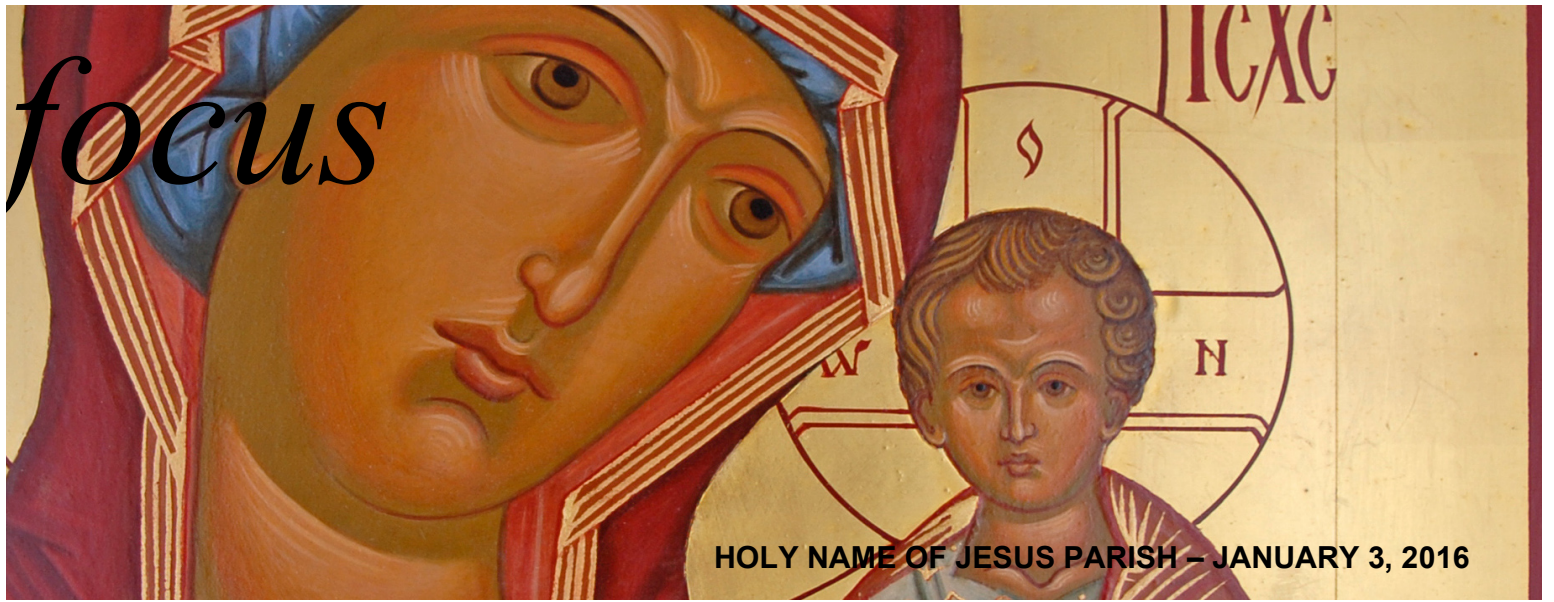


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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 3, 2016

Feast of the Holy Family

Święto Świętej Rodziny

January 3, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 15, Canon, page 28.

First reading: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Psalm: 128:1-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Intention: 9:30 – for our parish and vocations.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite), Exposition and Benediction
- Coffee Hour, SOCL
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63/Canon, pg. 77)

Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord

Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 10, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Psalm: Ps 29:1-4,3,9-10

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Epistle: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

Intention: 9:30 – for Leo and Mason

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass & Baptisms at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

Forasmuch as each man is a part of the human race, and human nature is something social, and has for a great and natural good, the power also of friendship; on this account God willed to create all men out of one, in order that they might be held in their society not only by likeness of kind, but also by bond of kindred. Therefore the first natural bond of human society is man and wife. Nor did God create these each by himself, and join them together as alien by birth: but He created the one out of the other, setting a sign also of the power of the union in the side, whence she was drawn, was formed. For they are joined one to another side by side, who walk together, and look together whither they walk. Then follows the connection of fellowship in children. – St. Augustine

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **January 3: Feast of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord. Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense at 7pm.**
- **January 10: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass and Baptisms at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am.**
- **January 17: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch on Sunday**
- **January 18: Feast – St. Peter's Chair in Antioch, Martin Luther King Day. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **January 24: Septuagesima Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 25: Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends**
- **January 31: Sexagesima Sunday, Music Scholarship Sunday, Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

Being a joyful and holy family

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful.

