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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 22, 2019



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 for the health and healing of David Albert 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).

THIS 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.

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 29, 2019

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 11:30am for all clergy and all those called.

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 (Hodur Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3.
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Hodur Rite).

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. For when peaceful stillness compassed everything and the night in its swift course was half spent, Your all-powerful Word from heaven's royal throne bounded, a fierce warrior, into the doomed land.

R. Your throne stands firm from of old; You are from everlasting, Lord.

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 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.**
- **December 27: Feast - St. John the Apostle and Evangelist/ Holy Mass at 7pm.**
- **December 28: Commemoration - Holy Innocents.**
- **December 29: 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.**

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.

"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

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

Two weeks ago, we focused on God's proclamation of His truth as revelation for us. We understand that to be part of God is to be part of His extraordinarily different way, and to live up to it.

Last week we considered the rejoicing ready for us right now and to come upon Jesus' return.

In a few days, this will all come together in our Christmas celebration. To prepare, God asks us to consider the depth of His love and how we live it.

We know the Spirit stirred life in the womb of a peasant girl - God's proclamation through prophets and angels comes to reality in Mary's womb by her loving acceptance. God is engaged in His extraordinarily different way.

Mary and Joseph betrothed, not yet married, were expected to remain chaste. Mary's pregnancy catches Joseph by surprise, more literally he was shocked and dismayed. Joseph seeks to avoid humiliation (for him) while also fulfilling the law. He is not yet connected to God's different way of love or His proclamation. The angel sets that straight. The angel admonishes Joseph to embrace his role and Joseph responded

lovingly. Joseph then becomes model for all who encounter the message of Jesus - God's proclamation made real in vastly different ways and to be accepted in love.

God's realm is becoming manifest among us at the near conclusion of this Advent season. If we have taken wake-up calls and proclamation seriously, we are awake, ready, listening, prepared, and knowledgeable. God calls us to act so vastly different in advance of His son's glorious return. We are called to be part of His necessary work at this end-time, i.e., to becoming deeply faithful to love. Love must overcome disbelief. Love must overcome labeling (imagine what people called Mary and Joseph). Love must overcome conflict and chaos, eliciting peaceful hearts. Love must overcome complacency. Jesus' way of love must rule our heart and way to the core of our being.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

John 15:9

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 5:43-44
MONDAY: John 13:34
TUESDAY: 1 John 4:19
WEDNESDAY: John 3:16
THURSDAY: John 14:23-24
FRIDAY: 1 John 4:16
SATURDAY: Romans 8:37-39

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You came to bring the way of God's love and relationship. Grant that we may carry out Your Father's way faithfully and diligently.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to all who attended Holy mass, our Youth Presentation (and our great youth and Mrs. Liz's leadership with lots of great help from Alyssa, Kyle, and Lauren), and a fantastic dinner you're your wonderful shared dishes. Let the words shared by Bishop Jack sing in our hearts: *I had a wonderful time this past Sunday! I pray that God will allow His grace to be with you and your lovely family. There is healing there in that House of Prayer. It seems no matter who each person may be, you accept him or her.*

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 and charitable giving, as we prepare for the return of our Savior and King. Today we light the fourth candle of Advent - the fourth 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.

Christmas Schedule

12/24 - Christmas Eve: Holy Mass at 4pm.
12/25 - Christmas Day: Holy Mass at Midnight and 10am.
12/27 - Feast of St. John: Holy Mass at 7pm with blessing of wine.
12/29 - Solemnity of Humble Shepherds: Normal Sunday schedule.
1/1 - Solemnity of the Circumcision. Holy Mass at 10am.

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!

Food Collection - Thank You

Thank you to all who donated so generously. 376 pounds of food was delivered to Schenectady Community Ministries, an increase of 129 pounds. We are making a difference locally.

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, 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, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Albert, 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, 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 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. ---