

Coming Home

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 11, 2016

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).

4th Sunday of Advent

IV Niedziela Adwentu

December 18, 2016

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

First reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm: Ps 24:1-6

Let the Lord enter; He is King of Glory.

Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Intention: 10:30am for all parishioners

Celebrant: 10:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 10:30am Derek Westcott

- Matins at 10:20am. Lighting of the Advent wreath, Holy Mass with Advent Penitential Service at 10:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Youth and Musical Presentation at 11:45.
- Vigil dinner at 12:15.

“Until the Ancient of days come.” That is, when at length the Judge of judges and the King of kings comes from heaven, who shall subvert the whole dominion and power of the adversary, and shall consume all with the eternal fire of punishment. But to His servants, and prophets, and martyrs, and to all who fear Him, He will give an everlasting kingdom; that is, they shall possess the endless enjoyment of good. – St. Hippolytus

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 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.**
- **December 24: Vigil of the Nativity. Children’s Vigil Holy Mass at 4pm.**
- **December 25: Nativity of the Lord, Holy Mass at Midnight and 10am.**
- **December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr.**

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.

Coming home.

Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

John heard about Jesus as he languished in Herod's prison. He sent his disciples to see if Jesus was the real thing. We wonder if John's disciples were a little suspicious? Certainly they did not want to be disappointed. Here is their man, John, sitting in prison. Will this Jesus really fulfill the promise? Will He bring the promised redemption and allow them to walk free? Will this Jesus bring them home?

Isaiah foresaw a time when Israel would be released from captivity, and would undertake yet another journey through the wilderness. Unlike the exodus from Egypt, on

this occasion they would not be left wandering for forty years, but would make the journey home in record time, by a route already prepared by the Lord. The returning exiles would relish the sight of their home ahead as they pass Lebanon's snow-capped hills, and the luxuriant growth on the mountain ridges of the Mediterranean coast.

Isaiah's prophecy was not only for the immediate future, it wasn't just about tomorrow's homecoming, but also foreshadowed the Messiah and the ultimate homecoming that is in Him. Seven hundred years after Isaiah, Jesus would finally free Israel once and for all and would bring them home. His promise delivered an eternal homecoming, a beautiful return that would not be for just a moment, but for all time. His homecoming is the glory of heaven for those who believe.

We all long for homecoming, for the warmth of welcome and peace. We long for the joy of family and friends, the familiar sights, sounds, and smells of those places we once

knew. We seek the hugs. We want that place that is so familiar we can walk free in it, unencumbered.

At the start of this third week of Advent, about fourteen days from Christmas, we can rejoice because our homecoming is near. We can re-experience, in that moment at the manger, our welcome home. The journey is not long, the road is paved, and our room is ready. Jesus' road brings us straight home.

As we live in expectation of our ultimate homecoming in Jesus' return, let us rejoice. In anticipating our homecoming let us renew our strength and take courage. For all those afflicted, who have waited, who in sadness longed for deliverance: take heart and rejoice, God brings healing. God lifts us up. We are saved. The restoration of sight and hearing is at hand. We will walk with strong legs and steady step. We will return home and enter singing, crowned with everlasting joy. We will come home with joy and gladness; all sorrow banished.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 14:2
MONDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:1
TUESDAY: Genesis 28:15
WEDNESDAY: John 14:27
THURSDAY: Jeremiah 31:7-8
FRIDAY: James 1:2-4
SATURDAY: 2 Peter 3:13

Pray

Lord, grant that I may always find my home in you. Come, Lord Jesus!

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. At Holy Mass that day we will hold our annual Advent penitential service. Let us spend the week ahead preparing ourselves thorough additional reflection, prayer, and fasting. 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.

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.

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 have been sent out. 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 Węglinski, 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 St. Joseph's Mission, Belle Vernon, PA, Rev. Felix Pyzowski.

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. ---