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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 30, 2014

1st Sunday of Advent I Niedziela Adwentu

November 30, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,19 64:2-7

Psalm: Ps 80:2-3,15-16,19-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Intention: For all parishioners

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins. Blessing of Advent Wreath and Christmas Wafers/Oplátky
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion
- Coffee Hour, SOCL classes

2nd Sunday of Advent II Niedziela Adwentu

December 7, 2014

Rite: Pew Missal, page 15

First reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Psalm: Ps 85:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Intention: for all parishioners and śp. Louis and śp. Rita Konicki.

Celebrant: 2pm Rev. James Konicki,

Deacon: Rev. Rafał Dadełło, Subdeacon: Rev. Mr. Anthony Prince

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Holy Mass at 2pm.
- Celebratory Banquet

Watch for your life's sake. Let not your lamps be quenched, nor your loins unloosed; but be ready, for you know not the hour in which our Lord comes. But often shall you come together, seeking the things which are befitting to your souls: for the whole time of your faith will not profit you, if you be not made perfect in the last time. – The Didache

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 Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **November 30th: 1st Sunday of Advent. Parish Committee Meets**
- **December 1st: Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (translated)**
- **December 6th: Ordination of Deacon Jim to the Holy Priesthood, 10am, St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton**
- **December 7th: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Father Jim's First Holy Mass at 2pm, Dinner Follows.**
- **December 14th: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Parish Vigil Dinner Follows**
- **December 21st: 4th Sunday of Advent. Greening of the Church**
- **December 24th: Vigil of the Nativity**
- **December 25th: Solemnity of the Nativity**
 - **Holy Mass at Midnight**
 - **Holy Mass at 10:30am**

What's on your clock?

Jesus said to his disciples: "Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Many of us have heard of some of the most well known timekeepers. There is Big Ben in London and the ball that drops at Times Square on New Year's Eve in New York City. Both are symbols of the passing of time. The United States Naval Observatory in Washington D.C. operates the master atomic clock ensemble which provides the time standard for the Department of Defense. FOCS 1, an atomic clock in Switzerland, started operating in 2004. It loses only one second every 30 million years. The Doomsday Clock at the University of Chicago is a

symbolic clock face that represents a countdown to possible political related global catastrophe (a nuclear war or irreversible climate change). The closer the Science and Security Board of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists set the Doomsday Clock to midnight, the closer the scientists believe the world is to global disaster. We are also in the midst of a whole group of sports seasons – football, basketball, and hockey. The clock at the top of our bulletin represents the last ten minutes of the game.

What's missing? Of course, the score! Who's winning? That is a question we tend to ask as time draws down. Who is winning, we even ask that in our lives as time draws down. Have I won, am I winning?

That should be a question Christians avoid. If we are focused on our successes and failures, the winning and losing of everyday life, we aren't responding to Jesus' call, we

missed His request of us. If we aren't much concerned with success, but are just allowing time to pass, biding our time in quiet, waiting for time to run out, we aren't responding to Jesus' call, we missed His request of us. Jesus tells us: He has placed His *servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.*

Advent is the season of the year that we should be taking account of our watchfulness, how we have responded to the Lord's call. Are we at work for Him? We should use this time to redouble our efforts to be about our Master's work, not our personal wins and losses.

All of the world's timekeepers keep running, whether they are symbolic of the passing of time, predictive of the end of our times, or scientific instruments measuring its passage. We are always in the countdown period and our Lord's return is near. What ends up on our clock will not be wins or losses, but how well we have responded to Him.

But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2 Peter 3:8

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
MONDAY: Proverbs 16:9
TUESDAY: Psalm 90:12
WEDNESDAY: James 4:13-15
THURSDAY: Ephesians 1:10
FRIDAY: Mark 13:32
SATURDAY: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-3

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to count my days as a gift from You and an opportunity to be doing Your work.

Ordination

Deacon Jim's ordination to the Holy Priesthood has been scheduled for Saturday, December 6th (the Commemoration of St. Nicholas) at 10am at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA. The future Father Jim's first Holy Mass will then take place on Sunday, December 7th (the Second Sunday of Advent) at 2pm followed by a dinner sponsored by the parish. We expect Prime Bishop Anthony to join us on this wonderful occasion.

We invite all parishioners and friends to attend both events. Please let a parish committee member know if you would like to go to Scranton for the ordination. Please let Mrs. Stephanie Dominy know if you will attend Father Jim's first Holy Mass and the dinner to follow. We would appreciate your R.S.V.P. by Sunday, November 30th so enough food may be prepared. Please continue to pray for Deacon Jim and his family as he prepares. Also pray for an increase in vocations so more men may respond to God's call.

Food Collection

We are taking up our annual food collection for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our Thanksgiving collection amounted to 125 pounds of food delivered to Schenectady Inner City Ministries. Please bring in your offerings of canned or dry goods and place them before the Mary altar. God bless you for your generosity and care for those in need in our local area.

Advent

On this first Sunday of Advent we will bless our Christmas wafers/opłatki. Please take home an envelope to share with your family during the Christmas Vigil. We have a full schedule of Advent happenings, our parish vigil dinner, Advent penitential service, and decorating of the church. Please join in, and make this a season of true preparation for Jesus' coming.

Heritage

We continue to focus on rebirth: *On the contrary, the reborn man carries out all of his responsibilities in a conscientious, honest, faithful and exact way. He does this because he believes that the fulfillment, of his vocational obligations are essential for maintaining proper stability and order in human affairs, and because it represents a gradual realization of the conditions necessary to achieve the kingdom of God on this earth. However, the obligations of this earthly life do not totally absorb the reborn man. In this sense, he is much like a sailor, who, when he is at sea, does everything necessary to guarantee a successful trip*

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is December 21st. 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, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzysinski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Laverne Dowdell, Curtis Sczepkowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Jeremy Fish, Helen Pasiak, Pat Bruno

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- 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
- 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 Good Shepherd Parish, Elbląg, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Kazimierz Klaban.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held after worship each Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week!

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 Deacon Jim.

Please think about telling a friend or relative about Holy Name of Jesus.