



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 20, 2015

4th Sunday of Advent IV Niedziela Adwentu

December 20, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 15, Canon, page 28.

First reading: Micah 5:1-4

Psalm: 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

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

Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Intention: 9:30 – for all parishioners

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

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

- Matins and Lighting of the Advent Wreath at 9:20am and Advent Penance Service and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite)
- Coffee Hour, SOCL, Greening of the Church
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63/Canon, pg. 77)

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 27, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 39, Canon, page 52.

First reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14

Psalm: Ps 97:1,6,11,12

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

Intention: 9:30 – for all parishioners

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (PNCC Rite)
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (PNCC Rite)
- Parish Committee Meets

Thus, therefore, has the one and the same Lord granted, by means of His advent, a greater gift of grace to those of a later period, than what He had granted to those under the Old Testament dispensation. For they indeed used to hear, by means of [His] servants, that the King would come, and they rejoiced to a certain extent, inasmuch as they hoped for His coming; but those who have beheld Him actually present, and have obtained liberty, and been made partakers of His gifts, do possess a greater amount of grace, and a higher degree of exultation, rejoicing because of the King's arrival – St. Ireneaus

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- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **December 20: 4th Sunday of Advent, Advent Penitential Service and Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Free Lunch, Greening of the Church.**
- **December 24: Vigil of the Nativity, Children's Christmas Vigil Holy Mass at 4pm.**
- **December 25: Nativity of the Lord. Solemn Procession to the Manger, High Holy Mass at Midnight and 10am.**
- **December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Protomartyr**
- **December 27: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds/Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am with wine blessing.**
- **January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision. Holy Mass at 9:30am**
- **January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus – Holy Mass at 4pm.**
- **January 3: Feast of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord. Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense at 7pm.**

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.

Let's hurry up!

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah

If there is one thing God really likes, it is journeys. Think of all the journeys in scripture.

Noah took a great boat trip. Abraham journeyed from Ur of the Chaldeans to the Promised Land. Joseph was sold off into slavery and went to Egypt. His brothers journeyed there for food and Jacob eventually moves to settle there. Once enslaved, the Lord frees His people and they journey back to the Promised Land – a journey taking forty years. Ruth journeyed and God accompanied His people in the Ark of the Covenant wherever they went. Israel journeyed into and out of captivity.

All these journeys set the stage for the coming of the promised Messiah – our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We might think that once the stage was set the journeying would cease.

Not so! Today we see Mary journey to her cousin Elizabeth. Mary acts as a sign. She shows us how to accept God's will and how we are to put His will into action through journeying to serve each other. Mary would then journey back home, to her espoused Joseph, and together they would journey to Bethlehem to bear Him who was *to shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD*.

The journeying did not end there. Having come to fulfill His Father's will, Jesus would journey throughout the territories of Judea and Samaria to preach the gospel. He journeyed to call all to repentance – to a change of heart. Finally, He would journey to Jerusalem to His death.

Those without faith see the journey ending there – at the cross, at death. But, thanks to God that death is no longer the end of our journey. Jesus opened the door to the only destination that matters – heaven in the presence of the Father, Son, and

Holy Ghost.

In keeping with the Lord's teaching and direction His followers have journeyed ever since. The Apostles went far and wide as heralds of the message of the risen Christ. Greece, India, Constantinople, Carthage in North Africa, Persia and Ethiopia, Armenia, Syria, Ephesus, Patmos, and Rome heard the Word preached. The Apostles' journeys and that of their disciples, and their disciple's disciples spread the gospel across the whole world.

As we near the end of our Advent journey and head to the forty days of the Christmas season, let us journey in haste. Like Mary, let us journey to show forth both our acceptance of God's will and the great joy that comes from His service. Like the Apostles, let us journey to every end of our community to tell of the Great Shepherd. Let us help people see and realize His greatness, kindness, and peace. Let the urgency of our journey cause us to hurry up for the time is at hand.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

Psalm 121:8

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Exodus 40:36

MONDAY: Judges 18:5

TUESDAY: Judges 18:6

WEDNESDAY: Ezra 8:21

THURSDAY: Psalm 91:11

FRIDAY: Psalm 146:9

SATURDAY: Psalm 119:105

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may journey in haste to carry out Your will.

A Time of Anticipation & Longing

Advent, three weeks down, less than a week until Christmas. Please make a special effort in these last few days, amidst the hustle and bustle, to set aside 10 minutes a day for deeper prayer and engage in fasting and works of charity. The Advent Season can seem busy with our preparing the church for Christmas today as well as all we do in our homes. Use this time to prepare so we may stand faithfully at His coming.

Vigil Dinner

Thank you to all who prepared for and cooked for our Parish Vigil Dinner last week. It was really wonderful!!!

Food Collection

As we do each November and December, we have taken up a food collection to help those in our local community. These items will be delivered today. Your generosity has shown forth your thankfulness for God's many blessings. Thank you and bless you!!!

Christmas Schedule

Remember – there are 40 days in the Christmas Season:

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 27: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds/Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am with Blessing of Wine (bring a bottle or two to be blessed)

January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision, Holy Mass at 9:30am.

January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus, Holy Mass at 4pm

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

We have sent out tickets for next February's Outrageous Valentine's raffle. Prizes total \$1,220. Each entry gives one multiple chances to win. Every time someone wins, their ticket is placed 'back in the bucket.' Daily prizes are \$40 and the Valentine's Day prize is \$100. Thank you for supporting this effort, which pays for our summer youth programs – Kurs and CONVO.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join is to support this new ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, December 30th.

Holy Mass Intentions

Reminder... you can ask Father Jim to offer Holy Mass for any intention. Just see Fr. Jim and let him know what you want.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is December 20th. 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, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzynski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, 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, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright.

- 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 Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of Holy Ghost Parish, Gozdnica, Poland and its pastor Rev. Ryszard Szykuła.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held every week after 9:30am Holy Mass. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week. If you can, please help out.

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 Father Jim.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---