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# **NEWSLETTER**

## **NOVEMBER**

# **2021**

"BUT STAY AWAKE AT ALL TIMES, PRAYING THAT YOU MAY HAVE STRENGTH TO ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO TAKE PLACE, AND TO STAND BEFORE THE SON OF MAN."

**I**n our Catholic tradition we consider Advent to be a time of fasting, prayer, and penitence. To modern ears that seems weird. Isn't the whole Advent season about getting ready for Christmas? After all, this isn't Lent.

Liturgically, Advent may look penitential (at least in some parishes priests use violet vestments). In our parish we use blue vestments, a valid liturgical color in our Church. This more clearly distinguishes Advent from Lent. We focus on the expectation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and on our own expectation of Christmas, Jesus' first coming. We also use Advent to focus on the end of the world, Jesus' triumphant return. Thus the need for readiness.

Advent is indeed a period of devout and expectant preparation, getting ready, and does have a penitential character. We all need to take ongoing sanctification (becoming more Christ-like) seriously and both Advent and Lent call this to mind in a very focused way. As Lent is a

preparation for the awesome celebration of the Resurrection, so Advent is preparation for the celebration of Jesus' birth and return.

We are to spend Advent reflecting on the areas of our spiritual and material lives where we fall short in living up to the standards Jesus set for us; working diligently so we are ready for the Bridegroom's return. We should not lose the opportunity of Advent, but rather take advantage of it.

Throughout Advent, like in Lent, we should be focused on prayer, scriptural reading, works of charity, all part of personal growth as we await Jesus' return. We should take time to fast and pray so that Jesus might find us ready to meet Him each day and upon His return.

This Advent we focus on the Promises of God, promises that are guaranteed. We will take steps together to grow in Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Come to church on November 28th for your free book and let us prepare together.

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## Return of Daily Holy Mass

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Advent marks the return of daily Holy Mass in our parish. Holy Mass will be held Monday through Friday at noon. Let us use this time of prayer and reflection as part of our Advent preparations and as a new good habit at the start of the new liturgical year.

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## Rorate Holy Mass - Wednesdays in Advent

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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 continuing this

tradition this Advent, starting Wednesday, December 1st at 7:30am. The other dates are December 8th, 15th, and 22nd. No noon Holy Mass will be celebrated those days.

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## Centennial CELEBRATION!

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Wow! Just  
WOW!!!

On the  
weekend of  
October 1st  
through 3rd  
we celebrated  
our

Centennial year in grand fashion.

The weekend began with a Solemn Vespers of Thanksgiving on the evening of Friday, October 1st.

On Saturday, October 2nd, we gathered in a packed church to think God for His awesome blessings. Most Rev. Dr. Anthony Mikovsky celebrated a Solemn High Mass and Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki gave the homily. In addition to all of the wonderful parishioners and friends in attendance, we had many ecumenical and political dignitaries in attendance. 174 people watched online. Following Holy Mass, we gathered at the Edison Club for a magnificent banquet. We thank all those who assisted in Holy Mass, the members of the Harmonia and Concordia Choirs, Nick and Christian who served, Lauren DeBlois who read from the Old Testament and

led the Responsorial Psalm, and to Very Rev. Marian Pochiecha and Rev. Rafal Dadello from the Mohawk Valley Seniorate.

On Sunday, October 3rd, the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Fr. Jim celebrated Holy Mass in the presence of the Prime Bishop and Diocesan Bishop. Prime Bishop Mikovsky gave the homily. After Holy Mass we gathered for a wonderful breakfast in the parish hall.

Thank you so much to all who played a part in any way in the preparations, to our wonderful leader, Alyssa DePaula-Carlson, our Parish Committee, and to each and every one of you.

Photos from the Edison Club are available for download and printing on the parish website at <https://www.holynamencc.org/100-years/centennial-photos/>

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## Parish History Documented

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On Saturday, October 23rd, the Annual Polish National Catholic Scholars Conference was held virtually via Zoom. Fr. Jim was asked to present a paper on the history of Holy

Name of Jesus parish.

Twenty single spaced pages, six

appendices, and five pages of endnotes later, this history was compiled. This history will be published in the PNCC Studies Journal. We will let you know when the journal is available.

Fr. Jim is thankful to all who diligently maintained parish records over the years, to Rev. Dr. śp. Jonathan Trela who had compiled many of the materials as part of his studies, and to all who spoke with him in interviews.

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## XIII Diocesan Synod

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The Thirteenth Holy Synod of the Central Diocese will be held from November 12th through 13th at All Saint's Parish in Rome, New York. Please implore the blessings, graces, and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

*Come Holy Spirit, enkindle the hearts of Thy faithful with the fire of Thy love! Come, O Holy Spirit! Open our hearts to feel your life, to act on the word, and love you. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, prepare us for your blessing; guide our Synod, and bless Your Holy Polish National Catholic Church that we may do your will, for you are one God living and true, now and forever. Amen.*

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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 glories 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 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 7th at 2:30pm.

