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BLESSED BE THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE FATHER OF
MERCIES AND GOD OF ALL COMFORT

In our Sunday Holy Mass for November 5th we heard a beautiful psalm (Ps. 131:2) in which King David quiets and stills himself with God. David likens the experience to a babe in its mother's arms. There is David with his soul at peace and rest.

As we know, November is the Month of All Souls. Contemplating death and the seeming unknown is cause for no small amount of distress in our lives. Yet, the phrases of comfort and care found throughout scripture, especially in the work of Jesus, eliminates the unknown. Jesus told us what would happen and that gives comfort, assurance, and dispels distress.

I look to the example of Dismas, the 'good thief.' He certainly did not live the best life. Yet, his faith led Jesus to proclaim: *"today you will be with Me in paradise."* That is a confidence booster. The raising of the widow's son, Jairus' daughter, and Lazarus adds to that confidence. The joy the disciples experienced on Easter and afterward puts a fine point on the fulfilled promises of God - we have

forever life in Jesus in paradise.

As the weather gets colder I have been contemplating old comfortable slippers and sweaters. Those things that wrap around us and make us feel safe and well cared for.

So our faith in Jesus. When we contemplate His love and care for us, His holding us in the palm of His hand, and His eternal promise of life we too should feel like David - quiet and still. We should feel God's warmth that removes all cold. We should proclaim With St. Paul: *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us.*

Paul then says that as we are comforted by God, so must we comfort, reassure, and wrap others in that same care. Paul says God comforts us *so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction.*

Let us in our endeavors, our charity, and in all things both experience and share the comfort God provides. Let us show the reality of God's care that drives out the cold.

Seniorate Thanksgiving Gathering.

We will gather as a Seniorate on November 4th at 11am for a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving and the sharing of a meal at All Saints parish, 801 Hickory St., Rome NY.

Organ Blessing and Concert Fundraiser

Our new organ will be blessed by the Prime Bishop on Sunday, December 3rd at 4pm. The blessing will be followed by an organ concert and refreshments. We will use this opportunity to raise funds for our neighboring parish, Blessed Virgin Mary.

As you may know, Blessed Virgin Mary parish suffered the aftermath of a fire set by an arsonist. They have much to do to recover and especially to seal the church building against the elements before winter. Insurance has not been forthcoming with assistance.

Please set aside that Sunday and attend so as to give glory to God, His Blessed Mother, and to exercise the comfort we are called to provide for our brothers and sisters in Latham.

Give Comfort

If you have furniture items to donate for CarePortal please let Paul know. If you know people who need food, tell them to stop by on a Sunday. We will have some for them to take home.

YMSofR CLOTHING COLLECTION



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 January 6th. Four year's ago we collected the most clothing nationwide. Over the last two years we collected the 2nd most. AMAZING WORK OF COMFORT!

Once again, help us help you clean out those basements and closets!

Any type of clothing is welcome. You can grab a form at church, count the items you wish to donate on the form, and drop your items off at the charity of your choice (example: City Mission Red Box). Then drop off the forms in the collection plate. Forms are also available online here: <https://www.holynamencc.org/2023/10/annual-winter-clothing-drive/>

If you need help with counting or delivering clothes let Fr. Jim or Paul Zawistowski know and we will assist you.

Month of All Souls



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." Holy Mass for the Observance of All Souls will be held Thursday, November 2nd at Noon.

We also 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 5th at 2:30pm.

Rt. Reverend śp. Stanley M. Bilinski, 5th Anniversary

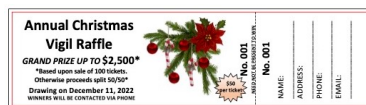
Five years ago, on November 2nd, All Souls Day, just after the end of All Saints Day, our beloved former pastor, the Rt. Rev. śp. Stanley M. Bilinski reposed in the Lord.



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 pastorate through 2011.

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

Christmas Vigil Raffle



We have 100 tickets available for our

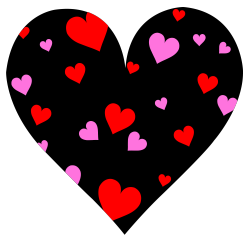
Christmas Vigil Raffle. Each ticket is \$50. If all tickets are sold, the winner will receive a Grand Prize of \$2,500. Otherwise, proceeds will be split with the 50/50 style. The

winner will be drawn at our annual Christmas Vigil Dinner on Sunday, December 10th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

This coming year, 2024, 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 Convo 2024 which will be held in the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese.

