judgment of God. May He have mercy on us. Following that, Advent dawns and the light begins to grow. There is much to do in this season of holy preparation. Please redouble prayer, charitable giving, and consider something we might do as a parish family to prepare for the return of our Savior and King

Rorate Holy Mass

What is a Rorate Holy Mass? It is a custom from antiquity to celebrate a special votive Holy Mass, typically on Wednesday's in Advent, in honor of the Blessed Virgin. This Rorate Holy Mass is celebrated in the dark, just before sunrise, by candlelight only. We are reviving this tradition this Advent, starting Wednesday, December 4th.

Church Year

We have one week left in the current Church year and only about 5 weeks left in 2019. Please consider this time as opportune for increased prayer and sacrifice. The New Church Year begins Sunday, December 1st. We will be moving to the readings and gospels in Cycle A. Please consider your giving and the fulfillment of your membership dues commitment in these few final weeks. Stay tuned for all the great events occurring throughout Advent.

YMSofR Clothing Drive

Starting November 1st, Branch 56 of the YMSofR began its clothing drive that will last through January 20th. Any type of clothing is welcome. Drop your items and bags off downstairs. Branch 56 will count the clothing and deliver it weekly to local charities that supply those in need such as Vet House, located in Ballston Spa serving veterans, The Guardian House which serves homeless female veterans, the Bridge Christian Church which serves our neighborhood, and others. This is part of a national service project. Help us help you clean out those basements and closets!

Late Fall/Winter Food Collection

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.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Marica Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Dolores Konicki, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Wayne Wienclawski, Zach, Stanley Ordon, David Urbanski, Greg Kaczmarek, Dewey Rogers, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Garrett Grochowski, Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patricia 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 the people and clergy of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish, Wallington, NJ.

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

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. There is a sign-up sheet. Please take a week. We need your 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 reconstituted branch 140/168 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

--- Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. ---