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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 1, 2013

1st Sunday of Advent

I Niedziela Adwentu

December 1, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Ps 122:1-9

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Intention: For all souls committed to our prayer

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

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:25am with Matins, Blessing of Christmas Wafers, Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Exposition & Benediction, SOCL Class, Coffee Hour

2nd Sunday of Advent

II Niedziela Adwentu

December 8, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Epistle: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Intention: For all souls committed to our prayer

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

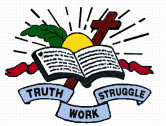
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins.
- Holy Mass at 9am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Class, Free Lunch on Sunday

“Yes, for the day is calling us to battle-array, and to the fight. Yet fear not at hearing of array and arms. For in the case of the visible suit of armor, to put it on is a heavy and abhorred task. But here it is desirable, and worth being prayed for. For it is of Light the arms are! Hence they will set you forth brighter than the sunbeam, and giving out a great glistening, and they place you in security: for they are arms, and glittering do they make you: for arms of light are they!” – St. John Chrysostom

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health 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...

- **December 1: 1st Sunday of Advent**
- **December 6: Commemoration – St. Nicholas**
- **December 8: 2nd Sunday of Advent**
- **December 9: Feast of Divine Love/Conception of the B.V.M.**
- **December 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass & Penitential Service at 9am/SOCL Presentation/Vigil Dinner**
- **December 22nd: 4th Sunday of Advent, Greening of the Church.**
- **December 24th-25th: Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord – Shepherd’s Holy Mass/Pasterka at Midnight followed by a festive repast.**
- **December 25th: Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord – Service for Christmas Day at 9:30am.**
- **December 27th: Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist – Service and Blessing of Wine at 7pm.**

Yesterday, Today and Always.

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

In the Holy Mass we participate in doing something extraordinary. When Jesus left us the gift of His body and blood and said, *do this in memory of Me* He gave us an explicit command to do what He had done that night.

Each of us has a special role in carrying out the Eucharist. Our gifts and sacrifice in the form of the bread and wine we offer is changed into Jesus’ body and blood by what the priest does

during the Eucharistic prayer. Jesus’ role as servant is exemplified in the work of the deacon who serves at the altar. Each of our roles is essential. Jesus didn’t do any of what He did alone, but in the midst of community.

Jesus didn’t want us to just remember what He had done. Memory is fleeting and can fade with time. Rather, in asking us to carry out the same action as a family, to live the roles He exemplified, we are part of Jesus’ yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

In the Eucharistic moment we are at once transformed and present with Jesus at His birth and in His ministry. We are there at the Last Supper, at the foot of the Cross, His burial, His resurrection, His Ascension, and at His return.

How amazing it is that we are there with Him, that we can be so very close to Him.

We might think that this is enough. Certainly Jesus’ coming

was that moment in time where our redemption occurred. We, who have accepted Jesus into our lives, have received His assurance of salvation. We have been justified. Yes, but greater things are yet to come.

This Advent, this day, is the moment we must be awake and ready for that greater thing. Those greater things are the miracles we bring to the lives of others by our ministry and by the proclamation of Jesus’ word. Faith and salvation will come to them through us as St. Paul tells us: *[by] what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.*

The greatest thing yet to come, our greatest hope, is that day of Jesus’ return in glory. We cannot know, or even predict when that day will be, but it will come. We are already part of that always and this season of preparation is our moment to *awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand.*

“Nathan’a-el answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”

John 1:49

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Colossians 1:15-16

MONDAY: Hebrews 12:2

TUESDAY: John 20:28

WEDNESDAY: Isaiah 41:4

THURSDAY: Isaiah 44:6

FRIDAY: Isaiah 48:12

SATURDAY: Revelation 21:6

Pray

Lord Jesus, You are the beginning and the end. You are my always. Grant that I may remain with You forever.

Happy New Year

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent. For us, this is New Years – the beginning of a new Church year and a time of preparation and reflection for the year ahead. This penitential time gives us an opportunity to reflect on our readiness to meet Christ when He returns. It is also a time where we join with each other to heal and reconnect. It is a perfect season to join with your family and friends in the family of the Church. Invite them to become part of a faith that looks forward in expectant joy.

This season of Advent is a short one. Today it starts as we bless our Advent wreath and our Christmas wafers – the opłatek. Take some home to share with those close to you on Christmas Eve.

Food Collection

Cuts to SNAP and WIC have resulted in hundreds of thousands of low-income women, infants, and children losing needed nutrition assistance. Vulnerable families are going hungry, and are now completely dependent on food banks. We are responding by collecting dry and canned goods throughout the November and December for donation to those in need locally community. We will continue donations through Advent. Let us join in making a prayerful donation in thankfulness for the bounty God has provided in our lives. Please place your donation by the Mary altar in the church and bless you for your love.

Memory Crosses

Holy Name of Jesus is continuing a tradition begun at Good Shepherd Parish in Amsterdam. Every year the people of Good Shepherd parish would offer memory crosses during the Advent season. These hand crocheted memory crosses, in honor of dearly departed loved ones, are hung on the parish Christmas trees throughout the Christmas season. Then in January a special Holy Mass is held in memory of those entrusted to our prayers.

Memory Crosses are and are a beautiful tribute of memory and a gift of loving prayer. If you wish to remember someone special during the upcoming Christmas season please send the names of those you wish remembered, one name per memory cross, to the parish. You may offer a free will donation in honor of your loved ones. A donation of \$2 per memory cross is suggested but is not required.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, December 29th. 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.

Of note . . .

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, 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, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Jakub Kozina, 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 Sczepakowski, Richard, Bishop John, Derek, Jocelyn

- 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 who have asked for our prayers.
- The people of the Philippines.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: St. Joseph’s of Stratford Parish in Stratford, CT its congregation and pastor, the Rev. Michal Gitner.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour has returned. Join us after worship every Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every 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.