



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 5, 2020

TOGETHER

Solemnity of the Holy Family Święto Świętej Rodziny Jezusa, Maryi i Józefa

January 5, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

First reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm: 128:1-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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 Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Prayers at 9:20am, 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. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger.

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 Baptism of the Lord Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 12, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

First reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Psalm: Ps 29:1-4, 9-10

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Epistle: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

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, 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. After Jesus was baptized, He came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened, [for Him], and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove [and] coming upon Him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased."

R. He shows pity to the needy and the poor and saves the lives of the poor.

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...

- **January 5: Solemnity of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Interfaith Vigil: United Together in Faith Against Hate and Intolerance at Congregation Gates of Heaven at 7pm.**
- **January 6: Solemnity - Epiphany of our Lord. Holy Mass with Blessing of Chalk and Incense at 7pm.**
- **January 12: Solemnity - Baptism of our Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 18: Feast - Chair of St. Peter at Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.**
- **January 19: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **January 20: Martin Luther King Day.**
- **January 25: Feast - Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends.**

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.

Bricks and mortar.

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience

On this Second Sunday after Christmas we reflect on and honor the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As I reflected on this Solemnity, I just kept coming back to the term "bricks."

The Holy Family is of course the perfect model of family. It is built with a solid foundation and perfect bricks. It is a structure fully showing what God intends when He calls us into family. This is the way it is supposed to be: father, mother, child/children. God calls us to strive for that perfection and He provides ready grace to strengthen it and fulfill all its purposes - the mutual love and

support of the couple which comes first and foremost, and if intended and appropriate, the blessing of children.

Jesus came into the world as a baby, and progressed through childhood, to point to the perfect and indeed the possible. Follow Me He said - and we make every effort to do so. But sometimes we have to work with broken bricks.

Scripture does not hide the fact that God has worked through and with a lot of broken bricks. He worked with families odd, sinful, and all-to-familiar.

Cain kills his brother, the fruit of parents who tried to escape responsibility for sin. Jacob lies to his father to steal his brother's inheritance (with his mom's help). Jacob's uncle duped him and practically turned him into a slave. Joseph got sold into actual slavery by

his brothers and they then lied to their father. David killed to take a wife. David's children didn't do any better. His son Amnom was a rapist, his son Absalom tried to take his dad's job and slept with his wives, and his son Solomon simply married everyone he wanted to sleep with. The prophet Hosea marries a prostitute who keeps running back to prostitution, Jesus' family tree contains two prostitutes. Lots of broken bricks.

In the early church and to this day we don't just welcome the broken bricks - that's arrogant. Rather, we look to the broken bricks among us as family. We see that way because we too are broken bricks.

Broken bricks make the family of Christ, the Church, beautiful. God builds and He knows that broken brick makes the structure stronger. He knows this because Jesus is the mortar holding us together and making us perfect in His Father's eyes

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

Ephesians 3:14-15

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 6:1-3
MONDAY: 1 Timothy 5:8
TUESDAY: Ephesians 5:25
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 125:1-2
THURSDAY: 1 Peter 4:8
FRIDAY: Genesis 1:27
SATURDAY: Jeremiah 1:5

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, strengthen my family in keeping true faith in You and in following Your word, which is life!

Prayer Service

Today at 7pm at Congregation Gates of Heaven, 852 Ashmore Ave., Schenectady. Interfaith Vigil: United Together in Faith Against Hate and Intolerance. In response to recent attacks and the growth in anti-Semitic violence, we will be joining with leaders of the interfaith community to unite against hatred and fight against attacks on freedom and religion. Please join us for this important interfaith vigil. Let us unite together as a community of faith to stand in solidarity against hatred, anti-Semitism, and attacks on religion.

Christmas Schedule

1/5 - Solemnity of the Holy Family. Normal Sunday schedule.
1/6 - Solemnity of the Epiphany. Holy Mass at 7pm.
1/12 - Solemnity, Baptism of our Lord. Normal Sunday schedule.
1/18 to 1/25 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
2/2 - Solemnity - Presentation of the Lord. Normal Sunday schedule.

Loose Change Goes In The...

Soup pot. The SouperBowl Sunday soup pot is out. Please drop in your loose change over the next month. Souper Bowl of Caring was originally founded by a church youth group in 1990. The movement has expanded ever since. Fueled by those coming together to worship and make a difference in their community, the SouperBowl of Caring assists those in need in our local community. We have participated since 1998 and have raised over \$2,200. Keep it going in 2020.

Epiphany Holy Mass and Visitation

Holy Mass will be celebrated on the actual Solemnity - which is proper. We do not move the Lord's solemnities just for convenience. Our time belongs to Him. Please join us tomorrow at 7pm for Holy Mass with the blessing of chalk and incense. Fr. Jim would also come to visit your homes and bless them. Epiphany home visits begin January 7th and continue through February 25th. See Fr. Jim to schedule a time.

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!

Intentional Prayer and Candles

Why light a candle in church? It's a good question. A candle is lit as part of intentional prayer for someone or some need. A candle is lit as part of a prayerful intention and with purpose and meaning. Alone the candle does nothing, but in prayer it symbioses the Light of Christ who has overcome all for us.

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, 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 Trinity Cathedral, Manchester, NH.

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...

--- "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." ---