



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 23, 2018

4th Sunday of Advent IV Niedziela Adventu

December 23, 2018

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

First reading: Micah 5:1-4

Psalm: Ps 80:2-3,15-15,18-19

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

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

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).
- Coffee Hour, Greening of the Church at 10:30am.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 30, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 39, Canon, page 52.

First reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14

Psalm: Ps 97:1,6,11,12

A light will shine on us this day: the Lord is born for us.

Epistle: Titus 3:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:15-20

Intention: 9:30 and 11:30 – for all clergy of our Holy Church

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (PNCC Rite).
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (PNCC Rite).

Moreover we proclaim the holy Virgin to be in strict truth the Mother of God. For inasmuch as He who was born of her was true God, she who bare the true God incarnate is the true mother of God. For we hold that God was born of her, not implying that the divinity of the Word received from her the beginning of its being, but meaning that God the Word Himself, Who was begotten of the Father timelessly before the ages, and was with the Father and the Spirit without beginning and through eternity, took up His abode in these last days for the sake of our salvation in the Virgin's womb, and was without change made flesh and born of her. For the holy Virgin did not bare mere man but true God: and not mere God but God incarnate, Who did not bring down His body from Heaven, nor simply passed through the Virgin as channel, but received from her flesh of like essence to our own and subsisting in Himself. – St. John of Damascus

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 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.**
- **December 25: Solemnity – Nativity of the Lord. Holy Mass at Midnight. Holy Mass at 10am. Repast follows each.**
- **December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Protomartyr.**
- **December 27: Feast – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Holy Mass at 7pm with Blessing of Wine.**
- **December 28: Commemoration of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs.**
- **December 29: Feast of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **December 30: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision of the Lord. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus (Parish Feast). Holy Mass at 7pm.**

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.

Love filled results.

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

We have focused on being checked in and its results from three perspectives. Those are: The peace that comes from being prepared, ready and refusing to give up; Stepping out into the world to announce the kingdom, to proclaim a renewed and joyful life in Jesus. Plugged in people have God’s true joy, a joy that doesn’t leave us; and Hope lived everyday, in every moment - Jesus is near! Peace, joy, and hope, three hallmarks of being checked-in with Jesus.

Peace, joy, and hope – wonderful gifts that are essential elements of our checked-in lives, essential elements of the one thing that

wraps them all up together – love. As we prepare to enter into the Season of Christmas, we are called to take the gifts of peace, joy, and hope and to wrap them together in love and deliver them to the world. This is our charge from Jesus, to take what most consider conceptual and out-of-reach and make it real. More than make it real, show it forth, we are to use God’s grace to get results with those gifts. Getting real results, love filled results – that is the message of today’s Gospel, that is the message of Jesus first coming, and His anticipated return.

An angel visits Mary, ensconced in her home. She is asked to literally give up everything for love, for the love necessary to bring a child into the world. She is asked to show forth love, and to get real results with her love. Showing forth that love would

not gain Mary any love. Her espoused was ready to abandon her. Her community rejected her. Making love real meant ridicule and abandon, yet Mary did it and topped it off with service to her cousin Elizabeth in her need. Mary wrapped the peace of God, joy and hope, in love, stayed checked-in. She made it real to her expected Son and her cousin.

We are recipients of Jesus’ showing forth the fullness of God’s love, and its reality. The results are within us – our sins washed away, our hearts and minds fed by His word, and ready to receive Him. We march forth into the world like Mary with a gift wrapped in love, not to be stored under a tree or on a shelf. Let us never shy away from opening God’s gifts of peace, joy, and hope in love, putting them to work for real love filled results.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 12:6
MONDAY: 1 Timothy 6:18-19
TUESDAY: James 1:17
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 6:33
THURSDAY: 1 John 2:16
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 9:10-11
SATURDAY: Esther 9:22

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to package peace, joy, and hope together in love and to share them with all I encounter with real result.

Into the Christmas Season

Today is the last Sunday of Advent. Tomorrow, we enter the Christmas Vigil and then the Season of Christmas – 40 days to reflect on the wonderful gift we have received, the light we have, and the victory that is ours in Jesus. Please make a point of entering into that gift, light, and victory by participating in all spiritual events in the Christmas Season. House blessings will begin with the Solemnity of the Epiphany, on January 6th and will continue through March 5th.

Christmas Season Events

We hold many beautiful spiritual events throughout the 40 days of Christmas. Please join in.

- Christmas Vigil, December 24, Holy Mass at 4pm.
- Christmas, December 25th, Solemn High Holy Mass at Midnight. Holy Mass at 10am.
- Feast – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, December 27th, Holy Mass with Blessing of Wine at 7pm.
- Feast of the Holy Family, December 29th, Holy Mass at 10am.
- Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds, December 30th, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- Solemnity of the Circumcision of the Lord, January 1st, Holy Mass at 10am.
- Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus (Parish Feast), January 2nd, Holy Mass at 7pm.

Thank You

Thank you to all who donated to our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food collection for those in need in our local community.

Thank you to everyone who participated so beautifully in our annual youth presentation – you all performed beautifully, and for all who shared in our vigil dinner, all who brought dishes to share, to those who set up and cleaned up. Thank you to Combos on Crane Street for the great fish!

YMSofR Project

This year, the YMSofR Christmas service project is to take care of one of our own. In 1929, Bishop Hodur had a vision for Spójnia Farm, to educate youth at retreats. In 2019, The Farm turns 90! The Y project is to raise funds to continue the work of the Farm. The 90 for 90 campaign aims to raise \$90,000 to do this work. We have brochures outlining the need and ask our YMSofR brothers to plan events to raise funds. The funds will be given on July 4, 2019.

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, or for the departed. 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 Sczepkowski, 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, 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, Pattric 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 Holy Family Parish, McKeesport, 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.

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.

Of note...

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