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## HOPEFUL WAITING

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 27, 2016

### 1st Sunday of Advent

#### I Niedziela Adwentu

November 27, 2016

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

First reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Ps 122:1-9

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

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

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

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Blessing and lighting of the Advent wreath and blessing of Christmas wafers/opłatki. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour/School of Christian Living
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

#### II Niedziela Adwentu

December 4, 2016

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

First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

**Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

Epistle: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for All Souls remembrances

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Lighting of the Advent wreath, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction.
- Coffee Hour/School of Christian Living.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

*The night is far spent, the day is at hand. -- If then this is upon ending, and the latter is drawing near, let us henceforth do what belongs to the latter, not to the former. For this is what is done in the things of this life. And when we see the night pressing on towards the morning, and hear the swallow twittering, we each of us awake our neighbor, although it be night still. But so soon as it is actually departing, we hasten one another, and say It is day now! And we all set about the works of the day.. – 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...

- **November 27: 1st Sunday of Advent/Cycle A Begins. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **November 30: Feast - St. Andrew the Apostle. Rorate Holy Mass at 8:30am.**
- **December 4: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **December 6: Commemoration of St. Nicholas of Myra**
- **December 8: Solemnity – Conception of the B.V.M.**
- **December 11: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **December 12: Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.**
- **December 16: Golubki making and Greening of the Church starting at 9am**
- **December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass with Advent Penitential Service at 10:30. Youth and Music Presentation. Christmas Vigil/Wigilia Pot Luck Dinner.**

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.

Taking instruction  
reaping benefits.

For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and impose terms on many peoples. They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Here we are, entering Advent. In a little more than four weeks we will stand at the stable as thousands in this parish have done since 1922, and billions of Christians do each year. If we could just imagine ourselves there for a moment, what would we say to ourselves – the person standing here today? What advice could we give ourselves?

Isaiah pegged it right when he told us to pay attention to the word of the Lord. This isn’t just a hearing, or a mere paying attention to, or a

listening. Our paying attention must be converted to the integration of God’s word into ourselves. We are to make every act, word, gesture, project, task, and study a living encounter with God’s love – within ourselves and for each other.

As with most prophetic utterances Isaiah gives us both a consequence and a promise.

The promise is that our living encounters with God’s love results in this: *They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; one nation shall not raise the sword against another, nor shall they train for war again.* Those very real encounters within us and in our relationships come from walking in the light of the Lord!

The consequence is judgment. God looks at us and will judge whether our lives have been an encounter with His love. No one likes the thought of that because we all fall short. As such we must measure

how our life in Jesus reaches reality and hold ourselves to a much higher standard. We cannot just ignore the consequence and hope for the best. We cannot walk in darkness and expect the promise to happen in spite of us.

Let’s get back to our advice to ourselves – I would say to myself – be careful each day to walk in the light of the Lord. Don’t make those mistakes. Let His word and His way be integrated in me; make it real in my every encounter. If the Lord’s promise fills me, and all I encounter, I will see His promise come to reality. People will be lifted up. Joy will be made real.

In today’s Epistle and Gospel we hear the challenge – *our salvation is nearer now; the night is advanced, the day is at hand.* Our advise to ourselves – we cannot afford to set the light of the Lord aside or expect that the consequence is not near. So let us take up His instruction, live His promise and make every encounter a reflection of His light.

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Jeremiah 17:9-10  
MONDAY: Deuteronomy 28:1  
TUESDAY: Romans 13:4  
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 12:11  
THURSDAY: Proverbs 25:26  
FRIDAY: Daniel 12:3  
SATURDAY: Romans 6:23

Pray

Lord, your consequences are real. Grant that I may not look back in shame, but as one who has done all I can to live in your promise.

The Sunday Invitation

*"The Lord is about to enter his temple, and appear before us. He has invited all to the feast. Come! Join in the banquet of life. Sit at the table of love prepared for you."* – from an ancient Armenian hymn.

This joyful invitation is something that we must put first as the priority in our lives. The most important and treasured event of our life is to be experienced each Lord's Day (Sunday). Our duty is to never leave our seat empty at the Lord's Banquet. What could be considered more important than to be present at the *"banquet of life at the table of love"* in the presence of the Lord? When we accept Christ's invitation, we give Him the message that He is our priority, that His way of life is our way of life, and that we are His thankful, i.e., “Eucharistic” people.

College Stipends

Now is the time for all students who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or a post-secondary certificate to apply for the PNU stipend. The criteria for the stipend application is as follows: a student currently enrolled in a college or university, part-time or full-time; a member of the PNU having a life insurance policy – current paying, single premium, or fully paid-up and in good standing for at least 5 years; current enrollment academic year (2016/2017) – effective December 1st - April 15th. This is a great opportunity for our families and students to research and review the benefits of being a member within the PNU and see what this commission represents so they can become the future leaders within our church community! The Education and Youth Stipend Application form can be downloaded from the PNU website, [www.pnu.org](http://www.pnu.org).

Thanksgiving/Advent Food Drive

We are taking up our annual food collection for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Please bring in your offers 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.

Polish Food Sale

Polish food orders will be taken from November 1st through December 12th. Pick up orders on December 18th from 10:30am till 1pm. See Stephanie or call her at 518-369-1346.

Outrageous Valentine’s Raffle

This coming year, 2017, we will once again hold our Outrageous Valentine’s raffle to support the youth of our Church and our parish, including support for the annual KURS summer encampment. Tickets will be sent out shortly. They make great gifts as stocking of card stuffers. See Stephanie or call her at 518-369-1346.

SOCL Classes

Parents are reminded that when they had their child baptized, they vowed to have the child educated in the Christian Faith. All youth of the parish should be enrolled and attend SOCL every Sunday.

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 Węglinski, 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, 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, Pattric 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Canonsburg, PA, Very Rev. Richard Seiler.

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 await the Kingdom of God with you. ---