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# NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER

# 2020

HERE IS A CALL FOR THE ENDURANCE OF THE SAINTS, THOSE WHO KEEP THE  
COMMANDMENTS OF GOD AND THEIR FAITH IN JESUS.

We start the month of November, as always, with a Solemnity honoring all the saints. Revelation 14:12 challenges the saints to endurance in keeping *the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus*.

If there was ever a year in which we have been called to endurance it was this one. What is this saying to us and what can we learn from this?

Younger people might say: "I'm gonna hang tough for Jesus, suck it up and stick it out," but that glorifies our abilities outside of Jesus, saying I can do it on my own. That is not our call, the call to those who would be saints. Rather, we are called to trust fully in Jesus.

'*Here is a call*' is an announcement pointing to the **faith of Jesus**. It's the **faith of Jesus** that must live within us and be our power to face life's trials.

If we focus on ourselves instead of our Savior we set ourselves up for failure. We pose as hardened spiritual Rambos. That promotes self-trust and pretending. Human perseverance is a strength for sure,

and God can use it, but that is not enough. God can't do anything with us when we're trusting in our own strength or leaning on our own understanding. Paul got it and told the Corinthians to rejoice in *weaknesses. For when I am weak, then I am strong*.

The key to enduring the unendurable is to lift our eyes off present circumstances and ourselves, and to focus on what the Lord will bring about even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us.

These challenges and hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us who are called to be saints.

What Revelation is saying and what we can learn is this: That Jesus living within us is our true strength, the center of our lives. He calls us to rely on Him and to endure in that truth so that His light shines out of us. Jesus is the treasure within us, called to be saints, with a hope beyond hope and a blessed future.

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## Rt. Reverend śp. Stanley M. Bilinski, 2nd Anniversary

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Two years ago, on November 2nd, All Souls Day, just after the end of All Saints Day, our beloved former pastor, the Rt. Rev. śp. Stanley M. Bilinski reposed in the Lord.

Bishop śp. Stan, as a priest, served in the Capital Region for over twenty years.

He first came to Holy Name of Jesus parish to assist Fr. Dr. śp. Jonathan Trela during his time of illness and continued his pastorship through 2011.

Besides his immediate pastoral

leadership in parishes, Fr. Stan was active in area ecumenical activities. He oversaw the Albany International Airport prayer room on behalf of the Capital Area Council of Churches. He taught in area schools, putting his education degree to good use with the family he most loved - youth. He was involved in many charitable activities lending mental and physical labor to various projects.

He was the Church's National Youth Chaplain for many years and was also active in the Church's bowling and music programs. He was the Church's lead in Orthodox-PNCC dialogs.

Eternal rest grant unto Your servant, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him!

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## Month of All Souls

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The Holy Church sets aside the month of November to commemorate those who have preceded us in holy death.

As Christians we recognize that death is not an ending, but rather a change. We pass through death into everlasting life. We remain joined with all those who have died. We rely on them for their intercession on our behalf. They rely on our prayers and intercession to ease their transition, their journey into the glory of heaven.

We will remember our dearly departed all month according to the

age old Catholic custom of commemoration and prayer...a custom known as "wypominki."

We will remember all those entrusted to our prayer prior to every Holy Mass in November.

We will hold our annual blessing of graves at Good Shepherd Cemetery on Sunday, November 1st at 2pm.

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### **Constant Thanksgiving**

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To all who planned, helped at and prepared for our Goulash Dinner.

To all our goulash dinner patrons for

your support.

To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love and charity on behalf of our parish.

To the members of our Parish Committee for their hard work and sacrifice!!!!

To our wonderful altar servers, lectors, and our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure.

God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać! Grazie mille! Thank you!!!

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### **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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#### Birthdays

3 Tiffany Martucci, Andrew DeCocco  
4 Elizabeth, Gary, and Walter

Węglinski  
12 Kayla Boyland, Ariel Dopp  
14 Scott Bard, Tom Caulfield  
19 Victoria Konicki  
20 Anthony Heins  
21 Tania Boniecki  
23 Jan Shufelt, Oswald Martucci  
26 Julie Slezak  
28 Alice Houser  
30 Fr. Jim

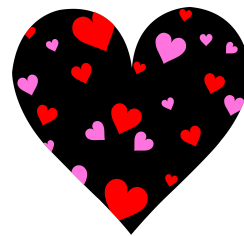
Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

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### **Outrageous Valentine's Raffle**

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This coming year, 2021, we will once again hold our Outrageous Valentine's raffle to support the youth of our Church and our parish. including support for the annual KURS summer encampment and the postponed Convo 2021.



We need your support to give our young people a great beginning. Each Outrageous Valentine's Raffle ticket gives the purchaser a chance to win up to \$1,180. The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle will include drawings for \$40 daily prizes and a \$100 daily prize on Valentine's Day. The raffle is drawn each day of the month, giving the ticket holder 29 chances to win. Winning tickets are returned to the raffle bucket, making them eligible to win again and again.

