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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 15, 2013

3rd Sunday of Advent III Niedziela Adwentu

December 15, 2013

Rite: 9am Deacon Missal

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

Worship leader: 9am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins, Lighting of the Advent Wreath. Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Presentation, Vigil Dinner

4th Sunday of Advent IV Niedziela Adwentu

December 22, 2013

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

First reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm: Ps 24:1-6

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Intention: For all parishioners

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

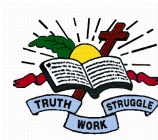
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 8:50am with Matins, Lighting of the Advent Wreath. Penance Service and Holy Mass at **9am**
- Coffee Hour, Greening of the Church

“See that sins are forgiven through the Holy Spirit. But men make use of their ministry for the forgiveness of sins, they do not exercise the right of any power of their own. For they forgive sins not in their own name but in that of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. They ask, the Godhead gives, the service is of man, the gift is of the Power on high.” – St. Ambrose

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 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent, 9am/SOCL Presentation/Vigil Dinner**
- **December 22nd: 4th Sunday of Advent, Holy Mass & Penitential Service at 9am, 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.**
- **January 1st: Solemnity of the Circumcision of our Lord – Service at 9:30am.**

He comes to save you

“Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you.”

If we have been watching television over the past several weeks we may have encountered a twenty-four days of Christmas programming marathon. Twenty-four days of non-stop Christmas movies and shows. Among the shows we will certainly encounter Dickenson’s “A Christmas Carol.”

As we recall, his former partner, Jacob Marley, first visits Scrooge. Marley is fettered in heavy chains that he drags behind him. He tells Scrooge that he created these chains throughout his life by his lack of charity and

love. We immediately understand and connect. We see our sins and failings as heavy chains that bind us, that prevent us from reaching heavenward.

Jesus told John’s disciples: “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

In sin we are the poorest of the poor. We are blind. We are crippled. We become deaf to the call of love. We reap the wages of sin, which is death. Amidst all this Jesus comes to save us.

Jesus’ salvation is an ongoing grace in our lives. In Him we find the One who will break the chains that bind us. In Him we find clear vision. In Him we are healed. In Him our ears are opened. In Him we find the guarantee of freedom from death and the hope of resurrection.

Jesus’ offer of salvation requires

our cooperation. We have to be willing to lift up the chains that bind us. If we lift them before Him and His Holy Church, and ask forgiveness, He will free us. If we ask Him to hear us in the sacrament of penance, which He entrusted to His ministers, we will be forgiven for: “He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”

Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would strengthen feeble hands and knees and to give strength to the frightened. He would come with vindication –freeing us from the accusation brought about by our sin. He would exonerate us completely by paying the price for us.

Jesus came to save you and me. He came to free us, take the weight from our shoulders, our hands, and our hearts. He came so in freedom we would be ready to stand before Him at His coming.

“The Lord is not slow about his promise as some count slowness, but is forbearing 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: Revelation 21:4
MONDAY: John 3:16
TUESDAY: Luke 15:20
WEDNESDAY: James 5:19
THURSDAY: Luke 15:7
FRIDAY: Luke 15:10
SATURDAY: 1 John 1:9

Pray

Lord Jesus, have mercy on me a sinner.

Congratulations Derek

Congratulations to our parishioner Derek who performed this week at the Carl B. Taylor Hall at Schenectady County Community College’s School of Music. You, and the gift of music God has blessed you with, are a tribute to Him and a blessing to our faith community.

Home Visits

Deacon Jim is available to visit with any parishioner who is hospitalized, homebound, or unable to get to church. He will bring Holy Communion – Jesus’ extraordinary gift of love, which binds us to His body and blood, and each of us to the other. Also remember that Epiphany home blessings start January 7th. Just call Deacon Jim to set up a time.

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. 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. 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.

Thank you for being here

Thank you for being here despite the weather. We know that regardless of weather we have to get to work and other events. Today you made God your most important appointment.

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.

Of note...

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 Haberlan, Stanley Radzysinski, 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, 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 Sczepakowski, 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: All Saints Cathedral Parish in Chicago, IL its congregation and pastor, the Rt. Rev. Stanley M. Bilinski.

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.