



Nativity of the Lord

Boże Narodzenie

December 25, 2016

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

Intention: All Holy Masses for all parishioners

Celebrant: Vigil 4pm, Midnight, 10am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: Midnight: Larry Panfil, 10am Claudia Bertasso

- Vigil Holy Mass – December 24th at 4pm.
- Readings: Isaiah 62:1-5; Ps. 89; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Matthew 1:1-25
- R./ **For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**
- Shepherds Solemn Holy Mass at Midnight with Procession of Light
- Readings: Isaiah 9:1-6; Ps. 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14
- R./ **Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord**
- Holy Mass at 10am.
- Readings: Isaiah 52:7-10; Ps. 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18
- R./ **All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Solemnity of the Circumcision

Uroczystość Obrzezania Pańskie

January 1, 2017

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

First reading: Genesis 17:9-14

Psalm: Ps 19:8-11

R. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing my soul.

Epistle: Galatians 5:3-6

Gospel: Luke 2:21

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners

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

Lector: 9:30am Daniel Diiane, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite). Exposition and Benediction.
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

Behold on Christmas a new and wondrous reality. The angels sing and the archangels blend their voices in harmony. The Cherubim hymn their joyful praise. The Seraphim exalt Christ's glory. All join to praise this holy feast, beholding the Godhead here on earth and man in heaven. He Who is above now for our redemption dwells here below, and we who are lowly are by divine mercy raised up. Bethlehem this day resembles heaven, hearing from the stars the singing of angelic voices. Ask not how. For where God wills, nature yields. For He willed. He had the power. He descended. He redeemed. – 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 518-453-2258

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Upcoming...

- **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.**
- **December 27: Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Mass at 7pm with Blessing of Wine**
- **December 31: Feast of the Holy Family. New Year's Eve**
- **January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Happy 2017!**
- **January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus – Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord. Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense at 7pm.**
- **January 8: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 9: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 8:30am. YMS of R Night Out at 6pm.**

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.

Expect the unexpected.

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.”

What doesn't change? If we took a moment, we could probably jot down a list of the things that don't change a whole lot from year to year, Christmas to Christmas.

Those red poinsettias that always decorate the parish; they're so beautiful. But wait; didn't Fr. Jim add white ones a couple years ago to signify the purity of the Christ child? Hmmm.

Growing up we always went to my aunt and uncle's house down the street for the Christmas vigil. It was a night filled with tradition. We had the same soup and food. We waited until the dishes were washed before we got around to opening presents. My one cousin was the one to hand

everything out. We waited for that moment we all knew was coming when one of my cousins would open her gift only to find it was a new set of underwear – she got the same gift from her mom every year. We would all chuckle and comment. Then we would walk home and try to rest before the shepherd's Holy Mass at midnight. Those dinners and the gift of underwear have changed.

Our memories are filled with experiences we thought would never change. Instinct, intellect, and common sense were disregarded because we were so sure they would never end. This will happen, be repeated, year after year.

In the Christmas proclamation we hear that Jesus was born 5,199 years after the foundation of the world. Consider a world caught up in the expected for thousands of years. The children of Israel hoped for the Messiah, but I am pretty sure they set most of that hope aside – nothing is going to change.

Then, suddenly, the heavenly host appears. The angel proclaims the news: “a savior has been born for you who is the Messiah, the Lord.”

Savior has a particular meaning. The Messiah is to be the Rescuer. The Savior is indeed the Rescuer. He will pull us up out of trouble. He rescues us from sin, from hopelessness, and most of all from the expected.

The world stood in silence waiting and suddenly everything changed. The unexpected happened. The Messiah – not a civil ruler and army commander – but God's only Son made flesh and blood. He is God as child, as baby, coming in the poorest of conditions. He is God Who wipes away all separation. He is God who reaches out to us. We need not plead, we need do nothing, for He did it all for us. Wherever we are, whatever we expect, the one sure unchanging thing on our list is God who rescued us, God who always delivers unexpected love. *Do not be afraid* – be sure of Him.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Luke 6:38
MONDAY: Luke 12:15
TUESDAY: Matthew 6:19-21
WEDNESDAY: Luke 1:46-47
THURSDAY: Luke 12:33-34
FRIDAY: Matthew 6:33
SATURDAY: Matthew 2:2

Pray

Jesus, You are with us. You have saved us. Grant that I may always place You first. Help me see in everyone Your gift and blessing.

Christmas Wishes

"And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us" (Jn 1: 14)

Dear Parishioners and Benefactors of our parish, Dear guests,

Together with Mary and Joseph, imitating their simplicity and humility, we kneel in front of the Word made flesh: Jesus Christ, our Savior. We bow in silent adoration before the great mystery of the Incarnation Who offers joy and peace to everyone who adopts Him.

Breaking the Christmas Eve wafer, we pray that the newborn Christ will fill your heart with the steadfast hope that overcomes all difficulties; will give you faith that will conquer even in the darkest of days; and will fill you with the greatness of his joy and love.

We would like to thank all our benefactors; all who take such great care of our home, this parish church, and who are dedicated to building God's presence in our community. May the Child Jesus reward you with abundant graces for your open and generous hearts.

May your Christmas season be filled with love, joy, and peace both at home and among your family and friends. May the blessings of the Child Jesus accompany you throughout 2017!

With a prayer and blessing, Your pastor,

Fr. James Konicki and family

Życzenia Świąteczne

„A Słowo ciałem się stało i zamieszkało między nami” (J 1,14)

Kochani Parafianie, Drodzy Dobroczynicy naszej Parafii, wszyscy Goście,

Razem z Maryją i Józefem, naśladowując ich prostotę i pokorę, klękamy przed Słowem, które stało się Ciałem: Jezusem Chrystusem, naszym Zbawicielem. Pochylamy się w cichej adoracji nad wielką tajemnicą Wcielenia, które napęła radością i pokojem każdego, kto przyjmuje Dziecię Jezus do swojego serca.

Przełamując wigilijny opłatek, życzymy Wam, Drodzy, aby Nowonarodzony Chrystus napęłał Wasze serca niezachwianą nadzieją, która pozwoli pokonać wszelkie trudności, silną wiarą, która rozjaśni nawet najbardziej mroczne dni i głęboką miłością, która w każdym człowieku potrafi dostrzec promyk dobra oraz zawsze jest gotowa przebaczyć.

Pragniemy podziękować wszystkim Dobroczyncom, którzy troszczą się o parafialny Kościół-naszą i o sprawy naszej Wspólnoty parafialnej. Niech Dziecię Jezus wynagrodzi Wam obfitymi łaskami za Wasze otwarte i hojne serce.

Wszystkim życzymy, aby Święta Bożego Narodzenia upłynęły w atmosferze miłości, radości i życzliwości w gronie najbliższych i przyjaciół. A błogosławieństwo Dziecięcia Jezus niech towarzyszy Wam przez cały Nowy 2017 Rok.

Z modlitwą i błogosławieństwem wasi duszpasterz,

Ks. Jakub Konicki i rodziny

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 Węgliński, 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, Daniel Diiane, Warren Tatlock. 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 our Holy Church, Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop.

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 greet the Lord with you. ---