

# COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

11/12 (Today) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee Hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass in the Church hall.

11/18 (Saturday) **Free Lunch** 11am - 12.30pm.

**Ordination of subdeacon Justin Devault** to Diaconate in Plantsville, CT at 11am. (Holy Trinity Church, 200 Summer St., Plantsville, CT) Let Fr. Adam know if you want to participate for meal arrangements and to organize transportation if needed.

11/19 (XXXIII Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee Hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass in the Church hall.

- **THANK YOU Jacqueline and Linda** for running yesterday’s Polish Food Sale event.
- **FREE FOOD PANTRY.** One storage cabinet in the church hall has been transformed into small Free Food Pantry. All items stored inside are free to take. You can take as much as you need for yourself, your family, friends or neighbors. FREE FOOD PANTRY items will be also used to help all those who reach our church asking for food assistance.
- We still have some **BLESSING BAGS** ready to be distributed. Blessing Bags include a variety of items for people who are homeless, hungry, and in need. You can keep this bag in your car to offer when you see someone asking for help or simply share it with your neighbor.

## CHURCH NEWS

- Our next **renovation project:** sanding and painting the other stairs in the church hall; replacing the front door to the hall.
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: REV. ADAM PIEKARZEWSKI (11/13), TIMOTHY WROBEL (11/13), ROBERT KLIMEK (11/07), HARRIET & EDWARD ZAWISTOWSKI (11/15). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

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# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

XXXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + RONALD DINN (req. by Marilen & Bob Potvin)

INTROIT

C: Seek good and not evil, than you may live; Then truly will the Lord, the God of hosts, be with you as you claim!

R: **Hate evil and love good, and let justice prevail at the gate.**

C: 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.**



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS  
INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom,  
and she is readily perceived by those who  
love her, and found by those who seek  
her.  
She hastens to make herself known in  
anticipation of their desire;  
Whoever watches for her at dawn shall  
not be disappointed, for he shall find her  
sitting by his gate. For taking thought of  
wisdom is the perfection of prudence,  
and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall  
quickly be free from care; because she

WIS 6:12-16

makes her own rounds, seeking those  
worthy of her, and graciously appears to  
them in the ways, and meets them with  
all solicitude.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.“

PS 63

READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of  
St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be unaware,  
brothers and sisters, about those who  
have fallen asleep, so that you may not  
grieve like the rest, who have no hope.  
For if we believe that Jesus died and ro-  
se, so too will God, through Jesus,  
bring with him those who have fallen  
asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the  
word of the Lord, that we who are alive,  
who are left until the coming of the  
Lord, will surely not precede those who

1 THES 4:13-18

have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself,  
with a word of command, with the voice  
of an archangel and with the trumpet of  
God, will come down from heaven,  
and the dead in Christ will rise first.  
Then we who are alive, who are left,  
will be caught up together with them in  
the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.  
Thus we shall always be with the Lord.  
Therefore, console one another with  
these words.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 22:34-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to  
meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones,  
when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil  
with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and  
fell asleep.

At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'  
Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wi-  
se, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied,  
'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy  
some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those  
who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked.  
Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he  
said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you  
know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel today, Matthew shares with us Jesus’ parable of the ten virgins awaiting the  
coming of the Bridegroom. This is the only Gospel which has this parable. A few things can be ta-  
ken from the parable. First, Jesus may not come back when some people expect Him. (This is so-  
something that Paul learned from his ministry.) Another important message is that those who wait  
for the Lord Jesus must be prepared no matter when or under what circumstances He returns.

As I pondered the readings today, I was directed to the idea of prayer. Prayer is the see-  
king of the Lord Jesus, His Abba-Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. It is something that must be  
part of a believer’s daily life, hourly life, minute-by-minute life. Prayer is something of which we  
must be conscious at all times. We must be vigilant. Prayer is a relationship with GOD. We must  
seek the Lord Jesus through prayer. And GOD is always ready to reveal the fullness of the divinity  
to those who turned their eyes to GOD, even if the revelation is done over the course of one’s life.