We need your support to give our young people a great beginning in 2024. Each Outrageous Valentine's Raffle ticket gives the purchaser a chance to win up to \$1,220 (extra because it is a leap year). 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 29 chances to win since winning tickets are returned to the raffle for each drawing.

Tickets will be mailed out over the next month or so.

Constant Thanksgiving

To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love



and charity on behalf of our parish.

To all who attend daily Holy Mass. To all who attended and prayed through the Rosary in October. To all who

shared their pets with us at Holy Mass and the blessing of pets on October 1st.

To all carrying out various projects for the betterment of the parish - Paul, Larry, Jeff, Francisco, Dom, Pete, and Liz including the Fall trimming at the cemetery and clean-up around the sign.

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

To our wonderful 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!!!

Milestones to Celebrate:

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
30 Fr. Jim

Wishing you all many years! Sto
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Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Collection



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!

Planning For:

Holy Masses on Sundays are at 10am and Noon, and Weekday at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus every Tuesday at 12:30pm unless otherwise noted.

- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon with a reading of the names of our dearly departed at Noon.
- November 4: Seniorate Thanksgiving celebration at 11am at All Saints parish, Rome, NY.
- November 5: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Daylight Savings Ends. Cemetery Service at Good

Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2:30pm.

- November 6: No Holy Mass.
- November 7: Election Day.
- November 11: Veteran's Day/ Remembrance Day/Polish Independence Day. Women's Empowerment Group 10am until Noon.
- November 12: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- November 13: No Holy Mass.
- November 19: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- November 20: No Holy Mass. Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm.
- November 21: Solemnity of the Presentation of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 22: Commemoration of St. Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr, Patroness of Musicians. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 23: Thanksgiving.
- November 26: Solemnity of Christ the King.
- November 27: No Holy Mass.
- November 30: Feast - St. Andrew the Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon.
- **December 3: 1st Sunday of Advent/Cycle B/II Begins. Regular Holy Mass Schedule with blessing of the Advent Wreath and Oplatek (Christmas Wafers). Organ Blessing, Concert, Fundraiser at 4pm.**

Stay tuned for:

- Candlelit Rorate Holy Masses Wednesday's in Advent at 7:30am.
- St. Nicholas Day
- Vigil Dinner, December 10th.
- Greening of the Church, December 17th.
- Christmas
- Blessing of Wine
- 2024!!!!

Thanksgiving Prayer



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.

PET PICS WITH ST. NICK

If you would like to have your pet's picture taken with St. Nicholas stay tuned. We will have dates available

in late November/early December.

Online Adult PNCC Catechism Class

Fr. Jim is teaching an online adult PNCC Catechism class every other Wednesday. The upcoming dates are November 8th and 22nd. Please use the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7177211450>

Rorate Holy Mass - Wednesdays in Advent

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 6th at 7:30am. The other dates are December 13th and 20th. No noon Holy Mass will be celebrated those days.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP - COME ON OVER

Fr. Jim loves to cook and he and his family love guests even more. If you do not have other plans please join us on Thanksgiving Day.

November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at Noon.	2 Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon with the reading of the names of our dearly departed afterward.	3 Holy Mass at Noon	4 Seniorate Thanksgiving gathering at All Saints parish, Rome, NY.
5 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. All Souls Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2:30pm.	6 NO Holy Mass.	7 Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht Election Day – please vote. Holy Mass at Noon and Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.	8 Holy Mass at Noon.	9 Holy Mass at Noon.	10 Holy Mass at Noon.	11 Veteran's Day Narodowe Święto Niepodległości Women's Empowerment Meeting, 10am till Noon.
12 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. PAC Meeting at PNA Hall.	13 NO Holy Mass. Parish Committee Meeting, 6pm	14 Holy Mass at Noon and Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.	15 Holy Mass at Noon.	16 Holy Mass at Noon.	17 Holy Mass at Noon.	18
19 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	20 NO Holy Mass.	21 Solemnity - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass at Noon and Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.	22 Commemoration of St. Cecelia. Holy Mass at Noon.	23 Thanksgiving	24 Holy Mass at Noon.	25
26 Solemnity of Christ the King - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	27 NO Holy Mass.	28 Holy Mass at Noon and Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.	29 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.
- 3rd – **Organ Blessing, Concert, Fundraiser at 4pm.**
- 6th - St. Nicholas/Św. Mikołaj
- 10th – Vigil Dinner
- 17th – Greening of the Church

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