



WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 4, 2015

## Feast of the Holy Family Święto Świętej Rodziny

January 4, 2015

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

First reading: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Psalm: Ps 128:1-5

R. **Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.**

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Intention: śp. Edward Panfil offered by Stanley Podkulski.

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

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins
- Holy Mass at 9:30am (Traditional Rite)
- Coffee Hour
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

## Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 11, 2015

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

First reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Psalm: Ps 29:1-4,3,9-10

**The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

Epistle: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

Intention: śp. Mary Dzięgiel offered by Stephanie and Bob Dominy.

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

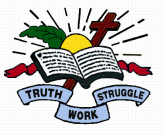
Lector: Larry Panfil

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- Coffee Hour, Parish Committee Meeting, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite)

*Nothing is stronger than these bonds, particularly between husband and wife. By resorting to intimidation you might be able to keep a domestic servant attached to you - but not even him, for probably the servant will leave you and escape. The companion of your life, the mother of your children, the basis of all your joy, ought not to be tied to you by threats and fear, rather by love and the warmth of emotion. What sort of union would that be in which the wife is afraid of her husband? And what pleasure could her husband find in staying with her as if she were a servant? – 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...

- **January 4: Feast of the Holy Family.** Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am
- **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 and 11:30am
- **January 18: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time,** Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Free lunch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins
- **January 25: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,** Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends
- **February 1: Septuagesima Sunday,** Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. SouperBowl Sunday, Annual Parish Meeting.
- **February 8: Sexagesima Sunday,** Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.



Bless and protect our family.

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

How very important is St. Paul’s discourse with the people of Colossae in Asia Minor. The primary subject of the section of his letter we read today is how to live the ideal Christian life.

As Jesus had told us: [we] are not of the world, even as [He is] not of the world. But we must live here; we must work to transform the world, conforming

it to Jesus’ way of life so that His kingdom may be made real among us. That is the job we accept in our baptism. As such we must strive to be living examples. We must work toward the perfection of life Jesus modeled for His disciples – that’s us.

The Church at Colossae was not without troubles. Paul had spent two years planting and building the Church in Asia Minor. Starting in Ephesus he branched out and as Acts tells us: “all the residents of Asia, both Jews and Greeks, heard the word of the Lord.” Of course, Paul wasn’t solely responsible, for the initial hearers of the word became proclaimers of the Word.

From prison, Paul had heard that the Colossians, who had at one time been strong in their faith, were now vulnerable to deception about the faith. He wrote to refute each of the errors the Colossians were tempted to embrace and which were dividing them. The letter, however, takes readers far

beyond theology. Paul cared deeply that all of his readers (including us) understand the context of their lives within God’s Story, and what that looks like in their relationships. We can imagine the disputes that were taking place, the confusion, and people stepping forward as ‘thought leaders.’ Others saying, ‘Forget it, I’m quitting.’ Paul was calling them back to right faith and right action – that they be one body, one family. They were not to quit, even if offended, but to forgive, to become better, and to be living examples of life in the family of Christ.

He puts a fine point on this by saying: *And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

Whatever we do when we enter the doors of the Church, and when we leave is to be done in the name of Jesus. Very appropriate to us, the family of Christ blessed and protected at Holy Name of Jesus!

“And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me,” says the Lord Almighty.

2 Corinthians 6:18

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 5:28  
MONDAY: Ephesians 5:33  
TUESDAY: Deuteronomy 26:11  
WEDNESDAY: Genesis 28:14  
THURSDAY: John 3:16  
FRIDAY: Psalm 115:12-15  
SATURDAY: Romans 12:5

Pray

Lord, grant us unity and peace in our immediate families. Bless us with great increase in the family of faith.

Solemnity of the Epiphany

We celebrate the arrival of the Magi in Bethlehem on the twelfth day after Christmas, which is January 6<sup>th</sup>. They come bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Jesus was revealed to the gentiles for the first time for all nations would come to worship Him. Incense and chalk will be blessed during the liturgy. We hope many of you will choose to join us for Holy Mass at 7pm.

SouperBowl Sunday

Sunday, February 1st marks SouperBowl Sunday, an annual day of charity observed nationally. The charity we do on this day through monetary and food donations helps those in our local community through SICM. This effort, begun by youth, recognizes the irony of a day dedicated to sports and feasting while others can not even afford a bowl of soup. Your generosity for the past 13 years has been tremendous.

Christian Unity

January 18th through 25th marks the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Although competition between churches is less obvious in our day, it still lies beneath the surface of our lives and gives scandal to non-Christians. Jesus challenges us to acknowledge that while diversity is part of God's design, we must approach one another in trust, dialog to remove division, and see the face of God in every Christian.

Epiphany Home Blessings

Father Jim is available to visit your home for Epiphany home blessings starting January 7th. Just call Father Jim to set up a time.

Time to Step-up

On Sunday, February 1st we will hold our annual parish meeting and election of officers and directors. Please commit to being present for this event. Only through your involvement and indication of interest will we remain strong. We have many long serving Parish Committee Members, and frankly they deserve a break. We need younger members to step-up and to make an act of charity through this work. The Lord and His family, the Holy Church, needs you.

Reminders

- +Our Outrageous Valentines Raffle is underway. Please remember to sell tickets and join in to support of our youth.
- +Parish Membership requires the payment of annual dues that support the larger Church, our Diocese, and our Parish. Dues are now \$137 per year for adult members, \$112 for seniors 65 and over.

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 Radzynski, 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 Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Grudziądz, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Dr. Tadeusz Urban.

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