



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 19, 2023

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXXIII Niedziela zwykła

November 19, 2023

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

First reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,31-31

Psalms: 128:1-5

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

Epistle: 1 Thessalonian 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

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

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I had thought: How I should like to treat you as sons, and give you a pleasant land, a heritage most beautiful among the nations!

**R. You would call Me, "My Father," I thought, and never cease following Me.**

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: R392, Come Ye Thankful People Come.
- Gloria: E1, Glory Be.
- Sacrament of the Word: B145, Come Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R387, We Gather Together.  
Communion: The Harvest Of Justice (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R394, Rejoice Ye Pure In Heart.
- Recessional: R389, Let All Things Now Living.

## +++ 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.
- **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:** 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.
- **Pet Pictures with St. Nicholas.** St. Nicholas will be here at church on Saturday, November 25th and December 2nd Noon till 3. Tell your friends and family.

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."* ---

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability."

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

Jesus taught us to live His Father's way and calls us to accept responsibility for godly generosity and our own follow through.

For the past two, and again this Sunday, we have shifted our focus from God's generosity to how well we live up to God's way of doing things. We are asked to stop and think and figure out any gaps that exist between God's way and our way. Where we have lost sight, we are called to recommit.

Last Sunday we concluded by recommitting to *staying awake*, preparing for our Master's return with responsibility, and fully accepting the accountability we have before God.

We see this theme again today. The servants were given stewardship over the master's treasure. They were to act responsibly with it and were to cause it to grow.

If it is not too obvious – we are the stewards of our Heavenly Father's treasure – His kingdom in which we dwell. We are to set to work and our obligation for which we will be held accountable is its growth.

I want to look a little deeper at the servant who failed, who ended up outside and cut-off.

Jesus' parable tells us that each was given "*according to his ability*." Now perhaps this servant wasn't the brightest

bulb. Perhaps he was not the most astute at his job. The master did not give him much. Yet his master gave him a share.

We could fall back on that as an excuse. I don't have the knowledge, skills, or abilities. I don't really understand this job of kingdom building. I am not good with words. But God thinks you are.

I'll throw this one out – Pygmalion in Management. It is a concept based on the Ancient Greek story of Pygmalion, a sculptor who fell in love with a statue he had carved. The expectation he had of the statue brought it to life. So it is with teachers and bosses. Those under their care tend to live up to their expectations.

God expects us to live up to His expectations of us. After all, He finds us worthy of the blood of His Son.

## Memory Verse

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace*

**1 Peter 4:10**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 12:6-8

MONDAY: James 1:17

TUESDAY: Exodus 35:10

WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 25:14

THURSDAY: Jeremiah 1:4-8

FRIDAY: Ephesians 2:10

SATURDAY: Romans 8:28

## Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Thank You for the gifts You have given me. Grant that I may employ them to carry out Your will. Give me the insight to see what grace accomplishes. 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, 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 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. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**
- **November 22: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 23: Thanksgiving. No Holy Mass.**
- **November 24: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **Pet Pictures with St. Nick. Noon till 3pm.**
- **November 26: Solemnity – Christ the King. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- **November 27: No Holy Mass.**
- **November 28: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague (in Polish) follows.**