Tickets will be mailed out this month. Each family is being asked to sell a total of 10 tickets. Tickets cost only \$10 each. They also make a great gift for Christmas – add one to a card for that special person.

Kindly do your best in selling as many tickets as you possibly can. Your effort is truly appreciated and is very important to our young people. Feel free to contact Fr. Jim at 518-372-1992 or 518-522-0944 with any questions or concerns.

We thank you for your support and wish you good luck!

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## **YMSofR CLOTHING COLLECTION**

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Each year, the YMSofR takes up a service project. This year, the men of our YMSofR Branch 56, and Branches across the country, are holding a clothing drive from November 1st through January 20th. Last year we collected the most clothing.

Any type of clothing is welcome. Drop your items off in the church hall. 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. Help us help you clean out those basements and closets!

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## **Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Collection**

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We are 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!

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## **Planning For:**

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Holy Masses on Sundays are at 10am unless otherwise noted.

- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints - Sunday Holy Mass with a reading of the names of our dearly departed. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2pm. Daylight Savings Ends.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls. Holy Mass at 7pm with a reading of the names of our dearly departed.
- November 3: Election Day.
- November 7: Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht.
- November 8: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- November 11: Veteran's Day/ Remembrance Day/Polish Independence Day. Holy Rosary at 7pm.

- November 15: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- November 16: Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting, 7pm.
- November 21: Solemnity of the Presentation of the B.V.M.
- November 22: Solemnity of Christ the King. Also, Commemoration of St. Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr, Patroness of Musicians.
- November 26: Thanksgiving.
- November 29: 1st Sunday of Advent/Cycle B Begins.
- November 30: Feast - St. Andrew the Apostle

Stay tuned for:

- Candlelit Rorate Holy Masses Wednesday's in Advent at 7am.
- St. Nicholas Day
- Greening of the Church
- Christmas
- St. Stephen's Day
- 2021!!!!

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## Goulash Dinner Thank You

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A huge thank you to Larry, Liz, Adam, and Victoria for their hard work in getting last Sunday's goulash dinners ready, to Joe for getting signs up, to Jeff for doing the running, and to all pitching in to safely deliver the dinners to our supporters. Thank you to all who

supported this effort by buying dinners (we really hope you enjoyed them). We planned to produce 1,920 oz (120 dinners), and indeed we sold out. Not only was dinner profitable, God blessed us by having 347 oz. leftover which we delivered to City Mission for their Sunday Dinner.

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## Month of the Rosary Thank You

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We prayed the rosary together every Wednesday in October at 7pm. Thank you to all who attended in-person and virtually. A special thank you to Lauren for leading the 3rd week. We plan to hold rosary once a month going forward. The next date is November 11th. Watch your bulletin and newsletter for future dates. Join in prayer as we bring the needs of our nation, families, parish, and our own personal ones before the Lord in prayer as we reflect upon the events of salvation history.

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## PLANNING FOR OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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In 2021 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish. We will have a 100th anniversary celebration kick-off meeting on Sunday, November 8th immediately following Holy Mass. We will convene in the church basement (socially distanced) and discuss ideas for next year. If anyone is

unable to attend, but would like to join the planning committee and/or submit ideas, then send your information to [alyssa.DePaula@gmail.com](mailto:alyssa.DePaula@gmail.com).

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## **What if the whole world came together on one day to give?**

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#GivingTuesday is December 1st. Let us use this special day to refocus ourselves on the spirit of Advent sacrifice and preparation and do our part in having an impact. Everyone can have an impact on #GivingTuesday by pledging time, skills, voice, and dollars to support your charity of choice. We encourage you to do so.

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## **November 4th?**

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By Chip Ingram

When you wake up on the morning of November 4, one of three things will have happened: Joe Biden will be the new president, Donald Trump will continue as president, or the results of the election will be unclear and emotions and accusations will be running high.

As I considered this, I prayed deeply and asked Our Heavenly Father what He would want me to share with you. My mind went a million different directions as I pondered the fear, uncertainty, anger, and potential division that you, our country, and fellow believers might be facing after the election.

So I took a long, slow prayer walk and sensed the Holy Spirit giving me a very clear message to pass on to you. "Chip, tell My people there is something 100 times more important than who wins this election!" And that something is: How They Respond to the Outcome - Regardless of Who Wins!

As important and vital as this election is, and all the implications for the United States, the Church, and the world, it will one day be a very small blip on the screen of history. What seems so overwhelming, important, and urgent today will pale as it fits into a far larger plan. Christ followers need to keep the "big picture" in mind in order to face the future with confidence.

