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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 8, 2019



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).

THIS 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.

3rd Sunday of Advent III Niedziela Adventu

December 15, 2019

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

First reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Psalm: Ps 146:6-10

Lord, come and save us.

Epistle: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Intention: 10:30am for all parishioners, youth, vocations, and the dearly departed.

Celebrant: 10:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10:30am Larry Panfil

- Prayers at 10:20am, Lighting of the Advent Wreath, pg D4-5, Holy Mass at 10:30am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
- Youth Presentation. Vigil Dinner.

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

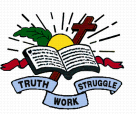
V. Awake and sing, you who lie in the dust. For your dew is a dew of light, and the land of shades gives birth.

R. The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

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 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.**
- **December 16: Holy Mass for Healing, 6:15pm.**
- **December 18: Candlelit Rorate Holy Mass at 7am.**
- **December 21: Feast - St. Thomas the Apostle.**
- **December 22: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 9:30, Greening of the Church, and Holy Mass at 11:30am.**

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.

Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume

Last week we reflected on God's wake-up calls. 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, His life and word as model so we may live awake, active, and expectant for His return.

This week we reflect on His proclamation - proclamation of a truth people so often wish to avoid for God does things in vastly different ways.

Consider the words of Isaiah. Would anyone expect the wolf, lamb, leopard, kid, calf, and lion to live and eat together in peace, guided by a child. Would anyone

expect a baby to play together with snakes. Could we believe that a day will dawn where there is no ruin or harm? That's the thing. It sounds all so great, and fanciful, and maybe someday - but you've got to be kidding me. Look at the world today!

God isn't fooling! Those pretty words from Isaiah that begin in justice for the oppressed and right judgment for the afflicted, the casting down of the wicked and ruthless are God's design and proclamation. He has told us, His faithful, that this is the way it shall be. This is what we must endeavor to bring about. This is the Kingdom life!

Paul tells us this was: *written for our instruction, endurance, and encouragement so that we might have hope.* This was written down as our instruction manual so that we might break down artificial barriers and preconceived notions. Who

would think that the gentiles might be co-heirs? God did. Thus we rejoice for the gift we have been given in Jesus.

Each of the characters of Christmas brought a part of God's proclamation. The prophets gave the wake-up call. The angels exceedingly rejoiced in God's gift of His Son, Jesus. John, the Forerunner, proclaimed the way it must be by God's design. John came in advance. He picked up sinners (lions, leopards, wolves) so they could eat and rest together with the lambs, kids, calves, and children. Those who confessed were freed. John held out the truth to those who wanted to pretend that things wouldn't change. *Who warned you*, he said. He called them to change.

God's proclamation is God's reality, His truth. He provided it in advance. Advent gives us the chance to live up to His vastly different way

Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:9

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Acts 18:26
MONDAY: Acts 1:8
TUESDAY: Luke 8:1-3
WEDNESDAY: Ezra 10:7
THURSDAY: Proverbs 4:23
FRIDAY: Joshua 1:9
SATURDAY: Titus 2:1

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, Your prophets, angels, and the Forerunner John spoke Your proclamation. Grant that I may live it.

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 / Oplátek / Wafers

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 light the second candle of Advent - the second in a series of growing lights.

Please remember to pick up your Oplátek, Christmas wafers, to share at the dinner table during our Vigil Dinners.

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. The next Rorate Holy Mass is Wednesday, December 11th at 7am.

Church Year

We have entered the new Church year and there are only about 2 1/2 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, Marica 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 Holy Cross Parish, Syracuse (Lakeland), 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. ---