



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 2, 2018

1st Sunday of Advent I Niedziela Adventu

December 2, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 92.

First reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

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

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

Lector: 9:30am Joe Kaczynski, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath, Oplatek, New Vestments, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite), Exposition and Benediction with prayers for the parish and vocations.
- Coffee Hour, Confirmation Class at 10:30am.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

2nd Sunday of Advent II Niedziela Adventu

December 9, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 92.

First reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm: Ps 126:1-6

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Epistle: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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

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

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour, Confirmation Class at 10:30am.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

Then shall the creation of men come into the fire of trial, and many shall be made to stumble and shall perish; but they that endure in their faith shall be saved from under the curse itself. And then shall appear the signs of the truth; first, the sign of an out-spreading in heaven; then the sign of the sound of the trumpet; and the third, the resurrection of the dead; yet not of all, but as it is said: The Lord shall come and all His saints with Him. Then shall the world see the Lord coming upon the clouds of heaven. – The Didache.

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...

- **December 2: 1st Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Blessing and lighting of the Advent Wreath, Blessing of Christmas Waffers/Oplateki, New Vestments.**
- **December 6: Commemoration – St. Nicholas. Fr. Jim's 4th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.**
- **December 8: Solemnity – Conception of the B.V.M.**
- **December 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe.**
- **December 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Youth Musical Presentation, Parish Vigil Dinner.**
- **December 17: Holy Mass with Anointing for Healing.**
- **December 21: Feast – St. Thomas the Apostle.**
- **December 23: 4th Sunday of Advent with Advent Penitential Service. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Greening of the church.**
- **December 24: Vigil of the Nativity. Holy Mass at 4pm.**

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.

Check out or Stand up?

But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

St. Paul had arrived at Thessalonica in the winter of 49, around this time of year. Paul had just struggled mightily in Philippi. His rights as a citizen were violated and he was mistreated and now ended up in Thessalonica.

Unfortunately, Paul did not have it much better in Thessalonica. He was forced to leave in the face of severe opposition. Yet his time there was blessed. He founded a fledgling Church. On the down side, he didn't have time to fully teach the members of this young Church. After leaving, and meeting Timothy in Athens, he sent Timothy back for a check-in visit.

The letter to the Thessalonians,

authored in about 51, two years after he had to leave, was intended to offer support and learning to this young Church, and to reassure it in the essentials of the faith.

A vital, moment in a young (or even not so young) life comes when we are confronted with that life altering choice. Do I turn left or right? Do I go forward or turn back? Do I check out and slink away, or do I stand up with my head held high? Jesus put that choice to us. Paul put it to Thessalonica. We are asked in our youth, and we are asked today – How will we decide?

Today we enter Advent, the season of waiting, preparation, and expectation. Jesus reminds us of what we are waiting for, preparing for, and expecting. It is His return. Will I be ready to stand up and raise my head at His return? Will I be prepared? Am I even expecting Him or have I

checked out?

Paul taught the young Church at Thessalonica and us today about those choices. They are before us because Jesus promised His return in glory. The angels on the Mount of the Ascension attested to it: "*Galileans, why are you standing there looking up at the sky? This Jesus, who was taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way that you saw him go to heaven.*"

So what are we to do, we in our youth and our not so youth? The Church at Thessalonica took Paul's advice. They did what was necessary. They lived in constant and urgent expectation. They not only lived it, but also shared expectation so others might be saved. Time to stand up and do likewise.

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.

! Corinthians 16:13

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 4:1
MONDAY: Ephesians 6:11
TUESDAY: Galatians 5:1
WEDNESDAY: Joshua 1:9
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 1:24
FRIDAY: James 5:8
SATURDAY: Hebrews 6:11

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may always be found standing, building up the Church, and holding my head high for Your return.

Advent Begins

Today, we begin a new Liturgical Year. It is the First Sunday of Advent. The Church begins using Readings from Cycle C today. Advent is a season of penitence and reflection. We should take that seriously. Rather than gather, sacrifice. Rather than imbibe and eat, donate. Rather than increase in frustration under the pressure of deadlines, consider the Lord's return. Add prayer and scriptural reading to your schedule. The gifts you and others will receive as a result will exceed your wildest expectations – indeed they will show forth God's promises in abundance!

Parish Vigil, Other Advent Events

Several events occur in the pre-Christmas season.

On Sunday, December 16th, there will only be one Holy Mass at 10am. We will then hold our annual youth musical presentation. We have so many talented young musicians among us (don't forget – apply for those music scholarships and incentive awards) and this year's presentation will be particularly beautiful. Following the youth presentation, we will hold our annual meatless vigil dinner. The parish is providing the main dish of fish as we always do. Please bring a meatless dish to share. Sign up sheets are available at the back of the church and downstairs.

On Sunday, December 23rd, we will have a normal Holy Mass schedule. During each Holy Mass, we will hold our Advent penitential service, a chance to get right with the Lord before Christmas begins. Between Holy Masses, we will 'green' the church, arranging our flowers and decorations for the Lord's coming.

Valentine's Raffle

This coming year, 2019, we will once again hold our Outrageous Valentine's raffle to support the youth of our Church and our parish. Tickets will be in the mail shortly. They make a great gift!

Food Collections

Our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food collection for those in need in our local community is underway. Please leave your offerings by the Mary Altar.

Handel's Messiah - Today

The Octavio Singers and the Octavio Chamber orchestra are presenting Handel's Messiah at the Union College Memorial Chapel today at 3pm. If you have an opportunity, attend this beautiful masterwork of music in honor of the Savior of the World.

Gift of Intentions

At this time of the year we try to think of what we can give to our loved ones for Christmas. Want to offer the best gift? Request Holy Mass be celebrated in their honor, for health and healing, for blessings. Be also a voice for the dearly departed who no longer sit at table with us. Have Holy Mass offered for them too – a perfect gift. There is no better gift. See Fr. Jim to schedule a time.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepakowski, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Donnie Wright, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Paul Griswold, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel DiIanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo DiIanne, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Crystal Haley, Michelle & Eric, Tina Haq, Louis Kiernan, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Allen Panfil, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Marysia, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Sal Madalone, and 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, Patric Jones. Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Sr. Robert Pleczkowski, Fr. Andrew Bilinski.
- 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 Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, Lilly, PA.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who supported our ministry of hospitality. It will return in September. Please sign up to take a week when the new weekly list is posted.

Of note... 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 140 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

--- *And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us* ---