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## Rt. Reverend śp. Stanley M. Bilinski, 3rd Anniversary

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Three 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 served as a priest 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 daily 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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## **YMSofR CLOTHING COLLECTION**

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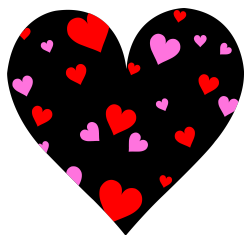
Each year, the YMSofR takes up a service project. This year, the men of our YMSofR Branch 56, and Branches across the country, are holding a clothing drive through November 28th. Two year's ago we collected the most clothing nationwide.

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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## **Outrageous Valentine's Raffle**

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This coming year, 2022, 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 twice postponed Convo which will be held in 2022 in the Western Diocese.

We need your support to give our young people a great beginning in 2022. 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. Winning tickets are drawn on Sundays in February. Every ticket holder has 28 chances to win since winning tickets are returned to the raffle for each drawing.

Tickets will be mailed out soon. 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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## **Pizza Party, Games and Movies**

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Two years ago, as winners in the national clothing collection drive, our parish YMSofR Branch was



awarded funds for fellowship. We are using those funds to host a pizza party, game and movie night on Saturday, November 6th from 4 to 7pm. Please join us.

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### **Constant Thanksgiving**

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

To Alyssa who crafted the most wonderful celebration of our Centennial year. It was exceptional. We are forever grateful for your hard work and dedication!!!!



To all who took time through cards, and a very nice celebration on October 31st, marking Fr. Jim's retirement from State Service.

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 and to Mike Emanuele for his musical talents.

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 Oswald Martucci

26 Julie Slezak

28 Alice Houser

30 Fr. Jim

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

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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 and Noon unless otherwise noted.**

- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Mass with a reading of the names of our dearly departed at 7pm.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon with a reading of the names of our dearly departed. Also Election Day.

- November 7: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht. Daylight Savings Ends. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2:30pm.
- November 11: Veteran's Day/ Remembrance Day/Polish Independence Day.
- November 12-13: XIII Holy Synod of the Central Diocese.
- November 14: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- November 15: Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting, 7pm.
- November 21: Solemnity of Christ the King.
- November 22: Solemnity of the Presentation of the B.V.M. (translated). Also, Commemoration of St. Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr, Patroness of Musicians. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 25: Thanksgiving.
- November 28: 1st Sunday of Advent/Cycle C/II Begins.

**Daily Holy Mass on Monday through Friday at Noon begins.**

- November 28: Daily Holy Mass at Noon begins.
- November 30: Feast - St. Andrew the Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon.

Stay tuned for:

- Candlelit Rorate Holy Masses Wednesday's in Advent at 7:30am.
- St. Nicholas Day

- Vigil Dinner, December 12th.
- Greening of the Church, December 19th.
- Christmas
- Blessing of Wine
- 2022!!!!

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## Month of the Rosary Thank You

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We prayed the rosary together every Thursday in October at 7pm. Thank you to all who attended in-person and virtually. The rosary is a beautiful devotion and we invite you to undertake a family rosary as we join in prayer bringing the needs of our nation, families, parish, and our own personal ones before the Lord.

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## NATIONAL CLERGY CONFERENCE

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The National Clergy Conference and Retreat of the Polish National Catholic Church took place October 25-27 at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Lancaster, NY.

Father Jim was in attendance to report on his work as National Vocations Commission Director and

to learn in various presentations on liturgy (what we do when we publicly worship), doctrine (what the church teaches), dialogue (our formal communications with other Christian denominations), everyday policy, and more.

We were also blessed to hear from Dr. William Keimig, the Assistant Director of the Catechetical Institute at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. Dr. Keimig specializes in ministering to pastors and others who carry out the task of teaching the faith.

Of course, the Conference was enhanced by the great fellowship we experienced with our bishops, priests, and deacons. The Cathedral YMSofR hosted each night.

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## November Discipleship Example - St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

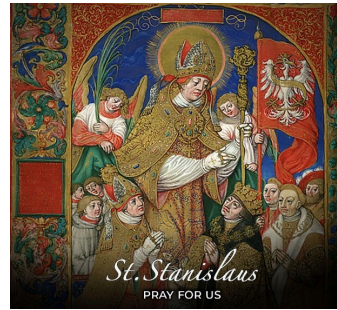
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**Holy Scriptures:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; 1 Peter 3:14-17; Luke 9:23-26; John 15:18-21

**Reflection:** Stanislaus (1030-1079) is the patron saint of Poland. In his episcopal ministry he stood up to and challenged the king for his cruelty towards people. This eventually led to the king killing him with a sword while he was at the altar.

Lord God of mercies, for whose honor Your Bishop Stanislaus fell to the sword of his persecutors, grant

that, as we reverence the memory of St. Stanislaus who safeguarded the poor and outcast and gave his life defending your sacred Gospel,



we may persevere, strong in faith, following his example of self-sacrifice and fortitude.

What ways can you continue to be strong in faith even in times of trial?

**Action Item:** Offer support and prayer for someone who has been persecuted for living their Christian Faith. Also, as we celebrate Thanksgiving this month, let us show our thanks to Almighty God by helping others who are in need.

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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.



# November 2021

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

## EVENTS

### December Upcoming

- Candlelit Rorate Holy Masses on Wednesdays at 7:30am.
- 6th - St. Nicholas/Św. Mikołaj
- 12th – Vigil Dinner
- 19th – Greening of the Church

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