



2nd Sunday of Advent

II Niedziela Adwentu

December 7, 2014

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First reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Psalm: Ps 85:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Intention: for all parishioners and śp. Louis and śp. Rita Konicki.

Celebrant: 2pm Rev. James Konicki,

Deacon: Rev. Rafał Dadełło, Subdeacon: Rev. Mr. Anthony Prince

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Holy Mass at 2pm.
- Celebratory Banquet

3rd Sunday of Advent

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First reading: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

Canticle: Luke 1:46-50,53-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

Epistle: Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

Intention: śp. Edward Panfil offered by Richard & Shirley Maliszewski.

Celebrant: 9:30am Rev. James Konicki,

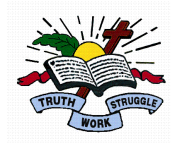
Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins and Lighting of the Advent Wreath
- Holy Mass at 9:30am
- Youth Presentation, Parish Vigil/Wigilia Dinner at 10:45am

“Even here in the Church the gradations of bishops, presbyters, and deacons happen to be imitations, in my opinion, of the angelic glory and of that arrangement which, the scriptures say, awaits those who have followed in the footsteps of the apostles and who have lived in complete righteousness according to the gospel.” – St. Clement of Alexandria

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 them, anoint them, and bring Jesus’ healing presence to them. Call 518-522-0944.

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Upcoming...

- **December 7th: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Father Jim’s First Holy Mass at 2pm, Dinner Follows.**
- **December 14th: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Parish Vigil Dinner Follows**
- **December 20th: Private Confessions at 11:30am**
- **December 21st: 4th Sunday of Advent, Advent Penitential Service, Greening of the Church.**
- **December 24th: Vigil of the Nativity**
- **December 25th: Solemnity of the Nativity**
 - Holy Mass at Midnight
 - Holy Mass at 10:30am

The power of one.

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

The power of one is really something.

The singer and musician Bono founded an organization called ONE that campaigns and advocates on an international level to take action to end extreme poverty and preventable disease. More than 6 million people have joined in as ONE. We also know the power of one vote. A look at elections over the past several years reveals that many are won or lost by very close margins. Every vote does count. A little research shows

that many elections in the United States and elsewhere are won or lost by an average 449 votes out of an average 771,000 votes cast per election. A good group of those were won or lost by one vote. In mathematics, the number 1 is considered neither prime nor composite but in a class of its own. It is the multiplicative identity, so it is also a unit and a divisor of unity. John the Baptist was only one figure but prepared many for the Lord.

In Greek neo-platonic philosophy, The One is the ultimate reality and source of all existence. The Jewish philosopher Philo of Alexandria regarded the number one as God's number, and the basis for all numbers. Every Sunday we clearly proclaim that we believe in One God. Advent presents us two ways to look at one and one point of arrival.

The first thing we must look at during Advent is ourselves. Do we see ourselves as ‘the one’ and others as them? In our singleness,

our self-identity, our oneness - which is really aloneness - do we fall short of Jesus’ call to be part of His body? Do we serve ourselves and hurt others in the process? Or rather, do we use the gifts God has given us as individuals to build up His one body?

The other thing we must look at this Advent is the One who came into the world and is coming again. Are we letting others know how beautiful it is to be part of the One in the family of faith? Are we preparing to meet Him, not just on Christmas as a single day, but prepared to welcome, live with, and abide in Him for all eternity?

Advent is a time of focus. We will all arrive at one point in time, a single point where we will live in unity or disunity with the One. Are we ready to draw into union as one with Him? The power of the One draws us, calls us, drives us, and gives us a choice. The power of the One is truly beautiful. Let us join as one in preparing worthily for the One.

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 Corinthians 12:13
MONDAY: Romans 8:29
TUESDAY: Malachi 2:10
WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 4:5-6
THURSDAY: Deuteronomy 6:4
FRIDAY: John 10:30
SATURDAY: Matthew 28:19

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may live as one within Your body, the Church, and that I may always work to set selfishness aside.

Welcome

Thank you so much for being here to attend Fr. Jim’s first Holy Mass and the celebratory dinner to follow. We pray that your time with us will a joyful and loving encounter with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ and His family of faith right here in Schenectady.

Please continue to pray for Father Jim and his family as he he continues his ministry among us. Also pray for an increase in vocations so more men may respond to God’s call.

Food Collection

We are taking up our annual food collection for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. Our Thanksgiving collection amounted to 125 pounds of food delivered to Schenectady Inner City Ministries. Please bring in your offerings 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.

Advent

On this second Sunday of Advent we find two candles of our Advent wreath lit. Our journey towards the moment of Christmas and the Lord’s return continues. We have a full schedule of Advent happenings: our parish vigil dinner, Advent penitential service, and decorating of the church. Please join in, and make this a season of true preparation for Jesus’ coming. Christmas wafers/oplatki are available. Please take home an envelope to share with your family during the Christmas Vigil.

Heritage

We continue to focus on rebirth: *Reborn man has the same attitude towards life and its responsibilities. He treats them as a transitory phase of his existence, which is the journey to a better and happier country. The reborn man does not scorn, nor neglect, nor make light of his earthly pilgrimage because he knows that each act in his life contributes something to his total achievement and brings him closer to his ultimate goal. But, at the same time, he does not attach excessive importance to its material by-products. He properly assesses their relative value as mere implements for the attainment of eternal happiness.*

Vigil/Wigilia Dinner Next Week

Next Sunday, December 14th, we will hold our parish Vigil/Wigilia Dinner. Sign up sheets are in the church vestibule. Please bring a friend and a dish to share. The parish has ordered enough fish for everyone.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is December 21st. 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, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Laverne Dowdell, 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

- 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 Corpus Christi Parish, Gdańsk, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Rafał Michalak.

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 about telling a friend or relative about Holy Name of Jesus.