



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 2, 2025

## 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time XXXI Niedziela zwykła

November 2, 2025

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

Entrance Hymn: V. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust. **R. As the heavens tower over the earth, so God's love towers over the faithful.** 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.**

First reading: Wisdom 11:22 – 12:1

Psalm: Ps 145:1-2,8-11,13-14

**I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10

Intention: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Wypominki and Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Fellowship.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).
- All Souls Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery, Amsterdam at 2:30pm.

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### Today's Music

- Entrance: B1, Hymn Of Faith.
  - Word of God: B142, Come Holy Spirit.
  - Offertory: We Are The Light (handout).
  - Communion: Be Not Afraid (instrumental).
  - Communion Reflection: B261, Virgin Full Of Grace.
  - Recessional: R626, Faith Of Our Fathers.
- R=Red Hymnal, B=Blue Hymnal

### +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Special Prayers** – For a missing 13-year-old boy, Dominic. Please keep his safe return and the concerns of his family in your prayers.
- **Fall Soup and Pierogi Sale**: We will be selling pierogi and soup to the public on Saturday, November 8th from 9am until 1pm. Please help. Soup is \$10 per quart. Pierogi are \$12 a dozen.
- **Thank you** to Paul, Linda, Gayle, and Joan for help with pierogi making. We appreciate your caring. More soup is needed as well. If you can make a few quarts and drop them off Saturday morning that would be great.
- **Prime Bishop's Visit**: Our beloved Prime Bishop will visit with us on Sunday, November 23rd, the Solemnity of Christ the King. There will be one Holy Mass that day at Noon. Prime Bishop will consecrate our new altar.
- **Our Seniorate Thanksgiving Gathering** will occur on Saturday, November 15th starting at 11am. The location has been changed to All Saints Parish in Rome, NY. Please let Fr. Jim or Paul know if you can attend. We need to RSVP soon.
- **Other reminders**: Christmas Vigil raffle, please see Joe. Vigil / Wigilia Dinner on Sunday, December 14th. Greening of the Church, Sunday, December 21st. Rorate Holy Mass Wednesdays in December at 8:30am.

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."* ---

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."

Children love the story of Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus. Perhaps it is the fact that they, like he, are short in stature. Perhaps like they, Zacchaeus was not just short size wise, but short of any esteem. He was ignored and was written off by those around him just like children often are.

Children key in on what is important and often have a clearer vision of what Jesus was getting at.

Our first reading from Wisdom tells us that God writes no one off: *You spare all things, because they are yours, O LORD and lover of souls.*

Children know they have value, that their lives matter and their

dignity matters even if adults make it seem like they are of little account.

Jesus stopped for Zacchaeus not because he was in a tree, nor for any other reason than the fact that Zacchaeus mattered. Like all of us who sin, Zacchaeus had to be given a chance, and that is what Jesus offers him.

Because of his repentance, Zacchaeus is held up as an example, and not just a small one, but rather as equal to everyone else. In other words, Jesus' forgiveness of Zacchaeus is completely restorative. Nothing of the bad is left behind.

This week we transition from our guide to right living to preparation for the last things, whether it be the end of the Church year, the end of all things, or the end of our lives.

St. Paul reminds his readers that he was always praying for them, that God may make them *worthy of His calling*. We need that prayer for grace so we may do as Zacchaeus did in opening himself up to Jesus, opening the doors of his house both literally and figuratively.

If we open our doors to Jesus those areas where we need restoration will receive it.

Our Heavenly Father loves us dearly and He will not pass us by if we are open to Him. Let us spend these few short weeks in preparation for our new lives remembering that if we are in God our mess ups are not our end ups.

## Memory Verse

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

**Psalms 51:12**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Jeremiah 30:17  
MONDAY: Isaiah 61:7  
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 5:10  
WEDNESDAY: Job 42:10  
THURSDAY: Acts 3:19-21  
FRIDAY: Zechariah 9:12  
SATURDAY: Galatians 6:1

## Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You came to give me life through the forgiveness of my sins. Grant me a humble heart and the strength to do all necessary to approach You for restoration. Amen.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Roni, Susan D'Ameco, and all needing God's healing grace.

- 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 Tenuis, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk.
- 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
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of St. Casimir's parish, Wallingford, CT.

## Upcoming

- **November 2: 31st Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. All Souls Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery at 2:30pm.**
- **November 3: Observance of All Souls (translated). Holy Mass at Noon with Reading of the Names Remembered. Food Pantry, 3 - 5pm.**
- **November 4: Election Day. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 5 - 7: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 8: Food Sale from 9am until 1pm.**
- **November 9: 32nd Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **November 10: Food Pantry, 3 - 5pm.**
- **November 11: Veteran's Day. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 12 - 14: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **November 15: Seniorate Thanksgiving Gathering at All Saints Parish, Rome, NY at 11am.**