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BELOVED, WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN NOW

On All Saints Day he heard the line above taken from the First Letter of St. John (1 John 3:1-3). What a wonderful statement of assurance for us who are His faithful people.

A primary emphasis for us on the road to sainthood is understanding the type of relationship we have with God. Our relationship is naturally centered on God's love toward us, and His desire for a familial relationship with us.

This relationship needs to be built up - which takes time - and relies on our growing into the image of Jesus. St. John is telling us that the more we resemble Jesus, the more the Father loves us as His sons and daughters.

We know the saints did their utmost to resemble Jesus. Perhaps they did not accomplish that in every way, but each saint took his or her talents and worked to grow those talents into a reflection of how Jesus showed forth that aspect of Himself.

Those talents may have been compassion, community building, charity, care, gentleness, discipline, teaching, feeding, holding people

accountable for their behavior, and in so many other ways.

The natural consequence of our growth into Jesus' image, and using our talents to reflect Him in our world today, is the gift of hope for eternal life and eventual glorification alongside Jesus. St. John tells us that *we shall be like Him*.

We know God loves us and wants relationship with us. We know we are called to respond to His love with a commitment to grow into the image of Jesus and by using our talents to reflect Him in our own unique ways. Our promised outcome is living in hope for eternal life and glory.

Becoming a saint is this process of knowing, growing, and living - but it always starts in one place - that is desire.

Desire for God is not something we can manufacture. Rather, it is a call within ourselves, prompted by the Holy Spirit, to love God abundantly and to move toward Him with an overwhelming yearning to be His saint. Drawn to Him, let us continually grow in desire for God and to reflect Him in every way.

Seniorate Thanksgiving Gathering.

We will gather as a Seniorate on November 16th at 11am for a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving and the sharing of a meal at Blessed Virgin Mary parish, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham.

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 Saturday, 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 3rd at 2:30pm.

Give Comfort

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.

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. 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.holynamenc.org/2023/10/annual-winter-clothing-drive/>

Rt. Reverend śp. Stanley M. Bilinski, 6th Anniversary



Six 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!

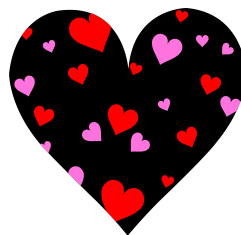
Christmas Vigil Raffle



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 10th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle



This coming year, 2025, 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 2025. 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 with a special thank you to Lauren for leading the Rosary on October 25th. To all who shared their pets with us at Holy Mass and the blessing of pets on October 6th.

To all carrying out various projects for the betterment of the parish - Paul, Larry, Jeff, and Pete for all the trimming at Holy Name of Jesus cemetery and to Peter and Paul for relocation of the sign. Thank you to Paul and Jeff for taking down several trees in our backyard. Thank you to Dottie, Lauren, and Jeff for your volunteer efforts at the Food Pantry.

A special thank you to John Clas for representing us, along with Fr. Jim, at the 14th Holy Synod of the Central Diocese.

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

To our wonderful lectors, and our music ministers - Victoria Konicki for filling in for Liz Battaglia as well as to Mike Emanuele for his 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 Elizabeth, 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!

Planning For:

Holy Masses on Sundays are at 10am and Noon, and Weekdays Tuesday through Fridays at Noon.

Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus every Tuesday at 12:30pm.

Daily Bread Food Pantry every Monday from 3 until 6pm.

- November 1: Solemnity of All Saints - Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 2: Observance of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon with a reading of the names of our dearly departed. Pizza and Game Night at 5pm.
- November 3: 31st Ordinary Sunday. Daylight Savings Ends. Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2:30pm.
- November 5: Election Day.
- November 9: Women's Empowerment Group 10am until Noon.
- November 10: 32nd Ordinary Sunday.
- November 11: Veteran's Day/ Remembrance Day/Polish Independence Day.
- November 16: Seniorate Thanksgiving celebration at 11am at Blessed Virgin Mary parish, Latham, NY.
- November 17: 33rd Ordinary Sunday.

- November 18: Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm.
- November 21: Solemnity of the Presentation of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 22: Commemoration of St. Cecelia, Virgin and Martyr, Patroness of Musicians. Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 24: Solemnity of Christ the King.
- November 28: Thanksgiving.
- November 30: Feast - St. Andrew the Apostle.
- December 1: 1st Sunday of Advent/Cycle C/I Begins. Regular Holy Mass Schedule with blessing of the Advent Wreath and Oplątek (Christmas Wafers).

Stay tuned for:

- Candlelit Rorate Holy Masses Wednesday's in Advent at 7:30am.
- St. Nicholas Day
- Vigil Dinner, December 15th.
- Greening of the Church, December 22nd.
- Christmas
- Blessing of Wine
- 2025!!!!

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.

Pierogi 5k Thank You



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 26th, particularly Lauren, Jeff, Paul, Joe, Linda F., Gary, Warren, and Chris.

Fr. Jim prepared Texas style Chili which we sold to rave reviews.

If you did not know, Fr. Jim is Vice-President and Chaplain and Joe Kaczynski is Secretary of the Polish American Congress Central

Division of New York State. This is a rarity in Polish American Congress Divisions where Polish National Catholics have not been well



represented.

