



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 4, 2016

2nd Sunday of Advent

II Niedziela Adwentu

December 4, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 92.

First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

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

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

Epistle: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for All Souls remembrances

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am. Lighting of the Advent wreath, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction.
- Coffee Hour/School of Christian Living.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

3rd Sunday of Advent

III Niedziela Adwentu

December 11, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 92.

First reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Psalm: Ps 146:6-10

Lord, come and save us.

Epistle: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am. Lighting of the Advent wreath. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour/School of Christian Living
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

Let us seek him who alone can give us back our liberty. Let us pursue him constantly with our desire whose beauty wounds hearts, drawing them towards love and uniting them to him forever. Yes, let us all run towards him by our actions. Let us not allow anyone, whoever he may be, to forestall us or deceive us and distract us from our search. Above all... let us not say that God never manifests his presence to human beings. Let us not say that it is impossible for people to see God's light one day – or even to see it today.
– St. Symeon the New Theologian

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 518-453-2258

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Upcoming...

- **December 4: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **December 6: Commemoration of St. Nicholas of Myra**
- **December 8: Solemnity – Conception of the B.V.M.**
- **December 11: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **December 12: Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.**
- **December 16: Golubki making and Greening of the Church starting at 9am**
- **December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass with Advent Penitential Service at 10:30. Youth and Music Presentation. Christmas Vigil/Wigilia Pot Luck Dinner.**
- **December 19: Holy Mass and Anointing of the Sick, 6:15pm.**
- **December 21: Feast – St. Thomas the Apostle. Holy Mass at 8:30am.**

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.

What if I'm bored?

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD.

Today we are one week closer to standing before that stable. One week closer to welcoming the Lord.

That is a beautiful thought. My family puts up its Christmas decorations very late, days before Christmas. In the Advent spirit we are anticipating. We know that once the decorations are up, the vigil meal will be around the corner. We know that we will trek to church and witness the Babe born anew, and feel within ourselves His warmth – happiness, joy, peace, and the promise that because of Him we will have peace.

But what happens when we feel dead inside. What happens when all the expectation is gone – when that occasion about four weeks hence is a bore. The decorations are dusty already, the food isn't good, and church is a function rather than a joy. Some might even think they are at peace when in reality they have just become numb.

That is where Israel was. The stump of Jesse is literally the sterility of David's line. Jesse was David's father and David's male line was now impotent. Two hundred and seventy years after David was born to be King of Israel Isaiah told us that the dying, impotent, sterile kingship in Israel will produce its once and final King – the true King – the Lord Jesus.

Twenty-eight generations later. Jesus would be born of the line of David. His line – all but forgotten, dusty and dead, no flavor, nothing there and life suddenly springs anew.

John sets out for the Jordan. The

prophet, the forerunner, has arrived. Word spreads – there is hope around the corner. Something amazing is about to happen. As the people came forward they acknowledged their sins – primarily the sin of lost hope, of not believing in the promise. They came forward to say, 'Our dead hearts are waking up.'

Paul understood this would happen to us, so he says: *May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus.* Paul is telling us to keep it together, to be encouraged. Seven hundred years passed between Isaiah and Jesus. That is a lot of dust, a lot of boredom, and a lot of numbness. Life and joy lost.

What if we're bored? What do we do? Start here: Surrender our pre-conceived to-do list. Time to change things up – to build a spirit of anticipation. Then, when the moment comes, we find in it the full power of the promise that is ours.

There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?

Ecclesiastes 2:24-25

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Timothy 2:15
MONDAY: 2 Corinthians 10:5
TUESDAY: Philippians 4:12
WEDNESDAY: Micah 6:8
THURSDAY: 1 Timothy 6:6
FRIDAY: James 4:15
SATURDAY: Ecclesiastes 3:11-12

Pray

Lord, renew my joy; take away any coldness that remains in me. Reawaken me in anticipation of Your day.

Fr. Jim Away

Fr. Jim will be away starting Wednesday, December 6th through Saturday, December 10th. In an emergency please contact Fr. Mark at 518-453-2258.

Thanksgiving/Advent Food Drive

We are taking up our annual food collection for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring in your offers 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.

Cooking, Prep, Vigil dinner

Our annual parish vigil dinner will be held on Sunday, December 18th. There will be only one Holy Mass that day at 10:30am. Please volunteer to bring a non-meat dish. Along with the vigil dinner, we will have our annual youth presentation as well as a musical presentation. Please join in and lend a hand on Friday December 16th at 9am. We will be preparing golumbki as well as decorating the Church, beautifying it for the arrival of our newborn King. This will allow us to spend time together at our vigil dinner without having to rush anything.

College Stipends

Now is the time for all students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or a post-secondary certificate to apply for the PNU stipend. The criteria for the stipend application is as follows: a student currently enrolled in a college or university, part-time or full-time; a member of the PNU having a life insurance policy – current paying, single premium, or fully paid-up and in good standing for at least 5 years; current enrollment academic year (2016/2017) – effective December 1st - April 15th. This is a great opportunity for our families and students to research and review the benefits of being a member within the PNU and see what this commission represents so they can become the future leaders within our church community! The Education and Youth Stipend Application form can be downloaded from the PNU website, www.pnu.org.

Polish Food Sale

Polish food orders will be taken from November 1st through December 12th. Pick up orders on December 18th from 10:30am till 1pm. See Stephanie or call her at 518-369-1346.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

This coming year, 2017, we will once again hold our Outrageous Valentine's raffle to support the youth of our Church and our parish, including support for the annual KURS summer encampment. Tickets will be sent out shortly. They make great gifts as stocking or card stuffers. See Stephanie or call her at 518-369-1346.

SOCL Classes

Parents are reminded that when they had their child baptized, they vowed to have the child educated in the Christian Faith. All youth of the parish should be enrolled and attend SOCL every Sunday.

Of note.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węgliński, Robert Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, 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, Madison Sheridan, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright, Fr. Ray Drada, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Muse En Lystrala, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, 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 National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for the clergy and people of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Canonsburg, PA, Very Rev. Richard Seiler.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. Please volunteer to help.

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. Help is always needed for SOCL especially in instructing and encouraging our youth. Please see Fr. Jim.

--- Invite friends and family to await the Kingdom of God with you. ---