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# **NEWSLETTER**

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# **2025**



"BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN..."

**O**n All Saints Day we hear the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:1-12).

As we read through the Gospels, we find this sermon recounted in slightly different ways. In Luke's narrative it was referred to as the Sermon on the Plain. In Mark and John there is no one long sermon, but rather snippets of it are spread throughout those gospels.

In trying to understand these differences, we might conclude that this sermon, set of teachings, was not a one-off event, but rather things that Jesus taught consistently in His travels.

The word "beatitudes" comes from the Latin word "beati," meaning "blessed" or "happy." The Greek word for "blessed" is "makarios," which originally meant "blessedness" in a divine sense.

When combined, "beatitudes" describe a state of Divine happiness and bliss that is both a present condition and a future promise for those who live according to what Jesus teaches.

In the context of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses makarios to describe a state of profound happiness that is both a present reality for those who live by His teachings and a future promise of the kingdom of heaven. We also understand that God's desire for us is true happiness.

As we work through November, we shift from our central theme of the Guide to Good Living - what Jesus taught in relation to our way of living and acting - to our preparation for the end times.

This begins with a recognition of our mortality, and in light of that, our responsibility to make things right. We see that prominent in Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus.

As with Zacchaeus we long to see the Lord. The question is - how far are we willing to go to get to Him? How much is His happiness worth to us? Is it worth living the beatitudes way? If we do that we find something amazing, Jesus is willing to stop and meet with us.

Jesus will not pass any of us by - rather He stops and teaches so we might have His Divine happiness.

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## Seniorate Thanksgiving Gathering.

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We will gather as a Seniorate on November 15th at 11am for a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving and the sharing of a meal at All Saints parish, 801 Hickory St., Rome, NY. Please let Fr. Jim or Paul know if you can attend. This is usually a wonderful event for all of us - and a great meal.

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## Month of All Souls

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The Holy Church sets aside the month of November to commemorate those who have preceded us in holy death.

As Christians we recognize that death is not an ending, but rather a change. We pass through death into everlasting life. We remain joined with all those who have died. We rely on them for their intercession on our behalf. They rely on our prayers and intercession to ease their transition, their journey into the glories of heaven.

We will remember our dearly departed all month according

to the age old Catholic custom of commemoration and prayer...a custom known as "wypominki." Holy Mass for the Observance of All Souls will be held Monday, November 3rd at Noon.

We also remember all those entrusted to our prayer prior to every Holy Mass in November.

We will hold our annual blessing of graves at Good Shepherd Cemetery on Sunday, November 2nd at 2:30pm.

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## Give Comfort

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If you have furniture items to donate for CarePortal please let Paul know. If you know people who need food, tell them about the Daily Bread Food Pantry every Monday from 3 until 6pm here at the parish.

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## YMSOFR CLOTHING COLLECTION

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Each year, the YMSofR takes up a service project. This year, the men of our YMSofR Branch 56, and Branches across the country, are holding a clothing drive through January 6th. Four year's ago we collected the most clothing nationwide. Then for two years we collected the 2nd most. Last year we collected the 3rd most.

## AMAZING WORK OF COMFORT!

Once again, help us help you clean out those basements and closets!

Any type of clothing is welcome. You can grab a form at church, count the items you wish to donate on the form, and drop your items off at the charity of your choice (example: City Mission Red Box). Then drop off the forms at church. If you do need help is putting it all together, just bring the items to church and the YMSofR men will help

Forms are also available online here: <https://www.holynamencc.org/2023/10/annual-winter-clothing-drive/>

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## Rt. Reverend śp. Stanley M. Bilinski, 7th Anniversary

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Seven years ago, on November 2nd, All Souls Day, just after the end of All Saints Day, our beloved former pastor, the Rt. Rev. śp. Stanley M. Bilinski reposed in the Lord.

