Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 22, 2026

Solemnity of Christ the King

Uroczystość Jezusa Chrystusa, Króla Wszechświata

November 22, 2026
Rite: See Worship Aid.

Entrance Hymn: V. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing." **R. He has a name written on His cloak and on His thigh, "King of kings and Lord of Lords."** 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: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17
Psalm: Ps. 23:1-3,5-6
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Intention: For all parishioners.
Celebrant: Rev. James Kopp. Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- 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: Jesus, My Lord My God, My All (instrumental).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**

- **Some Saints for this Week**: Cecilia (Patroness of Musicians), Onesimus (Disciple of Paul), Clement of Rome, Chrysogonus, Colman of Cloyne, Flora & Mary, Catherine of Alexandria, Moses of Rome, Nikon, Peter of Alexandria, Conrad of Constance, Virgil, Stephen the Younger. May they pray for us so that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

- **Congratulation Fr. James:** We wish Fr. James every blessing as he takes up ministry in the Polish National Catholic Church. Today is his Prymicja, the traditional Polish term for a newly ordained priest's first Mass. May God bless and reward you richly!

- **Things Ahead:**
  - We will host the Seniorate Advent Retreat this coming Saturday, November 28th starting at 10:30am. 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.
  - **Special Parish Meeting after 10am Holy Mass, December 6th.**
  - 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.

Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'

We have moved to the garden in Jesus' last week before His arrest and execution. Jesus is instructing His disciples, this week on the final judgment and its relationship to how we are to live considering that coming judgment.

The operative words in today's gospel are 'you' and 'see.' Jesus asks and will judge based on what we do or refuse to do, how we see or do not see.

The passage is familiar, especially to us right here who do these things, who see the need: feed, clothe, welcome, visit, and comfort those we encounter. It is so powerful to be part of that. Jesus tells us that this is what He cares about and we take Him up on His offer of eternal life for those who act on His prompting and see Him among us.

The condemned, even though they were counted among the followers of Jesus, failed to see beyond the literal. They figured that Jesus Ascended into heaven, so while He is away, they needn't do anything.

Through the gospel accounts Jesus speaks of faith taking action, not based on seeing Him, but based on belief in Him. That is what the faithful must hear.

The most obvious example is Thomas after the resurrection. Jesus finally tells him, *"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."*

Earlier in John's gospel the official whose son was ill to the point of death believed Jesus' word: *"Your son will live."* Not only the official, but his entire household believed without Jesus even coming to the official's house.

Jesus addresses the Pharisees concerning His work: *"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me…"* In other words, they saw His signs, heard His words, and understood scripture, but they could not see beyond their opinions.

In these brief examples from scripture, we see the two sides of the final judgment.

You who see with eyes of faith see Jesus right in front of you and act upon what you see. You come to eternal life.

You who fail to see, not because of ignorance, but because of intentional blindness like the Pharisees, who fail to act on account of that blindness come to eternal punishment.

Let us be converted like Thomas and have simple trust like the official. That has great power and reward.

How convinced are we of Jesus? That becomes obvious in what we do or refuse to do, how we see or do not see.

Memory Verse

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10

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, 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 Clergy Pension Plan of the Church.
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Upcoming

- **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 26: Thanksgiving.
- November 27: Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 28: Seniorate Advent Retreat at 10:30am.
- **November 29: First Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am with Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Christmas Wafers / Opłatki and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- November 30: Feast – St. Andrew the First-Called. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3-5pm.
- December 1: Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 2: Rorate Holy Mass at 8:30am.