Holy Name of Jesus
National Catholic Church, PNCC
1040 Pearl Street
Schenectady, New York 12303-1846
Parish and Hall: 518-372-1992
Rev. Jim Konicki: 518-522-0944
On the Web: www.holynamencc.org

Newsletter November 2026

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

We start November, as each year, with the celebration of All Saints Day - more appropriately, the Solemnity of All Saints.

This celebration is particularly important on two levels.

Firstly, it reminds us of what is possible for us.

Any study of the saints - and we should take time to read their stories - shows us a group of flawed, sometimes confused, often desperate, idealistic - but not knowing how to do it right - people. Boiling the saints down to their starting point would leave us to wonder how they ever got to sainthood. Yet they did!

We know who we are and the challenges we face, but we too can do it, we can get there and be exactly those saints needed in our households, our workplaces, and in our immediate community.

That sainthood process advances in tiny increments. It is rarely - one day we are this, the next we are that. Rather, it is a struggle - and one worth engaging in.

The second level is a call to reliance of God's grace and mercy.

Those who have been recognized as saints, prior to modern times, must have lived a life of heroic virtue. That describes the practice of Christian virtues to an extraordinary degree well beyond what is normal for an average person.

Heroic virtue does not mean someone was sinless or performed mystical, flashy feats. Instead, it means a person who performs virtuous actions with pleasure coming from supernatural motives rather than a need for human recognition. It is a call to denying oneself over time and/or under very difficult conditions. This takes God's grace and mercy upon which the saints and all of us depend.

Revelation calls us to endurance, keeping especially to the commandments of love and with God's help to do so as heroically as we can. We are all called to be saints and to work actively at improving our virtuous actions and to become better as we do so.

Seniorate Thanksgiving Gathering.

We will gather as a Seniorate on November 28th at 10:30am for an Advent Retreat. We will have a time of reflection prepared by our seminarians, a Rorate Holy Mass, and will share a meal right here at our parish. Please let Fr. Jim or Paul know if you can attend. We look forward to this time of spiritual renewal and fellowship. Please be there.

Month of All Souls



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 2nd 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 1st at 2:30pm.

A Joyous Time

The week of October 25th was indeed a joyous time in our Holy Church.

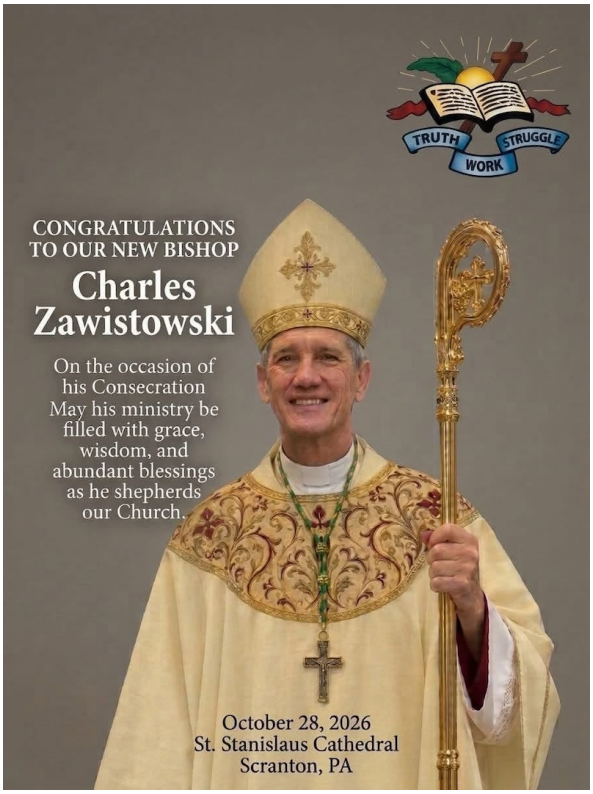
The week began with preparations for the Consecration of Bishop Elect Charles Zawistowski on the feast of Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles, October 28th.

Fr. Jim spent time at the seminary working with the men in the lead-up.

Early Wednesday morning the seminary was visited by Theodore Zawistowski, Paul's father, who is the foremost



historian of the Polish National Catholic Church. He spent time with the seminarians imparted words of wisdom and counsel, and shared his thoughts. It was indeed a privilege to be with him in advance of the consecration of his nephew.



