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## ADVENT

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 2, 2012

### 1st Sunday of Advent I Niedziela Adwentu

December 2, 2012

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal, 11am Pew Missal, pg. 63

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 21:25-28,34-36

Intention: For a spirit of preparation this Advent  
Worship leader at 9:30am: Rev. Mr. James Konicki  
Celebrant at 11am: Rev. Mark Gnidzinski,  
Lector: at 11am, Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins, blessing of Advent wreath, and Oplátky
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee hour
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Holy Mass at 11am, Exposition and Benediction

### 2nd Sunday of Advent II Niedziela Adwentu

December 9, 2012

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

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 3:1-6

Intention: For a spirit of preparation this Advent

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

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins. Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Parish Committee Meeting

**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 2: 1st Sunday of Advent
- December 6: Commemoration of St. Nicholas of Myra
- December 8: Feast of Divine Love
- December 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent/Parish Committee Meets
- December 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent/Parish Vigil Dinner and Youth Presentation
- December 21: Feast – St. Thomas
- December 23: 4th Sunday of Advent/Greening of the Church
- December 24: Vigil of the Nativity
- December 25: Nativity of the Lord
- December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr
- December 27: Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

## Are you full?

*Just fulfilled, thanks.*

*"The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah."*

Oh, to be full! Sometimes overstuffed is a better word. We eat everything on our plate because we don't want food to go to waste or, because when we were growing up our parents would tell us there were starving children in another country. In the end we may be full but are we fulfilled?

A typical day for a busy parent: Wake at 5:30am get breakfast, make lunches, get everyone out the door, clean the house, grocery shop, maybe wash a couple loads of laundry, pick kids up from the bus stop, help with homework, make dinner, clean kitchen, bathe kids and put them to bed, and THEN sit down for a few minutes. It was a full day, and

tomorrow will be an equally busy and productive day, but are they fulfilling?

Full is an adjective meaning completely filled; containing all that can be held; filled to the utmost capacity or volume. Fulfill is a verb meaning to carry out, or bring to realization, to make complete.

The days of preparation are upon us. These are the days in which we need to move from being filled up with things to finding real fulfillment in Christ. We need to move toward the place and moment where our cup overflows with the joy of being complete in God.

St. Paul exhorts us: *May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father.*

Jesus wants us to be fulfilled, to be

complete. It can be great to be full, but we have to be careful not to mistake fullness for fulfillment. We cannot make a full day or full stomach a substitute for a heart fulfilled in Jesus.

This Advent we need to prepare ourselves for fulfillment. We make a start by emptying ourselves of our failures, our sins, and our shortcomings. By doing so we make room for the Holy Spirit who will fill us with new attitudes and motives. Then, with a heart full of love and good, blameless in holiness, we are ready to be fulfilled, completed in Jesus.

Fulfilled in Jesus we become receivers of His promise. In Him we are made free, *free to stand erect and raise our heads because our redemption is at hand.*

Our hope is set on God's promise and His fulfillment. He is coming to fulfill our lives. In receiving Him and His promise we become more than full, we are completely fulfilled.

*"But all this has taken place, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled."*

Matthew 26:56

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 13:12

MONDAY: Acts 13:32-33

TUESDAY: Romans 8:24-25

WEDNESDAY: Romans 15:13

THURSDAY: Psalm 33:18

FRIDAY: Psalm 31:24

SATURDAY: 1 Timothy 4:10

### Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may look forward in hope for the fulfillment of Your promises.

## School of Christian Living

We have an active and on-going Confirmation, First Communion and SOCL classes. Thank you to our parents for supporting the program. Sign-ups can be done at any time – it is never too late to learn. We are here to assist in delivering knowledge of the faith through SOCL. Also remember, no one is too old to learn or make one's confirmation. We welcome all students.

## Divine Love & St. Nicholas

**Commemoration of St. Nicholas – December 6th:** Keep alive simple gift giving in honor of St. Nicholas on this day. St. Nicholas was known and honored for his charity. While Nicholas was still young he obeyed Jesus' words to *"sell what you own and give the money to the poor,"* Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God as priest and bishop. He stood strong in the face of persecution and defended the truths of the faith before those who called into question Jesus' Divine nature. By honoring his charity and witness with gift giving early in Advent we help to preserve Christmas Day as dedicated to the Christ Child.

**Feast of Divine Love – December 8th:** When our church was young, Bishop Hodur and the Church's Holy Synod transformed the so-called Feast of the "Immaculate Conception" of the B.V. Mary to the Feast of Divine Love. The Feast of Divine Love encapsulates so much of what is positive about our Church, its focus on love and human potential. Our Church sees Divine Love in God's sharing of wisdom and free will. The Divine Love of creation is that we are made *"very good"* (Gen. 1:31) in the image and likeness of God. When we fall into sin, we know that we can always turn to God who loved us so much that He sent His only Son to us to redeem humanity from its fall into sinfulness, its propensity to reject God's Divine Love.

## A time of preparation

Today we enter into the season of Advent, a time of preparation. Rather than lamenting the trends of society, and complaining about the secularization of Jesus' birth, let's resolve instead to do something positive. Let our preparation focus first on prayer – a prayer of hope and anticipation for God's coming among us. Pray for reconciliation and an end to greed.

Let us then also sacrifice for those in need. We will put out a donation basket. Our contributions will be used toward **the purchase of a well** for people in need of fresh water. We will also be **collecting food, gloves, and hats** for those in need in our immediate community. Canned, dried, and non-perishable foods, as well mittens, gloves, and hats are all needed. God bless you for your generosity and sacrifice in preparation for Jesus' coming.

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 Cousins, 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, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert Nemkovich, George Damouni, Kindlon Family, Carolyn Walker, Cynthia Hume, Chris, James McGrath, Larry Alfred, Brian Soos, Bonesteel Family

- 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.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Holy Cross Parish, Wilkes-Barre, PA its congregation and pastor Fr. Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is back. Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. 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.