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# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 1, 2019



## 1st Sunday of Advent

### I Niedziela Adventu

December 1, 2019

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

First reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Ps 122:1-9

**Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Intention: 9:30am for sp. Steven VanAvery; 11:30am for all parishioners, youth, vocations, and the dearly departed.

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

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

- Prayers at 9:20am, Blessing and Lighting of the Advent Wreath and Oplatek, pg D2-3, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3. Exposition and Benediction.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

#### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I wait for You, O Lord; I lift up my soul to my God. In You I trust; do not let me be disgraced; do not let my enemies gloat over me.

**R. No one is disgraced who waits for You, but only those who lightly break faith.**

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

### II Niedziela Adventu

December 8, 2019

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

First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: 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: 9:30 and 11:30am for all parishioners, youth, vocations, and the dearly departed.

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

Lector: 9:30am Lauren DeBlois, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Prayers at 9:20am, Lighting of the Advent Wreath, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

#### NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

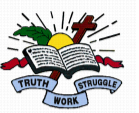
V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through Him.

**R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.**

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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## Upcoming...

- **December 1: 1st Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Blessing and lighting of the Advent Wreath, Blessing of Christmas Waffers/Oplarki.**
- **December 4: Candlelit Rorate Holy Mass at 7am.**
- **December 6: Commemoration - St. Nicholas of Myra. Fr. Jim's 5th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood.**
- **December 8: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **December 9: Solemnity - Conception of the B.V.M. (translated)**
- **December 11: Candlelit Rorate Holy Mass at 7am.**
- **December 12: Solemnity - Our Lady of Guadalupe.**
- **December 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10:30AM ONLY followed by Youth Presentation and Vigil Potluck.**

**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.

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.

In  
advance.

*You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand.*

God is great at wake-up calls. As personally expert at the snooze button, thanks be that He is eternally diligent with those wake-up calls.

The first to hear the wake-up call were the prophets. Jesus told us that *"many prophets and righteous people longed to see [his arrival]."* The prophets hearing God's call took action. The proclaimed what was to come. They set forth, as Isaiah does today, a message of hope, peace, and joy. They lived in urgent and active expectation of what was to come.

We often get impatient in

expectation of great things and can, at the same time, snooze. Maybe we snooze as an excuse. If I close my eyes, time may pass more quickly. But that isn't what God wants of us. It is why He issues constant wake-up calls. He wants us awake and active, living His way and truth.

The anticipation and longing of the prophets, who for thousands of years knew by the Spirit that the Messiah would come, teach us how to prepare our hearts in this season of Advent.

The prophets kept reminding Israel of their call to prepare and to live faithfully in expectation of the Messiah. Unfortunately, they did not listen and kept falling back. That failure to heed did not play out well.

The experiences of the prophets, their active anticipation, reminds us that Advent can be a season of reflection and

repentance as we remember why Jesus came to earth. They teach us to faithfully endure as we await Jesus's Second Coming. As we wait, let's remember our waiting is necessary preparation in becoming the people He is forming and transforming us to be - living members of the Kingdom. Use the time wisely.

Paul calls us to active living, realizing what has already happened and what is to come. He calls us to throw off all that holds us back, to be awake and ready.

God is diligent at wake-up calls. He gives us this opportunity of Advent in advance so that we may be prepared. He gave us the first coming of His Son which we will commemorate in a few short weeks, and through that moment He gives us His life and word as model so that awake and active we live as He did and expectant for His return

*"For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets."*

**Amos 3:7**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Peter 1:21  
MONDAY: 1 John 4:1  
TUESDAY: Hebrews 1:1-2  
WEDNESDAY: Hosea 12:10  
THURSDAY: Deuteronomy 13:1-3  
FRIDAY: 2 Timothy 3:16  
SATURDAY: 1 Thessalonians 5:21

### Pray the week

Lord Jesus, Your prophets taught the way of preparation. Having experienced Your coming, help me to prepare for Your return.

## The Advent Season

Silence, giving, sacrifice, fasting, expectation. Let us be real with zeal this Advent. Our Advent schedule includes **our vigil dinner** on Sunday, December 15th with one Holy Mass at 10:30 (please sign up to bring a dish) and the greening of the Church on Sunday, December 22nd. Please stick around to help. Also see the note below about Rorate Holy Masses.

## Candles / Oplatek / Wafers / Newsletters

Advent dawns and the light begins to grow. There is much to do in this season of holy preparation. Please redouble prayer, charitable giving, and consider something we might do as a parish family to prepare for the return of our Savior and King. Today we bless our Advent wreath and light the 1st candle - the first in a series of growing lights. We also bless the Oplatek, Christmas wafers that are shared at the dinner table during our Vigil Dinners. Please also pick up your newsletters today to stay informed of all upcoming events.

## Rorate Holy Mass

What is a Rorate Holy Mass? It is a custom from antiquity to celebrate a special votive Holy Mass, typically on Wednesday's in Advent, in honor of the Blessed Virgin. This Rorate Holy Mass is celebrated in the dark, just before sunrise, by candlelight only. We are reviving this tradition this Advent, starting Wednesday, December 4th at 7am.

## Church Year

We have entered the new Church year and there are only about 3 weeks left in 2019. Please consider this time as opportune for increased prayer and sacrifice. Please consider your giving and the fulfillment of your membership dues commitment in these few final weeks. Stay tuned for all the great events occurring throughout Advent.

## YMSofR Clothing Drive

Starting November 1st, Branch 56 of the YMSofR began its clothing drive that will last through January 20th. Any type of clothing is welcome. Drop your items and bags off downstairs. Branch 56 will count the clothing and deliver it weekly to local charities that supply those in need such as Vet House, located in Ballston Spa serving veterans, The Guardian House which serves homeless female veterans, the Bridge Christian Church which serves our neighborhood, and others. This is part of a national service project. Help us help you clean out those basements and closets!

## Late Fall/Winter Food Collection

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.

## 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 Szczepkowski, Dolores Konicki, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Wayne Wienclawski, Zach, Stanley Ordon, David Urbanski, Greg Kaczmarek, Dewey Rogers, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Garrett Grochowski, Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patricia 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 the people and clergy of B.V.M. of Częstochowa Parish, Latham, NY.

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

Of note...

**Coffee Hour:** Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. There is a sign-up sheet. Please take a week. We need your help.

**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 reconstituted branch 140/168 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

*--- Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. ---*