As I sought to get that "big picture" perspective for myself the Lord vividly impressed four things on my mind:

1. To those who think I take sides in battles and elections, remind them of Jericho.

*Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his servant?" The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. - Joshua 5:13-15 NIV*

The Point: God's agenda and purposes will not be reduced to anyone's battles or limited perspective on how things should progress; no matter how righteous we deem them to be. Personal submission to Almighty God, and reverent worship of

Him are our first priority. Outcomes are to be left to His sovereign purposes after we have done all that we're called to do.

2. To those who think the "sky is falling" because of the current crisis, chaos, or because they think the newly elected candidate threatens their future; remind them I'm sovereign.

*For not from the east, nor from the west, nor from the desert comes exaltation; but God is the Judge; He puts down one and exalts another. - Psalm 75:6-7 NASB*

The Lord has used all kinds of leaders, with all kinds of backgrounds, with all kinds of foibles to orchestrate and fulfill His sovereign purposes in world history. Today is no exception. Scripture makes it clear that some leaders are chosen by God to deliver His people, while others have been appointed to judge them. God uses faithful followers like Gideon, Deborah, and Moses as well as pagan leaders like Darius and Nebuchadnezzar.

3. For those who feel abandoned, disappointed or hopeless because of the growing evil, immorality and persecution they experience because of My name; remind them of what I told them: Trials are Inevitable!

*Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you. - 1 Peter 4:12 NASB*

*These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation but take courage; I have overcome the world. - John 16:33 NASB*

*Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. - 2 Timothy 3:12 NASB*

This world is not heaven, so do not expect that following Jesus will mean your life will be easy or without suffering and persecution. In like manner, the United States is not the kingdom of God. It's a country that God has chosen to bless greatly in the past because His Name and Word were honored. That's no longer the case. We now live in a post-Christian nation and must adjust our expectations and assignment from the Lord accordingly.

4. Finally, and most importantly, remind My people that THEY are THE LIGHT of the world!

LIGHT brings life, healing, love, and holiness. LIGHT prays for those who persecute them, loves their enemies, and does good deeds of kindness to all people so they will glorify their Father in heaven. LIGHT shines brightest in the darkness, and crisis and difficulties are not only times of CHAOS, but also of great OPPORTUNITY.

Those 4 Truths must shape our perspective and prepare us to fulfill our God-ordained mission regardless of who wins this election

THE QUESTION: How do we let our LIGHT shine in this super-challenging, complex, and divisive environment? How do we practically face the future with confidence?

THE ANSWER: This is not new, nor uncharted territory for God's people. Although extraordinarily difficult, a case can be made that God's purposes seem to thrive when life is most difficult for His people.

The early Church was birthed at a time of political upheaval, brutality, and injustice. Racial tensions existed between Jew and Gentile both within and outside the

church. 70% of the early Christians were slaves. After the burning of Rome, Christians were blamed and persecution skyrocketed.

Into this parallel context, God speaks through the half-brother of Jesus, the apostle James, and provides a message and a mandate about how to face the future with confidence.

His message is what I call The A.R.T. of Survival. Through an extraordinary series of circumstances in the last 90 days, I've had the privilege to teach this truth from God's Word to people all across India, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. In circumstances far more challenging than our own, the Lord has used this teaching to give them hope, perspective, and the strength to persevere.

As I thought and prayed about what you would be facing in these days following the election; I wanted to help you, encourage you, and do what we are called to do—help Christians live like Christians.

Now is not the time to blame, withdraw, retreat or lose hope. We were chosen for this time in history to make a difference—to be the salt, the light, and the love of God manifested in everyday life. It will not be easy. We will need to think clearly, pray deeply, and draw near to God with the promise that He will draw near to us. Our God will give us all we need.

We cannot control what has or will happen in our country, or our circumstances—but we can control how we respond!

*Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result,*

*so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. - James 1:2-4 NASB*

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## Thanksgiving Prayer

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O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remember the jobless; When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer, And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and help me be concerned enough to help; By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

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## A Prayer for Our Country

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We thank Thee, Lord, for America, our home. We bless Thee for the liberty, the opportunity, and the abundance we share. But above all we praise Thee for the traditions which have made our country great, and for the patriots who have laid the foundations through faith, courage, and self-sacrifice. Teach us in our own day the meaning of citizenship, and help us to be faithful stewards of the responsibility which Thou entrusted to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at 10am with the reading of the names of our dearly departed afterward.</p> <p>Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2pm.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at 7pm.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Election Day – please vote</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht</p>
<p>8</p> <p>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veteran's Day Narodowe Święto Niepodległości Holy Rosary at 7pm.</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Holy Mass and Anointing for Healing at 6:15pm.  Parish Committee Meeting, 7pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Solemnity - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Solemnity of Christ the King. Also, Commemoration of St. Cecelia - Holy Mass at 10am.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Thanksgiving</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>1st Sunday of Advent - Holy Mass at 10am.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle</p>					

## EVENTS

### December Upcoming

- Rorate Holy Masses
- 6th - St. Nicholas/Św. Mikołaj
- 8th – Conception of the B.V.M.
- Greening of the Church
- Wigilia and Christmas

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