Today we honor the Holy Family, but what do we mean by that?

In recent years we see more and more representations of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. While these are lovely and heartwarming, they can present a false image, a misrepresentation of the true relationship between Jesus, Mary and Joseph. As Christians we must maintain true and orthodox teaching about that relationship. How should

we understand that relationship?

In portraying Jesus we often see Him as a Child alone with His Mother. This stresses the teaching that Jesus is "a Son without a father, Who was begotten of the Father without a mother before the ages."

Traditionally, Jesus is never portrayed alone with Saint Joseph or with Joseph and Mary as a pair of parents. Joseph's fatherly role is not understood as some sort of head of the 'Holy Family,' rather, he is seen as the Providentially provided guardian of Mary and her Divine Child. His humble acceptance and virtuous fulfillment of this role holds a very special lesson and example for us.

What we learn from this is that the Christian life is a family life with family love and caring not defined by blood but by unity in Jesus. As Mary and Joseph were bound in a new kind of love by the coming of Jesus, so each of us

is to be bound to our fellow Christians in this new love.

St. Paul reminds us that this new way of life is to be filled with *heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, and over all these love.* What a way to live!

So what we mean by 'Holy Family' is that God has created a new model of relationship. The definition of family has grown. Of course family includes our natural family and the model God has ordained since creation. It also includes, since Jesus' coming, a changed and expanded order of nature. Family is caring not just by blood, but also by unity in faith in Jesus.

As we celebrate this Holy day and our calling to be one family in Jesus let us resolve to be faithful to this great family. Let us encounter one another as St. Paul says we should. Let us remind ourselves of the true joy to be found in family.

"So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:12

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 12:10

MONDAY: Philippians 2:3

TUESDAY: 1 Peter 2:17

WEDNESDAY: Acts 10:34-35

THURSDAY: Hebrews 13:7

FRIDAY: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

SATURDAY: Matthew 7:11

Pray

Lord Jesus, help me in joyfully honoring and loving my family in the faith. You have given them to me to help me grow in holiness and faith.

Epiphany

Tradition calls for us to remember the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem on the 12th day after Christmas, or January 6th. The Magi represent the nations of the world coming to worship the newborn Christ Child. Their gifts are symbolic. The gold tells us of Jesus' identity as the Messiah, the Son of David. The frankincense indicates that Jesus is the Son of God. And the myrrh prophesies Jesus' death for us as the Son of Man. With these gifts in mind, the church blesses gold, incense, and chalk as a part of this day's liturgy. We also proclaim the date of Easter. Join us at 7pm this Wednesday.

A Season of 40 Days & Home Blessings

The Christmas Season has just begun (yes, really). Let us make a special effort to celebrate Jesus' coming with true joy for each of its forty days (i.e., until February 2nd). Note the various observances of the season in our calendar. If you would like to have your home blessed after the Solemnity of the Epiphany, please see Fr. Jim to set up a time. All home blessings must be concluded prior to Ash Wednesday, February 10th.

Food Collection

Our new food and money collection is for Souper Bowl Sunday, February 7th. Souper Bowl Sunday supports local charities feeding the hungry. God bless you for your spare change and generosity!!!

Christmas Schedule

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Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

Please be sure to sell your tickets for February's Outrageous Valentine's raffle. Prizes total \$1,220! Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. Tickets should be returned by Sunday, January 31st. Thank you for supporting this effort, which pays for our summer youth programs – Kurs and CONVO.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join in to support this new ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, January 27th.

Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is January 17th. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ. Our free lunch on Sunday program is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzynski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepakowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Kotłów, Poland and its pastor Rev. Julian Kopiński.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjagoslaw im, O Boże!

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held every week after 9:30am Holy Mass. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week. If you can, please help out.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS - Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---