At 3pm the Consecration liturgy began. It was so beautiful - solemn, joyous, moving. The music and the actions within the liturgy underscored the hope and aspirations we carry forward as Church.

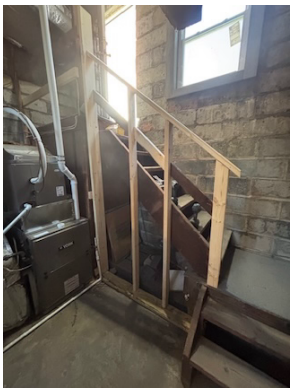
God bless the now Rt. Rev. Charles Zawistowski as he begins his ministry as Bishop of the Western Diocese. God grant him many years!!!

October - Month of Projects

We are thankful to the men of the YMS of R for the plethora of work conducted around the parish in October. Among the tasks taken care of:

- New wiring to the storage shed.
- Clean up at Holy Name of Jesus Cemetery.
- Removal of a fallen tree at Good Shepherd Cemetery.
- A new stairway to the furnace room.
- Removal of the old hall furnace (and we were able to sell it too).











YMSofR Clothing Collection

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. Five year's ago we collected the most clothing nationwide. Then for two years we collected the 2nd most. For the last two years we collected the 3rd most. THIS IS 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/

Rt. Reverend śp. Stanley M. Bilinski, 8th Anniversary



Eight 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.

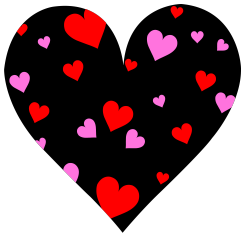
Eternal rest grant unto Your servant, O Lord, and may the perpetual light shine upon him!

Christmas Vigil Raffle



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 13th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle



This coming year, 2027, 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.

We need your support to give our young people a great beginning in 2027. 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.

Constant Thanksgiving



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.

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

Liz, Denise, Lauren, and Lindy for decorating the parish so beautifully for Fall.

To all who turned out in support of the Pierogi 5k and represented our parish so well.

Paul for your Care Portal ministry.

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!!!

Milestones to Celebrate:

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!

Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Collection



We are collecting dry and canned goods throughout November and December for donation to those in need in our community. Please make a prayerful donation in thankfulness. Please place your donation by the Mary altar in the church. Bless you!

Thanksgiving Prayer

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.



Thanksgiving Fellowship - Come On Over

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.

Rorate Holy Mass - Wednesdays in Advent

We continue this tradition in Advent, starting Wednesday, December 2nd at 8:30am. The other dates are December 9th, 16th, and 23rd.

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. All Souls Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2:30pm.	2 Observance of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon with the reading of the names of our dearly departed afterward. Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3-5pm.	3 Election Day – please vote. No Holy Mass.	4 Holy Mass at Noon	5 Holy Mass at Noon	6 Holy Mass at Noon	7 Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht.
8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	9 Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3-5pm.	10 No Holy Mass.	11 Veteran's Day Narodowe Święto Niepodległości Holy Mass at Noon.	12 No Holy Mass.	13 Holy Mass at Noon.	14
15 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	16 Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3-5pm.	17 Holy Mass at Noon.	18 Holy Mass at Noon.	19 Holy Mass at Noon.	20 Holy Mass at Noon.	21 Solemnity - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
22 Solemnity of Christ the King - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.	23 Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3-5pm.	24 Holy Mass at Noon.	25 No Holy Mass.	26 Thanksgiving.	27 No Holy Mass.	28 Seniorate Thanksgiving gathering at our parish at 10:30am.
29 1st Sunday of Advant. Holy Mass at 10am with Blessing of Advent Wreath and Opłatki and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	30 Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon. Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3-5pm.					

EVENTS

December Upcoming

- Candlelit Rorate Holy Masses on Wednesdays at 8:30am.
- 6th - St. Nicholas/Św. Mikołaj
- 13th – Vigil Dinner
- 20th – Greening of the Church

Holy Name of Jesus
National Catholic Church – P.N.C.C.
1040 Pearl Street
Schenectady, NY 12303

FIRST CLASS

We thank God for:

Address Correction Requested
Return Postage Guaranteed