Bishop śp. Stan served as a priest in the Capital Region for over twenty years. He first came to Holy Name of Jesus parish to assist Fr. Dr. śp. Jonathan Trela during his time of illness and continued his pastorship through 2011.

Eternal rest grant unto Your servant,

O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him!

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## Christmas Vigil Raffle

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We have 100 tickets available for our



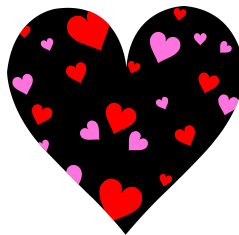
Christmas Vigil Raffle. Each ticket is \$50. If

all tickets are sold, the winner will receive a Grand Prize of \$2,500. Otherwise, proceeds will be split with the 50/50 style. The winner will be drawn at our annual Christmas Vigil Dinner on Sunday, December 14th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.

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## Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

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This coming year, 2026, we will once again hold our Outrageous Valentine's raffle to support the youth of our Church and

our parish, including support for the annual KURS summer encampment and Convo 2026 which will be held in the Eastern Diocese.

We need your support to give our young people a great beginning in 2026. Each Outrageous Valentine's Raffle ticket gives the purchaser a chance to win up to \$1,180.

The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle will include drawings for \$40 daily

prizes and a \$100 daily prize on Valentine's Day. Winning tickets are drawn on Sundays in February. Every ticket holder has 28 chances to win since winning tickets are returned to the raffle for each drawing.

Tickets will be mailed out over the next month or so.

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### Constant Thanksgiving

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To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love and charity on behalf of our parish.

To all who attended and prayed through the Rosary in October with a special thank you to Lauren for leading the Rosary on October 8th and 29th.

To all carrying out various projects for the betterment of the parish - Paul, Larry, Jeff, Lauren, Mike, and Pete for all the trimming at Holy Name of Jesus cemetery.

Dottie, Lauren, Amy, Gary, and Jeff for your volunteer efforts at the Food Pantry.

Linda, Lauren, Gayle, Paul, and Joan for your pierogi making efforts.

Paul and Michael for putting in the new French Drain along our sidewalk.

Paul for your Care Portal ministry.

Thank you to all who made soup for

our soup sale.

To the members of our Parish Committee for their hard work and sacrifice.

To our wonderful lectors, and our music ministers Liz Battaglia as well as to Mike Emanuele for their musical talents.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure.

God bless you and reward you!!!

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### Milestones to Celebrate:

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#### Birthdays

3 Tiffany Martucci, Andrew DeCocco

4 Gary, and Walter Węglinski

12 Kayla Boyland, Ariel Dopp

14 Scott Bard, Tom Caulfield

19 Victoria Konicki

20 Anthony Heins

21 Tania Boniecki

23 Oswald Martucci

26 Julie Slezak

30 Fr. Jim

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

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### Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Collection

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We are collecting dry and canned goods throughout November and December for donation to those in need in our community. With the failure of the Federal budget many are going

hungry. Please make a prayerful donation in thankfulness. Please place your donation by the Mary altar in the church. Bless you!

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## Thanksgiving Prayer

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O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remember the jobless; When I have a home,



help me to remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer, And remembering, help me to

destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and help me be concerned enough to help; By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

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## Pierogi 5k Thank You

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Thank you to all parishioners who turned out to support the Pierogi 5k

sponsored by the

Polish American Congress at Schenectady's Central Park on Saturday, October 18th, particularly Lauren, Jeff, Paul, Liz, Joe, Denise, and Dom and the babies.

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## Thanksgiving Fellowship - Come On Over

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Fr. Jim loves to cook and he and his family love guests even more. If you do not have other plans please join us on Thanksgiving Day.

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## Rorate Holy Mass - Wednesdays in Advent

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What is a Rorate Holy Mass? It is a custom from antiquity to celebrate a special votive Holy Mass, typically on Wednesday's in Advent, in honor of the Blessed Virgin. This Rorate Holy Mass is celebrated in the dark,



just before sunrise, by candlelight only. We are continuing this tradition this Advent, starting

Wednesday, December 3rd at 8:30am. The other dates are December 10th and 17th. No noon Holy Mass will be celebrated those days.

