Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 15, 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

XXXIII Niedziela zwykła

November 15, 2026
Rite: See Worship Aid.

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.**
First reading: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
Psalm: Ps. 128:1-5
Blessed are those who fear the Lord.
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30
Intention: For all parishioners.
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: Be Not Afraid (instrumental).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Some Saints for this Week**: Leopold of Austria, Edmund of Abingdon, Gertrude, Gregory the Wonderworker, Dionysius of Alexandria, Odo of Cluny, Nerses of Armenia, Elizabeth of Hungary, Edmund the King, Presentation of the BVM. May they pray for us so that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
- **Month of All Souls:** All commended to us will be remembered prior to all Sunday Holy Masses in November.
- **Remembering Phil Wielewinski:** We thank Phil's wife Lonie for a generous donation of clothing to the YMSofR clothing drive. She also provided a set of CDs with Phil and his group playing Christian music. They are available for you on the back table.
- Please pray for Fr. James this week as he prepares to formally enter the Holy Church this coming Saturday.
- **Things Ahead:**
  - 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.
  - Remember that during Advent we hold Rorate Holy Mass (a Vigil Holy Mass of the Blessed Virgin by candlelight) on Wednesday mornings at 8:30am.
  - 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.

For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

We remain in the Temple precincts in Jesus' last week before His arrest and execution. Jesus continues teaching on how we are to live considering the coming end.

We mentioned last week that the Book of Wisdom calls us to pursue wisdom, to acquire it, and to dwell within a life marked by wisdom. We also spoke of education and how education, while good and worthwhile, does not exactly equate with wisdom.

Today's reading from Proverbs speaks of one who finds a worthy wife and a husband who gives her his whole heart. As in the Book of Wisdom, a portrait is painted of a household ruled by Woman Wisdom and a disciple of Woman Wisdom who loves her completely.

St. Paul puts a very fine point on what we, who follow Christ, are to do with the wisdom we have acquired from that following. Paul tells us we have gained a toolkit of light. That makes us different, it has prepared us, so we are not only ready for Jesus' return, but ready and active doing the work necessary to build God's Kingdom.

A few years back, in my business days, one of the terms used in business reorganization analysis was KSA's. That stood for 'knowledge, skills, and abilities.'

Analysts would assess an organization's staff to see what their KSAs were. The end point of that analysis was to see how those staff might be effectively used, as the organization undergoes change, to meet the purpose of the organization. The analysis would also reveal gaps that needed to be closed.

One of the sad moments in that analysis was to find people's KSAs going unused. Mostly that was the fault of the organization when it failed to properly engage its people, but at times, even sadder, was where people sat on their KSAs and wasted what they had.

Let us apply that analysis to our lives as Christians. Our K is that we know Jesus. We have encountered Him. We have received Him and He is intimately part of us. Our SAs, skills and abilities, are what Jesus talks about in the Parable of the Talents. He knows what we have been given. He has, through His Church, even given us opportunities to increase and improve our skills and abilities.

Each of the servants had KSAs. Two used them effectively, one did not. One ended up in the saddest of situations, sitting on his knowledge, skills, and abilities. Worse, he even refused to take a risk for his master's benefit.

Let us employ our knowledge, skills, and abilities for God's kingdom, including taking risks for God's glory.

Memory Verse

The fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe.

Proverbs 29:25

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 the History and Archives Commission of the Church. Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **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.
- **November 22: Solemnity – Christ the King. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- November 23: Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- November 24: Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 25: No Holy Mass
- November 26: Thanksgiving.
- November 27: Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 28: Seniorate Advent Retreat at 10:30am.