Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 8, 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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November 8, 2026
Rite: See Worship Aid.

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.**
First reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Psalm: Ps. 63:2-8
My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13
Intention: For śp. Josephine Panfil off. by Larry and Donna Panfil
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: The Harvest Of Justice (instrumental).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Some Saints for this Week**: Godfrey of Amiens, Justus of Canterbury, Martin of Tours, Theodore the Studite, Martin of Rome, Stanislaus Kostka, Brice of Tours, Josephat of Polotsk, Laurence of Dublin. May they pray for us so that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- **Month of All Souls:** Thank you to all who joined in at Good Shepherd Cemetery last Sunday and on All Souls Day this past Monday. All commended to us will be remembered prior to all Sunday Holy Masses in November.
- **Thank You, Veterans:** This Wednesday, November 11th, we pray for and remember all veterans. Join us at noon for Holy Mass.
- **Things Ahead:**
  - Congressman Tonko will host an information session on healthcare open enrollment and navigating changes in plans. It will be Thursday, Nov. 12th from 6 to 8pm at UAlbany's Downtown Campus, located at 135 Western Avenue, Albany, NY 12222. You must register to attend: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rep-tonkos-health-care-101-how-to-access-insurance-tickets-2004291421596?aff=oddtdtcreator
  - 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.

The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came

We are now back in the Temple precincts in Jesus' last week before His arrest and execution. As this time drew near, the Disciples questions about the end increased. Jesus did not focus on those questions, for which He had no answer, but continued teaching on how we are to live considering the coming end.

Our first reading from the Book of Wisdom tells us to pursue wisdom, to acquire it, and to dwell within a life marked by wisdom. Now there are a lot of ways we think get us to wisdom. Some would say, get well educated. You need at least a Master's degree or a Doctorate – then you will have wisdom. Other will try to sell you a formula or a process – and they will assure you, for a price, that you will have wisdom.

Gaining knowledge is awesome – but that is not wisdom. Wisdom is the common sense that comes from studying and following the best free resource available – God's Word. It tells us how to apply what we have learned from the best teacher ever toward the goal of eternal life.

Jesus lays out the parable of the wise and the foolish lamp bearers. On its face, it is simple. The wise bring extra backup oil, the foolish do not. When the bridegroom arrives the foolish are not there – they are at the market buying oil.

It might help to understand context. In Jesus' time torchbearers acted as a nighttime escort and honor guard for the bridegroom and his friends as they traveled from the bride's house to the groom's in the night procession. They would greet the groom's party expressing joy, celebration, and respect for the couple. An unlit lamp was considered a social slight.

We might also ask why the wise virgins refused to share their oil. It is not selfishness, but a reflection of spiritual reality: spiritual readiness is non-transferable. When the bridegroom arrived, the foolish virgins lacked the personal capital—the oil of inner transformation—required to join the celebration.

For us, we must be ready to celebrate the coming time, both our personal death and the consummation of the world. We have God's Word available to us as our wisdom guide.

When the time comes for the celebration, we will not be able to go to market, we will not be able to obtain spiritual readiness. We will not be able to grab someone else's coat tails and get in. We have every opportunity to be wise now and prepare ourselves. Let us then strive for that wisdom that will open the door for us.

Memory Verse

Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Matthew 24:44

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 the work of God's Field – our official Church publication.
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **November 8: 32nd Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- November 9: Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- November 10: NO Holy Mass.
- November 11: Veteran's Day, Dzień Niepodległości. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 12: NO Holy Mass.
- November 13: Holy Mass at Noon.
- **November 15: 33rd Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- November 16: Food Pantry, 3-5pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 5pm.
- November 17-21: Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- November 21: Solemnity – Presentation of the BVM. Ordination of Rev. James Kopp in Scranton.