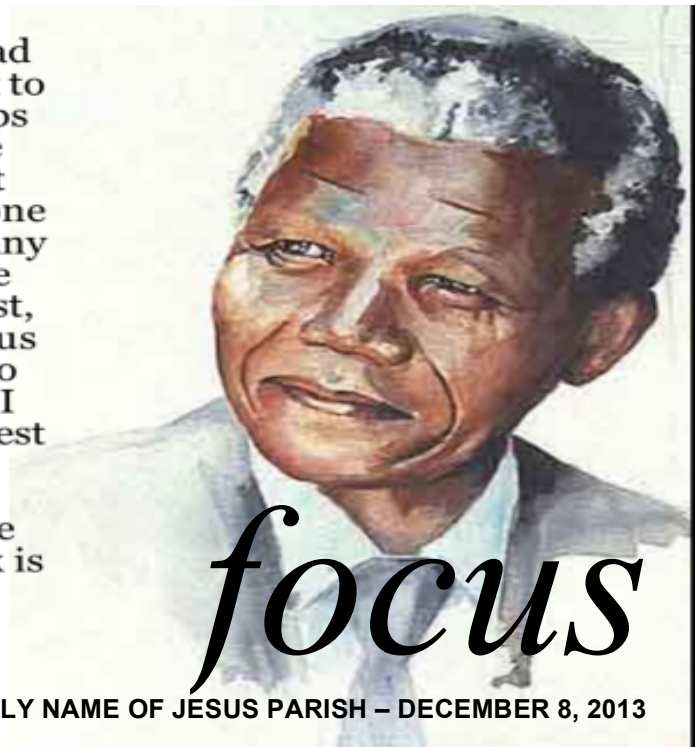


I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more hills to climb. I have taken a moment here to rest, to steal a view of the glorious vista that surrounds me, to look back on the distance I have come. But I can only rest for a moment, for with freedom comes responsibilities, and I dare not linger, for my long walk is not ended.

Nelson Mandela

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 8, 2013



2nd Sunday of Advent II Niedziela Adwentu

December 8, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

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

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

Epistle: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Intention: For all parishioners

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

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins, Lighting of the Advent Wreath. Holy Mass at 9am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Class

3rd Sunday of Advent III Niedziela Adwentu

December 15, 2013

Rite: **9am** Pew Missal, page 63

First reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Psalm: Ps 146:6-10

R. Lord, come and save us.

Epistle: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: 9am Rev. Rafał Dadełło, Deacon: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

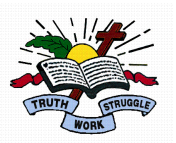
Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins, Lighting of the Advent Wreath. Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- SOCL Class, Coffee Hour

“This man then let us also emulate, and forsaking luxury and drunkenness let us go over unto the life of restraint. For this surely is the time of confession both for the uninitiated and for the baptized; for the one, that upon their repentance they may partake of the sacred mysteries; for the others, that having washed away their stain after baptism, they may approach the table with a clean conscience.” – St. John Chrysostom

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.

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Upcoming...

- **December 8: 2nd Sunday of Advent**
- **December 9: Feast of Divine Love/Conception of the B.V.M.**
- **December 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass & Penitential Service at 9am/SOCL Presentation/Vigil Dinner**
- **December 22nd: 4th Sunday of Advent, Greening of the Church.**
- **December 24th-25th: Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord – Shepherd’s Holy Mass/Pasterka at Midnight followed by a festive repast.**
- **December 25th: Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord – Service for Christmas Day at 9:30am.**
- **December 27th: Feast of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist – Service and Blessing of Wine at 7pm.**
- **December 29th: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds.**

By endurance and encouragement...

“Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

St. Paul speaks of endurance. This week we experienced the passing of a man of endurance. His quote on the front of our bulletin speaks of endurance. Read again his words: “I have walked that long road to freedom. I have tried not to falter; I have made missteps along the way. But I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds that there are many more

hills to climb.” The quote is taken from Nelson Mandela’s autobiography Long Walk to Freedom, published in 1994.

