



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 12, 2023

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm: 63:2-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonian 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63)
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, pg. 15)

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; Then truly will the Lord, the God of hosts, be with you as you claim!

R. Hate evil and love good, and let justice prevail at the gate.

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: R316, My Lord What A Morning.
- Gloria: E1, Glory Be.
- Sacrament of the Word: E9, Come Holy Ghost.
- Offertory: The Harvest Of Justice (handout).
Communion: Be Not Afraid (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R305, Jesus Is Coming Again.
- Recessional: R651, Jesus Never Fails.

+++ 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.
- **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. If you have mattresses/box springs esp. queen size, let Paul know.
- **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.
- **Thursday Musical Club Concert:** We invite you to come out and support our music director, Liz, and all the members of the TMC in their holiday concert: Making Spirits Bright on Saturday, December 2nd at 3pm at First Reformed Church.
- **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.
- **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."* ---

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

What have we been focused on for so many weeks? It is simply this, living God’s great generosity. Jesus taught us to live this way and calls us to accept responsibility for generosity and follow through.

Last Sunday the message shifted to reflection; how well we are living up to Jesus’ call. We were asked to stop and think and figure out the gaps. Where have we lost sight of our responsibility?

It is an important reflection to undertake especially as we approach the end of the Church year and face up to

consequences, Jesus’ return.

Jesus’s parable today is about those consequences. Fail to live the gospel life, think things are just good enough, neglect the practice of persistent generosity, reject the notion of turning, what the Greek’s called metanoia, a deep inner affect wherein one is spiritually converted, and we find ourselves locked out.

Today’s words of accountability are hard to hear for many in the world where the way always seems easy, broad, and well paved. For many, the notions of preparation, responsibility, and consequences no longer bear any significance.

Don’t study or do well on your tests, pass anyway. Neglect kindness and generosity and replace it with cruelty, bullying, and meanness and you’re a hero. Hate and you have a huge following. Exploit your body and God’s way of love and you have fans. This and so many other

ways the world closes one off from any accountability.

Consider this, groups, and organizations as diverse as CAP, Scouting, 4H, FFA, and organizations like our YMSofR and ANS, as well as Church itself all have trouble attracting members because members have to agree to accountability. One must accept responsibility for doing something.

God paints a vision for us. Accept wisdom – meaning understanding and acceptance of what God wants and be blessed. Wisdom tells us that there will be accountability for the way we live. The psalmist tells us that hungering for God’s way brings great favor.

Let us then be wise and *stay awake*, preparing with responsibility and accepting God’s way to accountability.

Memory Verse

Jesus answered him, “If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.”

John 14:23

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 1:6
MONDAY: Titus 3:10
TUESDAY: Ezekiel 18:30
WEDNESDAY: Hosea 12:6
THURSDAY: Luke 9:62
FRIDAY: Matthew 7:21-23
SATURDAY: James 1:25

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Grant that I may be fully engaged, concordant with Your gospel way. Provide me the grace to stay awake and live my obligations toward You and all. 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 12: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **November 13: No Holy Mass.**
- **November 14: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**
- **November 15: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 16: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 17: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 18: Ordination to the Diaconate of Justin Daviault at Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT at 11am.**
- **November 19: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **November 20: No Holy Mass.**
- **November 21: Solemnity – Presentation of the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon.**