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For I am  
**NOT ASHAMED**  
of the **Gospel** it is  
**THE POWER**  
of **GOD**  
for  
**Salvation**  
to everyone who  
**BELIEVES**

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 21, 2014

## Holy Mass of Confirmation 4th Sunday of Advent/IV Niedziela Adwentu

December 21, 2014

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84

First reading: Isaiah 11:1-4

Psalm: Ps 117:1-2

**R. You will be my witnesses to all the world.**

Epistle: Acts 1:3-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:24-27

Intention: For Claudia, Justyne, Adam and their families.

Celebrant: 9:30am Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki

Lector: Claudia Bertasso and Adam Konicki

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins and Advent Wreath Lighting
- Holy Mass and Confirmation at 9:30am with Penitential Service
- Ham Dinner, Greening of the Church, Free Lunch
- Requiem Holy Mass at 1:30pm for śp. Barbara West

## Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 28, 2014

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

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: śp. Edward Panfil offered by Richard & Shirley Maliszewski.

Celebrant: 9:30am Rev. James Konicki,

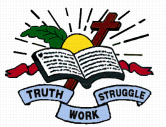
Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Holy Mass at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour

*“Let us then, laying all this to heart, stand nobly; for Paul was a man, partaking of the same nature with us, and having everything else in common with us. But because he showed such great love toward Christ, he went up above the Heavens, and stood with the Angels. And so if we too would rouse ourselves up some little, and kindle in ourselves that fire, we shall be able to emulate that holy man.” – St. John Chrysostom*

**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 21st: 4th Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass and Confirmation at 9:30am with Advent Penitential Service, Greening of the Church, Free Lunch, Requiem Holy Mass at 1:30pm**
- **December 24th: Vigil of the Nativity**
- **December 25th: Solemnity of the Nativity**
  - Holy Mass at Midnight
  - Holy Mass at 10:30am
- **December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr**
- **December 27: Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist - 5pm Holy Mass and Blessing of Wine**
- **December 28: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds**
- **December 31: New Year’s Eve**
- **January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision. Holy Mass at 9:30am. Happy 2015**

## Called to make the Good News known

*Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Jesus Christ has given us His Gospel – that is the Good News necessary for us to recognize the truth of salvation. This Good News tells us two things: God desires a relationship with us, that He wants to be more than just part of our lives, but in total union with us throughout our lives; and that He loves us so much that He was willing and did sacrifice Himself to make

that love and unity real forever. Truly, He came to both preach the Good News and deliver its promise.

As Claudia, Justyne, and Adam complete the sacrament of Baptism-Confirmation with their reception of Confirmation today, they acknowledge and accept as adults what St. Paul tells us: Our redemption and salvation brought about by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are without controversy. They are true facts that they fully accept and believe in. Claudia, Justyne, and Adam take up the challenge to proclaim this Good News in an adult way. They stand before us in potential and will clearly state: Yes, this is what I want to do. I know that Jesus did this for me, for my family in the faith, and I want to invite all I meet and know to also accept this Good News.

Their potential must now come to realization. They are like bread dough. The Holy Spirit and our family in the faith have filled

them with the yeast of the Good News. This has been and remains the yeast of knowing, loving and serving the Lord and each other. But if this dough remains unbaked it will spoil. The baking will come through their witness to Jesus Christ in His Holy Church and in the community. They will face trials (the baking) – for the world either ignores or hates the Good News. The Good News gets in the way of self-centered lives. It requires submission and obedience. We cannot go our own way, we must be obedient and go the way God intends in order to share in the Good News. We must become one in the great family of faith, not just in our minds and homes, but also in Church and on the street.

God's mystery has been made known to us. This is not just the word of prophets and preachers, but the very Word of God come among us. Today Claudia, Justyne, and Adam are anointed to make the Good News known to all they meet. Christ is salvation to all who believe. Come share in Him.

*And this is eternal life, that they know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.*

John 17:3

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Revelation 3:20  
MONDAY: 2 Timothy 3:16  
TUESDAY: Colossians 1:9-10  
WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 1:16-17  
THURSDAY: Romans 15:4  
FRIDAY: Romans 10:17  
SATURDAY: 2 Timothy 2:15

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to live up to my commitment and to proclaim Your coming each day.

## Confirmation

We welcome our Bishop ordinary, the Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki to our parish to impart Confirmation, the second part of the Sacrament of Baptism-Confirmation on Claudia Bertasso, Justyne Rios, and Adam Konicki. On this special day Claudia, Justyne, and Adam make a lifelong commitment to live in Christ's Holy Polish National Catholic Church and to proclaim with courage the abundant life all may have in Jesus Christ. God bless them.

## Food Collection

We are taking up our annual holiday food collection. Our Thanksgiving collection amounted to 125lbs of food. Dorothy Morrison worked to collect another 273lbs of food that was donated in lieu of grab bag gifts at the Elks Auxiliary Christmas party that she hosted. The food was donated in the name of our parish to SICM. Please bring in your offerings 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.

## Christmas Schedule

- December 24: Vigil of the Nativity
- December 25: Nativity of the Lord, Holy Mass at Midnight and Morning Holy Mass at 10:30am. Festive Repast follows each Holy Mass
- December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr
- December 27: Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Mass at 5pm with the Blessing of Wine
- December 28: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 9:30am
- December 31: New Year's Eve
- January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision. Holy Mass at 9:30am. Happy 2015
- January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus. Holy Mass at 7pm
- January 4: Feast of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 9:30am
- January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord. Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense at 7pm.
- January 11: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30am

## Vigil/Wigilia Dinner & Youth Thank You

Thank you to our wonderful youth who honored our Lord with their music and verse. Thank you to all who came to share in and who contributed dishes for our annual Vigil/Wigilia dinner.

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is today. 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, 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, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Edward Glover, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Jeremy Fish, Helen Pasiak, Pat Bruno, Bishop Bernard, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski.

- 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 Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- 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 Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, Gorzków, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Kamil Wołyński.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Coffee hour is held after worship each Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each 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 Father Jim.

*Please think inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus for Christmas*