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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 15, 2019



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 sp. Joseph Emmanuel, 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.

THIS 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.

4th Sunday of Advent IV Niedziela Adventu

December 22, 2019

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

First reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm: 24:1-6

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

Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

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

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

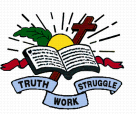
V. Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One Who is coming into the world.

R. Before the mountains were born, the earth and the world brought forth, from eternity to eternity You are God.

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 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.**
- **December 24: Vigil of the Nativity. Vigil Holy Mass at 4pm.**
- **December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity. Holy Mass at Midnight followed by a festive repast. Holy Mass at 10am followed by a festive repast.**
- **December 26: Feast - St. Stephen, Protomartyr**

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.

"Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Two weeks ago, we reflected on God's wake-up calls delivered through the prophets. Delivered to us too so we might be found awake and ready.

Last week, we focused on God's proclamation of a truth, through His angels, that most would consider hard to believe. For God does things in vastly different ways. We come to realize, by faith, that God's proclamation is God's reality that He provided in advance so that we might have a chance to live up to His vastly different way.

Today we consider the rejoicing

in store for us, right this very moment, and to come upon Jesus' return.

Each of these themes, wake-up calls, proclamation, and rejoicing are things given to humanity in advance of Jesus' coming. We are reminded of them now because Advent is that time in advance of His returning. He is returning in power and might to take up those who are awake, to fulfill all His proclamation, and to gather us in rejoicing.

Isaiah tells us that the very earth, all of nature will exult, rejoice, and bloom. In his time of anticipated rejoicing, Isaiah reminded Israel to strengthen itself, to build itself up, to cast out all fear. Nothing should be upon us that would hold us down. So today, let nothing stop us from rejoicing. Let us prepare ourselves to enter singing,

crowned with joy, and meeting together with gladness.

St. James clues us in: *Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.* Do we think anyone will win who is just standing by asleep, unhappy, thinking it will never happen for them? Is just going through the motions enough? No! It is for those who are making it real, living up anticipating, and glad right here, right now, in this place, in this City, in this family.

Listen carefully again to Jesus' very word: *"Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."* He has given us the best reason for rejoicing in advance of His return. He has told us, in advance, we are greater than John the Baptist. We are powerhouses of faith, strong to withstand because in advance we are awake, living up, and rejoicing

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Luke 10:20
MONDAY: Psalm 113:1-9
TUESDAY: Romans 5:3
WEDNESDAY: Acts 16:33-34
THURSDAY: Isaiah 61:10
FRIDAY: Zephaniah 3:14-17
SATURDAY: Romans 15:13

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You gave us cause for rejoicing. Grant that we may be found awake, faithful, and indeed rejoicing at 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 today - thank you to all who are sharing this day and their bounty, and the greening of the Church on Sunday, December 22nd. Please stick around to help. Please consider your giving and the fulfillment of your membership dues commitment in these few final weeks. Also see the note below about Rorate Holy Masses.

Candles / Oplątek / 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 third candle of Advent - the third in a series of growing lights. Please remember to pick up your Oplątek, 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.

Stuff to Take Home

There is a limited supply of Home liturgical Calendars available for you to take home. They are on the back table. Annual giving envelopes are also available in the back of the church. Please take yours home with you. Check out the blue 'Cast of Christmas' brochures. They are for you too.

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 concludes today. Thank you for your outstanding generosity!

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, 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, Carla, Anita, Yvette, Polly, Joanne Houser, FrTime, 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 Spirit Parish, Little Falls, NY.

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

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.

Of note...

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