Of note as well, thank you to City Council Member Carmel Patrick who introduced a resolution signed by the Mayor and all Council Members honoring October as Polish American Heritage Month.

We Shall Overcome



"We Shall Overcome" is a gospel hymn that is very closely related to the civil rights movement in the United States.

The song may have descended from "I'll Overcome Some Day," a hymn by Rev. Charles Albert Tindley. Its imagery was taken from Galatians 6:9: *"And let us not be weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."*

The more modern version was first said to have been sung by tobacco workers led by Lucille Simmons during the 1945–1946 Charleston Cigar Factory labor strike.

In 1947, the song was published under the title "We Will Overcome" in an edition of the People's Songs Bulletin by Zilphia Horton, then-

music director of the Highlander Folk School of Monteagle, Tennessee —an adult education school that trained union organizers. She taught it to many others, including People's Songs director Pete Seeger, who included it in his repertoire, as did many other activist singers, such as Frank Hamilton and Joe Glazer.

In 1959, the song began to be associated with the civil rights movement as a protest song - part of nonviolent civil rights activism.

The song has been also recorded by choirs, symphony orchestras, and other famous folksingers like Joan Baez.

A key victory from the civil rights movement was the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This legislation prohibits racial discrimination in voting and enforces protection granted under the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

Our right to vote is important as is our obligation to participate in our democratic form of government. Indeed, our very Church models much of its Constitution, By-Laws, and Rule of Faith on each member's right to a voice and a vote.

Let us then exercise our right to vote and let us also be circumspect concerning outcomes. Remember that this mortal life is just that (as we especially recall during this Month of All Souls) and that our true home is in heaven. Let us carry ourselves to the polls and afterward as Christians heading for heaven -

with love, kindness, and thoughtful and gentle words toward all.

Rorate Holy Mass - Wednesdays in Advent



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 4th at 7:30am. The other dates are December 11th and 18th. No noon Holy Mass will be celebrated those days.

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.

Thanksgiving Hymns

There are so many wonderful Thanksgiving Hymns. Hopefully this November we can sing them all whether here at church, in our cars,

or at home.

Among the well known hymns are:

- Praise to the Lord the Almighty,
- Now Thank We All Our God,
- We Gather Together,
- Great Is Thy Faithfulness,
- For the Beauty of the Earth, and
- Come, Ye Thankful People, Come.

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” was written by Henry Alford and first appeared in *Psalms and Hymns* in 1844.

Henry Alford was born October 7, 1810 in Bedford Square, London, England. He soon lost his mother and was raised by his father, an Anglican clergyman. The family had given five consecutive generations of Anglican clergymen.

In his Bible at the age of 16, Alford wrote, "I do this day in the presence of God and my own soul renew my covenant with God and solemnly determine henceforth to become His and to do His work as far as in me lies." Alford was ordained in 1833.

Alford's talents in music, scholarship, poetry, and writing were abundant. He translated many Greek texts and wrote extensively on methods for biblical study and understanding. His methods led to great changes in the way biblical texts are analyzed and studied.

Alford died in 1871 at the age of 60. The inscription on his tomb, chosen by himself, is *Diversorium Viatoris Hierosolymam Proficiscentis* ('the

lodging place of a traveller on his way to Jerusalem').

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!

2. We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take the harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offences purge away,
Giving angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In the garner evermore.

4. Then, thou Church triumphant
come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In God's garner to abide;
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home!

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Solemnity of All Saints. Holy Mass at Noon.	2 Commemoration of All Souls. Holy Mass at Noon with the reading of the names of our dearly departed afterward.
3 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. All Souls Cemetery Service at Good Shepherd Cemetery in Amsterdam at 2:30pm.	4 Daily Bread Food Pantry	5 Election Day – please vote. Holy Mass at Noon and Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątko Jezus od 12:30.	6 Holy Mass at Noon.	7 Commemoration – St. Willibrord of Utrecht. Holy Mass at Noon.	8 Holy Mass at Noon.	9 Women's Empowerment Meeting, 10am till Noon.
10 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	11 Veteran's Day Narodowe Święto Niepodległości Daily Bread Food Pantry	12 Tentative – Fr. Jim at Seminary.	13 Tentative – Fr. Jim at Seminary.	14 Tentative – Fr. Jim at Seminary.	15 Holy Mass at Noon.	16 Seniorate Thanksgiving gathering at Blessed Virgin Mary parish, Latham, NY at 11am.
17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.	18 Daily Bread Food Pantry Parish Committee Meeting, 6pm	19 Holy Mass at Noon and Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątko Jezus od 12:30.	20 Holy Mass at Noon.	21 Solemnity - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass at Noon.	22 Commemoration of St. Cecelia. Holy Mass at Noon.	23
24 Solemnity of Christ the King - Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	25 Daily Bread Food Pantry	26 Holy Mass at Noon and Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątko Jezus od 12:30.	27 Holy Mass at Noon.	28 Thanksgiving	29	30 Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle.

EVENTS

December Upcoming

- 1st – Advent Begins
- Candlelit Rorate Holy Masses on Wednesdays at 7:30am.
- 6th – St. Nicholas/Św. Mikołaj
- 15th – Vigil Dinner
- 22nd – Greening of the Church

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