Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Solemnity of All Saints
Uroczystość Wszystkich Świętych

November 1, 2026
Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. Those whom the Lord has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee. **R. All Your works give You thanks, O Lord, and Your faithful bless You. They speak of the glory of Your reign and tell of Your great works.** 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: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
Psalm: Ps. 24:1-6
Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12
Intention: For All the Faithful Departed Remembered to Us.
Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki. Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Mattins, Holy Mass at 10am (Worship Aid).
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

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Today's Music

- See worship aid.
- Communion Reflection: For All The Saints (instrumental).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Some Saints for this Week**: Winifred, Hubert of Liege, Malachy of Armagh, Vitalis & Agricola, Charles Borromeo, Zachary & Elizabeth – Parents of John the Baptist, Leonard of Noblac, Melanie of Rennes, Willibrord of Utrecht. May they pray for us so that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- **Month of All Souls:** Tomorrow, November 2nd is All Souls Day/Dzień Zaduszny. We will hold Holy Mass at Noon with remembrance of all commended to our prayers. All will be remembered prior to all Sunday Holy Masses in November.
- **Thank You:** To Paul for the new stairway in the furnace room.
- **Things Ahead:**
  - Today is All Saints Day. We will have a regular Sunday Holy Mass schedule. Fr. Konicki will hold a prayer service for All Souls at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2:30pm. All Souls Day/Dzień Zaduszny is Monday, November 2nd. We will have Holy Mass at Noon with the reading of the names all remembered to us for the month of All Souls (Wypominki).
  - We will host the Seniorate Advent Retreat on Saturday, November 28th. Please attend.
  - Advent begins Sunday, November 29th. We will bless our Advent Wreath and Opłatki/Waffers.
  - Please remember the Winter Clothing Donation Program. The men of the YMSofR are ready to help. Forms are available.
  - Our annual Vigil/Wigilia will take place on Sunday, December 13th. Get your raffle tickets now by seeing Joe Kaczynski. There will be only one Holy Mass that day.

Baptized Christians who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist and have prepared themselves through the Sacrament of Penance are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body of Christ is immersed into the Precious Blood and is placed on the tongue and not in the hand of the communicant. Come and let us be one with our Lord.

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. Everyone who has this hope based on Him makes himself pure, as He is pure.

We take a brief sojourn today from our contemplation of Jesus' final week in Jerusalem before His arrest, death, and burial. We jump back to His Sermon on the Mount wherein He is illustrating the life we are to live as His followers.

On this All Saints Day, we consider those who took Jesus up on His offer. They entered and lived through a way-of-life that works for all who desire eternal life. As St. John tells us, they made themselves pure as Jesus is pure so they might be like Him.

Of course, we realize this wasn't then, nor is it today, an easy process. One must be willing to take up those attitudes of being – the Beatitudes Jesus speaks of – being poor in spirit, mourning the state of those who do not know Jesus, being meek, thirsting for righteousness, being merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers, and accepting and suffering persecution and slander because of faith in Jesus.

It goes further of course, the entirety of the Sermon on the mount and its instruction on turning the other cheek, giving more than demanded, and going the extra mile is part of that life.

Jesus, of course, lived a sinless life. Yet even He, when faced with fulfilling the Father's will, prayed that He would be spared from the cross.

Jesus and all the saints reveal the challenge. They also show us that it is possible. So, where do we start – regardless of age?

For us it starts in the smallest of ways. It is in small acts of graciousness, a smile, a kind word when one is not expected. It goes to how we extend ourselves, that extra minute to make a phone call to someone, to pause for a prayer for those in need, spending a few minutes to visit or just be there for someone.

Take on the disciplines Jesus and His Church offer – fasting, reading of scripture, alms giving, sacrifice – they help us immensely.

Additionally, pray for those who have hurt or offended us, and offer them forgiveness.

We can draw all these attributes in a direct line through the saints all the way back to Jesus. It is the way He drew near to those in need, brought healing, forgave from the cross, fasted, prayed, gave, and focused on scripture.

The way to becoming as saint is to do what St. John speaks of – be like Jesus.

We are all offered options, today more than ever. It is the small choices, the things most easily ignored that provide us the option to be saints.

Memory Verse

For you bless the righteous, O Lord; you cover him with favor as with a shield.

Psalm 5:12

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepkowski, 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, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Steve Snyder, Susan D'Ameco, Ed Sargalis, Chip, Jacqueline Lawrence, Dewey & Barbara Rogers, Jeremy Spencer, Ross Jenkins, Joe Horton, Jr., Deb Plantier, Tom Nowak, Amanda, Donna Panfil, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, us Jones, Charlie Prothero, Fathers Joseph, Andrew, Nadeem, Andrew, Mariusz, Kes, Gerald, Dominic, Michael, and for all Veterans.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy 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.

We pray for Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky and the staff of the National Church Center. Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **November 1: Daylight Savings Ends. Set Clocks Back. All Saints Day. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Good Shepherd Cemetery Service at 2:30pm.**
- November 2: Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon with reading of the names of the departed remembered to us. Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- November 3: Election Day.
- November 4 – 6: Holy Mass at Noon.
- **November 8: 32nd Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- November 9: Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- November 10: Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 11: Veteran's Day, Dzień Niepodległości. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 12: NO Holy Mass.
- November 13: Holy Mass at Noon.