Mr. Mandela endured years of struggle in the fight for freedom, including 27 years in prison. Imagine yourself as standing up for what you believe, enduring struggles, facing prison – all for what you believe, for offering the promise of freedom to your fellow man. We can all follow in his example because it is the core of Christian faith and action.

The world counts Mr. Mandela a hero because of his endurance, the encouragement he offered; for standing up in the face of oppression. Through his endurance he brought freedom to his people. Not only did he endure for freedom, but also for a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness in the midst of political and social change.

Think on these things – freedom, forgiveness, peace, and

reconciliation. Our Fathers in faith, Paul, Peter, the other apostles, the saints and martyrs throughout history and even to our day endure prison and persecutions enduring to offer the hope and encouragement of scripture, the promises of Jesus to all.

We are called in this Advent season to reconnect to our call, to endure and to encourage. We call called to strengthen our faith and to offer the deliverance foretold by Isaiah and delivered by Jesus: *Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land’s afflicted.*

Let us live like Paul and Peter, like Mr. Mandela, calling all to learn, to be encouraged through scripture, to live in harmony and mutual support in the Christian community. Together in Christ we offer the world what we have – the message of true and eternal freedom, endurance, encouragement, reconciliation and forgiveness.

“Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain salvation in Christ Jesus with its eternal glory.”

2 Timothy 2:10

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 2 Timothy 2:8
MONDAY: 2 Timothy 1:8
TUESDAY: Philippians 2:8
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 12:3
THURSDAY: Luke 23:32-33
FRIDAY: Acts 18:9-10
SATURDAY: 2 Timothy 4:7

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me endurance and constant encouragement in carrying out Your will.

December 9th – Divine Love

When our church was young, Bp. Hodur and the Church’s Holy Synod transformed the so-called Feast of the “Immaculate Conception” of B.V. Mary to the Feast of Divine Love. The entire construct of the so-called immaculate conception was based on the Roman Catholic Church’s legalistic understanding of “original sin.” We do not need to construct a special status for Mary because her birth and our birth are all without sin. We do not need a new “dogma” to specially preserve one individual. Instead, we teach that we are all created in the image and likeness of God. We profess that creation is not evil, but that it is an expression of Divine Love. We do not need phony apparitions of Divine Love or Mercy – because we hold onto its reality. When we fall we know God will pick us up. We trust in His love, a love so great it overcomes death.

Food Collection

Cuts to SNAP and WIC have resulted in hundreds of thousands of low-income women, infants, and children losing needed nutrition assistance. Vulnerable families are going hungry, and are now completely dependent on food banks. We are responding by collecting dry and canned goods throughout the November and December for donation to those in need locally community. We will continue donations through Advent. Let us join in making a prayerful donation in thankfulness for the bounty God has provided in our lives. Please place your donation by the Mary altar in the church and bless you for your love.

Memory Crosses

Holy Name of Jesus is continuing a tradition begun at Good Shepherd Parish in Amsterdam. Every year the people of Good Shepherd parish would offer memory crosses during the Advent season. These hand crocheted memory crosses, in honor of dearly departed loved ones, are hung on the parish Christmas trees throughout the Christmas season. Then in January a special Holy Mass is held in memory of those entrusted to our prayers.

Memory Crosses are and are a beautiful tribute of memory and a gift of loving prayer. If you wish to remember someone special during the upcoming Christmas season please send the names of those you wish remembered, one name per memory cross, to the parish. You may offer a free will donation in honor of your loved ones. A donation of \$2 per memory cross is suggested but is not required.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, December 29th. 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.

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 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 Colfells, 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, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Jakub Kozina, 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 Sczepkowski, Richard, Bishop John, Derek, Jocelyn

- 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: Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in New London, CT its congregation and pastor, the Rev. Zbigniew Kaszubski.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour has returned. Join us after worship every Sunday. 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.

Of note...