

# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 24, 2019

## TOGETHER

## 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.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

### THIS 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.**

## 1st Sunday of Advent

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December 1, 2019

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 92.

First reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Ps 122:1-9

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

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

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, Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Oplątek, pg D2-3, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3. Exposition and Benediction.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

### NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

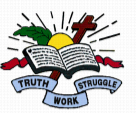
V. I wait for You, O Lord; I lift up my soul to my God. In You I trust; do not let me be disgraced; do not let my enemies gloat over me.

**R. No one is disgraced who waits for You, but only those who lightly break faith.**

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 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. Blessing and lighting of the Advent Wreath, Blessing of Christmas Waffers/Oplątki.**
- **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.**
- **December 9: Solemnity - Conception of the B.V.M.**
- **December 11: Candlelit Rorate Holy Mass at 7am.**

**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.

## In it to win it.

*The rulers sneered at Jesus.  
Even the soldiers jeered at him.  
One of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus.*

In two of the three yearly cycles of readings, the Gospel for Christ the King comes from Jesus' Passion and from His suffering on the Holy Cross, as in today's Gospel. In the other year, it is the Gospel of Jesus separating the sheep from the goats at the final judgment. That separation is based upon what we have done. None of these Gospels outrightly gives us a sense of the glories of Jesus' Kingship or the magnificence of the Heavenly Kingdom.

These Gospels, and the readings around them may cause us to wonder what it means to be subjects of the King, our Lord and Savior, the very Kingship we celebrate today.

Much of our world is focused on victory, isn't it? The old saying, 'You have to be in it to win it,' doesn't focus on being part of a community or a team. Rather, it focuses us on winning above all.

Winning, whether on the sports field, at work, in social circles, while cooking, or online is what we understand we must do. Especially in the Western world and in our country in particular, winning is prized, everything else classifies us as losers. Even our choices have to be winning choices. Is our chosen team the big winner, the champion? Is our favorite on the Great British Bake-Off going to make it? Did we overcome in the Facebook political argument? Is our political party on top?

As our Gospels for this day show, winning, being

champions, overcoming in God's Kingdom and for our King is very different than anything the world expects. Being under the Lordship and Sovereignty of Jesus is not about winning at all - the winning was taken care of once and for all on the cross of Jesus. Our call in Jesus' Kingdom is simply to be in it. Winning, as St. Paul would put it, is about being nailed to the Cross of Christ so to share in His victory.

Being under the King means we have to be seen as losers by the world's standards. It means we never fail to go out of our way to help, to give, to sacrifice our agenda for another. It means life in the brotherhood and sisterhood of community. It means fasting so another may eat. It means speaking God's truth to power. Yes, we who are in Christ have won. The glories will come if for now we are real with zeal for the Kingdom.

*Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.*

**Romans 12:11**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Titus 2:14  
MONDAY: Isaiah 59:17  
TUESDAY: Revelation 3:19  
WEDNESDAY: Romans 10:2  
THURSDAY: Philippians 1:27  
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 9:27  
SATURDAY: Galatians 6:9

## Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant us zeal for Your Kingdom. Help us in laying ourselves aside so as to attain to Your glory.

## The Advent Season

Silence, giving, sacrifice, fasting, expectation. Let us be real with zeal this Advent. Our Advent schedule includes our vigil dinner on Sunday, December 15th with one Holy Mass at 10:30 (please sign up to bring a dish) and the greening of the Church on Sunday, December 22nd. Please stick around to help. Also see the note below about Rorate Holy Masses.

### 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 at 7am.

### Church Year

We have less than one week left in the current Church year and only about 4 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 All Saints Parish, Rome, NY.

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. ---*