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## National Clergy Conference 2025: Strengthening the Church for the Future

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The 2025 National Clergy Conference of the Polish National Catholic Church convened at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Lancaster, New York, uniting clergy



from across the nation for prayer, collaboration, and reflection. The conference focused on strengthening the Church's liturgical life, doctrinal clarity, and outreach as it prepares for the XXVII General Synod in 2026.

The National Liturgical Commission via Father Senior Rob Nemkovich reviewed updates to the Yearly Liturgical Calendar (ORDO), the Bulletin Statement on the Eucharist, and pastoral materials on clergy funerals and eulogies. Discussion on the Essential Elements of the Sacraments reaffirmed their theological integrity while ensuring pastoral adaptability.

The Church Doctrine Commission via Father Scott Lill emphasized the renewal of educational materials on Fasting and Penance and Veneration of the Saints and introduced compassionate pastoral guidelines for ministry reinforcing the PNCC's commitment to truth and charity.

The Mission and Evangelism Commission highlighted outreach as central to parish vitality, with Bishop Paul Sobiechowski presenting the New Members Class initiative. Looking ahead, clergy anticipate the 2026 Mission and Evangelism

Workshop as a time for renewal and creative engagement.

Father Jim Ploskonka presented the catalog for the Savonarola Theological Seminary and Institute, introducing non-credit theological programs for clergy and laity. Father Konicki shared updates on seminary property renovations, community garden initiatives, and new communication efforts through the seminary website and newsletter.

In administrative matters, clergy discussed benefits, census, and vocation development, underscoring the importance of supporting the physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being of those who serve.

For the glory of God, the good of the Church, and the salvation of souls.

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## **The Beatitudes**

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Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
Blessed are they who mourn,  
Blessed are the meek,  
Blessed are they who hunger and  
thirst for righteousness,  
Blessed are the merciful,  
Blessed are the clean of heart,  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
Blessed are they who are  
persecuted for the sake of  
righteousness,  
Blessed are you when they insult  
you and persecute you  
and utter every kind of evil against  
you falsely because of me.

# November 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at Noon.
2 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.  All Souls Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2:30pm.	3 Observance of All Souls (translated). Holy Mass at Noon with the reading of the names of our dearly departed afterward.  Daily Bread Food Pantry	4 Election Day – please vote.  Holy Mass at Noon	5 Holy Mass at Noon.	6 Holy Mass at Noon.	7 Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht.  Holy Mass at Noon.	8 Pierogi and Soup Sale, 9am until 1pm (or sold out).
9 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	10 Daily Bread Food Pantry	11 Veteran's Day Narodowe Święto Niepodległości  Holy Mass at Noon.	12 Holy Mass at Noon.	13 Holy Mass at Noon.	14 Holy Mass at Noon.	15 Seniorate Thanksgiving gathering at All Saints parish, Rome, NY at 11am.
16 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	17 Daily Bread Food Pantry  Parish Committee Meeting, 6pm	18 Holy Mass at Noon.	19 Holy Mass at Noon.	20 Holy Mass at Noon.	21 Solemnity - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  Holy Mass at Noon.	22 Commemoration of St. Cecelia.
23 Solemnity of Christ the King - Holy Mass at Noon with Consecration of the New Altar by Prime Bishop. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.	24 Daily Bread Food Pantry	25 Holy Mass at Noon.	26 Holy Mass at Noon.	27 Thanksgiving.	28	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am with Blessing of Advent Wreath and Opłatki and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.						

## EVENTS

### December Upcoming

- Candlelit Rorate Holy Masses on Wednesdays at 7:30am.
- 6th - St. Nicholas/Św. Mikołaj
- 14th – Vigil Dinner
- 21st – Greening of the Church

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