



WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 22, 2013

4th Sunday of Advent IV Niedziela Adwentu

December 22, 2013

Rite: **9am** Pew Missal, page 63

First reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm: Ps 24:1-6

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: 9am Rev. Rafał Dadełło, Deacon: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins, Lighting of the Advent Wreath. Penance Service and Holy Mass at **9am**
- Coffee Hour, Greening of the Church

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 29, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

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: For all bishops, priests, and deacons of our Holy Church

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

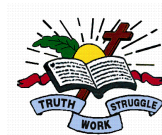
Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, Free Lunch on Sunday

“...lest you should suspect the disciple as inventing these things to favor his Master;— he introduces Joseph as contributing, by what he underwent, to the proof of the things mentioned; and by his narrative all but says, ‘If you doubt me, and if you suspect my testimony, believe her husband.’ For Joseph, says he, her husband, [was] a just man. Being then just, that is good and considerate, he was minded to put her away privily. For this intent he tells what took place before Joseph’s being fully informed, that you might not mistrust what was done after he knew.” – St. John Chrysostom

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 22nd: 4th Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass & Penitential Service at 9am, Church Greening.**
- **December 24th-25th: Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord – Shepherd’s Holy Mass/Pasterka at Midnight followed by a festive repast.**
- **December 25th: Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord – Service for Christmas Day at 9:30am.**
- **December 27th: Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist – Service and Blessing of Wine at 7pm.**
- **December 29th: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds.**
- **January 1st: Solemnity of the Circumcision of our Lord – Service at 9:30am.**
- **January 2nd: Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus – Service at 7pm.**
- **January 5th: Feast of the Holy Family.**

How do I overcome through love?

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”

Today we hear of Joseph as he confronts fear, doubt, and a decision about right and wrong.

The Gospel tells us that Joseph was a *righteous man*. Now, being ‘righteous’ or ‘just’ as an observant Jew meant that Joseph followed, lived, and abided by the law.

The law laid out the penalty for pre-marital sex and adultery. It was death for both the woman and man involved. Leviticus 20:10 states: *“If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.”* Deuteronomy 22:22 states: *“If a man is found lying with the wife of another man, both of them shall die, the man*

who lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall purge the evil from Israel.”

Since Joseph and Mary were engaged, Mary was legally Joseph’s wife. Mary was obviously pregnant – so in everyone’s mind she was an adulteress. By law Joseph could denounce Mary and she would be stoned to death. Joseph would cast first stone.

Joseph is shamed by Mary’s pregnancy. Joseph went home to think this all over. We can imagine his thoughts, the stress, the anger, the shame, and the hurt. What should he do? The law says put her to death, get revenge, and purify the community. What would happen if he didn’t follow the law?

Before his adopted Son would ever proclaim the value of forgiveness, before Jesus would say, *“Let him who is without sin cast the first stone,”* or *“Do not judge by appearances, but judge*

with right judgment” Joseph acted with true righteousness. Amidst the hurt, pain, and conflict Joseph decided against death. He would arrange a no-fault divorce, without admitting or denying paternity of child. This would save Mary’s life.

God would intervene through His angel to give Joseph all of the facts - that there is no human father for Jesus. More importantly, Joseph provides us with an example of true righteousness. This is the kind of righteousness we are called to live.

Death is the penalty for sin. Thankfully, through Jesus’ coming, we have been freed from death. Being freed, Jesus asks us to free others from death. This is not the literal death of the Old Testament imposed by stoning, but the sort of death we impose if we harden our hearts to those who have hurt us.

As Joseph chose true righteousness so must we. When we do, when we forgive as we are forgiven, when we free as we have been freed, we overcome death by love.

“If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that every one who does right is born of him.”

1 John 2:29

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 106:3
MONDAY: James 1:4
TUESDAY: 1 John 3:7
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 5:20
THURSDAY: 1 Peter 3:14
FRIDAY: Philippians 1:11
SATURDAY: 2 Timothy 2:22

Pray

Lord Jesus, uphold me in the path of righteousness.

Midnight Holy Mass – At Midnight

Please take note of our schedule of Holy Masses and worship services for the Christmas season. Worship in the 40 day Christmas season is a joyful experience. We start with Holy Mass at midnight, December 25th. Please join us in this time-honored liturgy in which we welcome our newborn King. If you are having guests on Christmas Eve... why not invite them along to Midnight Mass?

Home Visits

Deacon Jim is available to visit with any parishioner who is hospitalized, homebound, or unable to get to church. He will bring Holy Communion – Jesus’ extraordinary gift of love, which binds us to His body and blood, and each of us to the other. Also remember that Epiphany home blessings start January 7th. Just call Deacon Jim to set up a time.

Food Collection – Thank You

Cuts to SNAP and WIC have resulted in hundreds of thousands of low-income women, infants, and children losing needed nutrition assistance. Vulnerable families are going hungry, and are now completely dependent on food banks. Our collection of dry and canned goods throughout the November and December as well as mittens and gloves were delivered to Schenectady Inner City Ministries. 275 pounds of food, 4 hats, 1 headband and 13 pair of gloves/mittens were delivered by Bob and Cyndie Williams. God bless you for your generosity!!! Our next collection for those in need will take place on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 2nd.

Memory Crosses – Thank You

Holy Name of Jesus is continuing a tradition begun at Good Shepherd Parish in Amsterdam. Hand crocheted memory crosses, in honor of dearly departed loved ones will be placed on the parish Christmas throughout the Christmas season. Then in January a special Holy Mass will be held in memory of those entrusted to our prayers. Thank you to all who remembered their loved ones with a memory cross. The scheduled Holy Mass in their honor will be announced after the New Year.

Vigil Thank You

Thank you to all who attended our Children’s Christmas presentation – they did a wonderful job!!! and for taking part in our Parish Vigil/Wigilia Dinner last Sunday. Despite the weather you made God and your family of faith your most important appointment.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, December 29th. 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.

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 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, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Laverne Dowdell, Curtis Szczepkowski, Richard, Bishop John, Derek, Jocelyn, Daniel Springsteen.

- 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: Divine Word Parish in Chicago, IL and its congregation.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour has returned. Join us after worship every Sunday. 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.