

focus

**NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE
IMPOSSIBLE IS NOTHING**

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 23, 2012

4th Sunday of Advent IV Niedziela Adwentu

December 23, 2012

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

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: For a spirit of preparation this Advent, śp Dennis Kopec

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins. Lighting of the 4th Advent Candle
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Greening of the Church – come help decorate.

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 30, 2012

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 in the PNCC and for an increase in vocations.

Worship leader: 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 – please join us.
- 1st Monthly Soup on Sunday

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.

Contact

Holy Name of Jesus

National Catholic Church, PNCC

1040 Pearl Street

Schenectady, New York 12303-1846

Parish and Hall: 518-372-1992

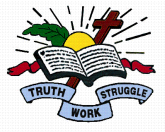
In an emergency: Fr. Mark Gnidzinski,

518-437-1889

Deacon Jim Konicki:

518-765-2134 or 518-522-0944

On the Web: www.holynamencc.org



Upcoming...

- December 23: 4th Sunday of Advent/Greening of the Church
- December 24: Vigil of the Nativity
- December 25: Nativity of the Lord
Holy Mass at Midnight
Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 10am
- December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr
- December 27: Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist - Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 7:30pm with Blessing of Wine
- December 29: Solemnity of the Holy Family
- December 30: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds/1st Monthly Soup on Sunday at 11:30am
- January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision, Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 10am
- January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name, Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 7:30pm

Because He said it... believe it!

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

The Annunciation – that moment where the angel Gabriel told Mary that God had chosen her. The dialog goes on and we hear Mary say yes to God. She says yes to the impossible.

Months before that Zechari'ah was serving in the temple when the Gabriel appeared to him and told him that his elderly wife Elizabeth would have a baby. Zechari'ah didn't believe that the impossible could happen, even with an angel telling him (a seemingly impossible event in and of itself). Because of this disbelief Zechari'ah was left without speech.

Today, we hear of the confluence of these events. Mary travels to see Elizabeth, to serve her in her pregnancy. As Mary arrives, and

sounds her greeting, the seemingly impossible happens. John, still in his mother's womb leaps for joy. John leapt for joy not just because of the sound of Mary's voice. He leapt because of the presence of God in her womb. How could this be possible?

Throughout salvation history the impossible has happened. A small tribal people became God's people. They were saved in miraculous ways. In the fullness of time God came to us through them, and offered Himself for our redemption and salvation. He died and rose from the dead, and from there His word spread throughout the world at the hands of fishermen, tent makers, tax collectors, and others. That word went out and was accepted by new groups of people and nations who all became God's chosen people.

Consider too that the time of the impossible has not ended. The saints and martyrs – and all who hold and profess our common

Christian faith have accomplished the impossible. In the history of our Holy Church, a small group of people worked together, and democratically, to organize a new society of faith, a new Church to carry out the seemingly impossible. Now its work is spreading around the globe.

As with Mary's example, we must be prepared to believe that there are no barriers in God. With Him, nothing is impossible and conversely, the impossible is nothing to us. God's grace is powerful and can accomplish everything. We must take up and accept that grace, agreeing to be His allies and His workers in carrying out the impossible.

Walter Cronkite used to say: "And that's the way it is." Let us be joyous as Elizabeth and the pre-born John were, that God continues to speak to us, to call us, to accomplish the impossible through us. That is the way it is with God. Because He says it, believe it! We are blessed who believe.

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Matthew 19:26

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Exodus 15:23-25
MONDAY: Philippians 4:19
TUESDAY: Job 42:2
WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah 32:17
THURSDAY: Isaiah 55:11
FRIDAY: Luke 1:36-37
SATURDAY: Luke 18:27

Pray

Lord Jesus, to us it seems impossible that in Your power You chose to love us and come to us. Thank you.

School of Christian Living

We have an active and on-going Confirmation, First Communion and SOCL classes. Thank you to our parents for supporting the program. Sign-ups can be done at any time – it is never too late to learn.

Eternal rest...

We learned that Cynthia Humme, daughter of John Humme, passed to her eternal rest in Jesus on Saturday night. Please hold John and his entire family in your prayers. More information in regard to services for Cynthia will be forthcoming. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may the perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Envelops Available

God bless you for your generosity and support of our parish. Donation envelopes for 2013 have arrived and are available in the back of the church. Each packet is marked with a family name. Please take your packet home and avail yourself of these envelopes in the coming year. Doing so allows the parish to provide you with a statement for accounting and income tax purposes.

Parish Offices

Our annual congregation meeting will be held in January along with the election of a new Parish Committee. So much good has been accomplished in 2012 – and it will be a great meeting filled with thankfulness for the many blessings we have experienced - especially for the blessing of having you in our family of faith!!! If you or someone you know would like to be part of the leadership team, please write your name, theirs, or better yet, both of yours down along with the office (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Trustee) you would like to run for and drop them in the collection basket in an envelope marked nominations.

Anyone may attend the annual meeting to share in the information provided, but please note that only parish members may cast a vote or run for office.

A time of preparation results

Today is the last Sunday of Advent. Our time of preparation draws to a close and our anticipation reaches its maximum. Thank you for sacrificing and honoring this time of preparation for God's coming among us. You have blessed those in need through your efforts with nearly \$300 raised toward the purchase of a well for people in need of fresh water. Your blessings for our local community resulted in our providing 4 pair of mittens, 27 pair of gloves, 34 hats, 3 scarves, and 202 pounds of food. This weeks' collection will be added to the total. God bless you.

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 Cousins, 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, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert Nemkovich, George Damouni, Kindlon Family, Carolyn Walker, Chris, James McGrath, Larry Alfred, Brian Soos, Bonesteel Family; Bill VanShufflin

- 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: Resurrection of the Lord Parish, Edwardsville, PA its congregation and pastor Rev. Pawel Filip.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is back. Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. 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.