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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 29, 2015

## 1st Sunday of Advent

### I Niedziela Adwentu

November 29, 2015

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

First reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14

R. **To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.**

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-26,34-36

Intention: 9:30 – for all the departed (All Souls)

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

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

- Blessing of the Advent Wreath & Oplátky/Wafers at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite)
- SOCL, Coffee Hour, Free Lunch on Sunday.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63/Canon, pg. 78)

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

### II Niedziela Adwentu

December 6, 2015

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

First reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm: 126:1-6

R. **The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

Epistle: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:4,6

Intention: 9:30 – In thanksgiving, for vocations, and our parish

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins and Lighting of the Advent Wreath at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite), Exposition & Benediction
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63/Canon, pg. 78)

*Christ, the light of all lights, follows John, the lamp that goes before him. The Word of God follows the voice in the wilderness; the bridegroom follows the bridegroom's friend, who prepares a worthy people for the Lord by cleansing them by water in preparation for the Spirit. We need God to take our flesh and die, that we might live. We have died with him, that we may be purified. We have risen again with him, because we have died with him. We have been glorified with him, because we have risen again with him. – St. Gregory Nazianzen*

**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...

- **November 29: 1st Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **November 30: Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle.**
- **December 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Celebratory Dinner –1st Anniversary of Fr. Jim's Ordination, 2pm.**
- **December 13: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass (schedule TBA). Youth Presentation and Parish Vigil Dinner.**
- **December 14: Holy Mass for Healing, 6:15pm.**
- **December 20: 4th Sunday of Advent, Advent Penitential Service and Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch, Greening of the Church.**
- **December 24: Vigil of the Nativity, Children's Christmas Vigil Holy Mass at 4pm.**
- **December 25: Nativity of the Lord. Solemn Procession to the Manger, High Holy Mass at Midnight and 10am.**
- **December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Protomartyr**

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.

## It's all over?

*"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."*

The Thanksgiving leftovers are (almost) gone. If we were well prepared, the shopping is done. If not, perhaps we completed it (or at least started it) at the end of this past week.

We live in a time of "getting it done," completing things, finishing. Perhaps getting things done relieves some of our worries. If we don't get things out of the way, how could we possible deal with the stresses we have in daily life - our jobs, grades, children and grandchildren, our Social Security and retirement

savings, health...

It is easy to say – I'm so glad that's over. On to the next... Jesus asks for a different reaction in His faithful.

Jesus warns us against worry, against getting caught up in the day-to-day and worldly worries. Those are for a time only – but life in Him is eternal. Jesus also asks His followers to: *Be vigilant at all times and pray.* That is a warning against the: I'm glad it's all over attitude. Advent helps us in readjusting and correcting our attitude.

If we are happy that Thanksgiving is finally over what does that say about the attitude of thankfulness that should be lived every moment of every day? If we are stressed about our shopping and cooking and traveling for Christmas – getting the decorations up so we can get them down – what does that say about our allowing Jesus to be born anew in us each day? If

getting Easter done next is our goal, then do we see the power of Jesus' suffering, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension? If we stress over work and money, what does that say about where our treasure is located? If each moment is lived with the stress of getting things done, are we truly preparing for the tribulations that are imminent? If we cannot wait for the next thing to be over, checking stuff off our list, are we ready to stand before the Son of Man at the end of time?

Advent reminds us that we are to be in constant preparation and longing – not for the next thing to be all over, but for Jesus to come again. We are to feed on Him in the sacramental life of the Church – gifts he left us to strengthen us for a journey to the only completion that matters – eternal life in Him. We are to: *Be vigilant at all times and pray* not just to get it done and over, but so that we may overcome every trial and test and obtain true victory.

*Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.*

Romans 13:11

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 21:31  
MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 9:24  
TUESDAY: Luke 12:47  
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 11:7  
THURSDAY: Acts 3:19  
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 2:9  
SATURDAY: Matthew 4:17

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me a heart that longs only for You and the strength to prepare myself for You.

## A Time of Anticipation & Longing

Today we enter the Season of Preparation, Advent. Let us make a special effort to prepare ourselves by deeper prayer, fasting, and through works of charity during this Holy Season. Be sure to attend our Penitential Service before Holy Mass of December 20th.

Today also marks the start of the new Church year – Happy New Year! We will be using reading from Cycle C.

We bless our Advent Wreath and Christmas Wafers/Oplátky this Sunday before Holy Mass. Our Advent Season will also be busy with a celebratory dinner on December 6th and our Community Vigil on the 13th. Join in to share this time of anticipation within the family of faith so that when Jesus arrives you will stand with His faithful.

## Celebratory Dinner

In thanksgiving for Fr. Jim's first year of service as our priest, and in celebration of his first anniversary of ordination to the Holy Priesthood, please join us for a Dutch Chicken Dinner on Sunday, December 6th at 2pm. Please see Stephanie Dominy for more information and to let her know if you are coming.

## Food Collection

As we do each November and December, we are taking up a food collection to help those in our local community. Please bring in bags of canned and dry foods and/or personal care items and leave them by the Mary altar. Your generosity shows forth your thankfulness for God's many blessings and your sacrifice during the upcoming penitential and preparatory season of Advent.

## Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

We are sending out tickets for next February's Outrageous Valentine's raffle. Prizes total \$1,220. Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. Every time someone wins, their ticket is placed 'back in the bucket.' Daily prizes are \$40 and the Valentine's Day prize is \$100. 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 is to support this new ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, November 25th.

## 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 December 20th. 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 Radzyminski, 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 Sczepkowski, 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.

- 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, Pattric 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Bukowo Morskie, Poland and its pastor Rev. Dominik Gzielo.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław 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 ---