



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 5, 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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November 5, 2023

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

First reading: Malachi 1:14 – 2:2,8-10

Psalm: 131:1-3

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonian 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Intention: For all souls remembered to us for the month of November.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63) followed by Exposition and Benediction for special intentions.
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, pg. 15)

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:

R. Reform your ways and your deeds, so that I may remain with you in this place.

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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Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn of Faith v. 1 & 2.
- Gloria: E1, Glory Be.
- Sacrament of the Word: E9, Come Holy Ghost.
- Offertory: R614, For All The Saints.
Communion: The Harvest Of Justice (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R107, Amazing Grace.
- Exposition and Benediction: B147-150.
- Recessional: R526, Faith Of Our Fathers.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **YMSofR Clothing Drive.** Please help. Count your own items, donate them where you wish, and turn in the count sheets on any Sunday now through the end of the year. Extra sheets are available in church.
- **Thank You:** To all who attended our Seniorate Thanksgiving gathering yesterday at All Saints parish in Rome, NY.
- **Doing Good:** We continue our CarePortal work. If you know people who need food, we have some available, just have them stop by on a Sunday.
- **Christmas Vigil Raffle:** Time is growing short for our Christmas Vigil Raffle. Each ticket is \$50. If all tickets are sold, the winner will receive a Grand Prize of \$2,500. Otherwise, proceeds will be split with the 50/50 style. The winner will be drawn at our annual Christmas Vigil Dinner on Sunday, December 10th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.
- **Anticipating:** This time of year begins to get busy on our parish calendar. We have begun collection of items for our Thanksgiving/Christmas food bank donation. Our
- **Coffee Hour/Agape:** Please sign-up to host a coffee hour. Sheets are downstairs.

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, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

--- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* ---

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted my soul like a weaned child. Like a weaned child on its mother's lap, so is my soul within me.

Welcome as we continue our journey of study and re-commit ourselves to the work of following, witnessing to, and sharing Jesus.

We have been spending our time these weeks focused on God's great generosity. In each of those lessons we are reminded to be generous like our God. Indeed, that is our call as followers of our Lord and Savior, to be like Him in how we live and interact.

As we grow closer to the end of the Church year, it is a good time to reflect on how well we have followed Jesus and lived the life He laid out for us. Are we doing well, are we working diligently at that, or has our work been placed on hold, have other things gotten in the way?

It is so amazing – the amount of love our God pours out for us. If we even stopped to contemplate it for a few minutes we would be overcome by His tremendous love and care for us. So often I pray and desire that all of us could see it clearly, freed from all concern and throwing ourselves into His life completely.

The imagery in today's psalm is so reassuring and comforting. At its start the psalmist reminds us to place our focus on the Lord, not on things that are passing, fleeting.

Isn't that the point, to dedicate ourselves to the Lord, to leave fear behind. If we might do that, if we might just release our human minds and hearts and take up the heart and mind of God our lives would be truly reformed.

Wow, that would be incredible. We would be all-in for Jesus and His Holy Church, the family that surrounds us.

I am too shy would become I am bold. I can't make it would become I must be there. I am too tired would become I am filled with vigor.

If we unify ourselves with Jesus having stilled and quiet hearts, we will find ourselves enfolded in God's arms, cared for in ways the world cannot offer.

Today's first reading from Malachi and the gospel both set forth warnings. The example of the priests and Pharisees is used because they would not still and quiet themselves. They did not place their focus on God. Their agendas came first and for that they became contemptible and base in God's eyes and in the eyes of others.

Let us hear and follow Jesus in humility and solely focus ourselves on living His way.

Memory Verse

Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:62

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 16:3

MONDAY: Psalm 37:5

TUESDAY: 1 Kings 8:61

WEDNESDAY: Colossians 3:23

THURSDAY: Matthew 22:37

FRIDAY: Romans 12:1-2

SATURDAY: Galatians 2:20

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant me the grace of total commitment to You and Your gospel way of life.

Strengthen me so that all I do may reflect Your life in me.

Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Dave Taylor, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Kelly Light, Devon Boff, Brian Rohan, and all in need of God's healing.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, 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 for any need or intention.

This week we remember and pray for the work of the Savonarola Theological Seminary and all its instructors.

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

Upcoming

- **November 5: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 10am with Exposition/Benediction and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. All Souls Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2:30pm.**
- **November 6: No Holy Mass.**
- **November 7: Election Day. Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**
- **November 8: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 9: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 10: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 11: Veteran's Day. Women's Empowerment Group, 10am until Noon.**
- **November 12: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **November 13: No Holy Mass.**