



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 29, 2020

DISCIPLESHIP
2020 PNCC



1st Sunday of Advent

I Niedziela Adventu

November 29, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Isaiah 63:16-17,19; 64:2-7

Psalm: 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Intention: 10am, for vocations, parishioners, Church youth, all remembered for All Souls

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Blessing of Christmas Wafers (Opłatek) and the Advent Wreath, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word. My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak.

R. Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the 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.

2nd Sunday of Advent

II Niedziela Adventu

December 6, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

Psalm: 85:9-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Epistle: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Intention: 10am, for vocations, parishioners, Church youth.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Lighting on the 2nd Candle of the Advent Wreath, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction with prayers for the intention of our parish, youth, and vocations.

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...

- **November 29: 1st Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am with blessing of Opłatek/Christmas Wafers and the Advent Wreath.**
- **November 30: Feast, St. Andrew the First Called.**
- **December 2: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am. Also, Commemoration of St. Nicholas. Fr. Jim's 6th Anniversary of Ordination.**
- **December 8: Solemnity – Conception of the B.V.M.**
- **December 9: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am. Rosary at 7pm.**
- **December 12: Solemnity – Our Lady of Guadalupe.**
- **December 13: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am. Brief Parish Committee Meeting after Holy Mass.**
- **December 16: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 20: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am. Greening of the Church.**

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 Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Pastor 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.

Hope!

Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old.

We begin the season of Advent with this prayer from Isaiah.

Isaiah's prayer begs for the Lord's return. In his prayer, even as our prayers often go, he wonders about the wrong in the world, the failure of God's people to listen. He recounts the corruption that has made them unworthy, perhaps only worthy of abandonment, carried *away like the wind*. He recognizes that God was right to turn His face away from them. Just before getting to final despair, Isaiah recalls God's Fatherhood to Him. Isaiah reminds God that we are the work of His hands and ends his prayer with hope.

The Corinthian Church was called to be the redemptive fellowship known as Church – the body of the saved offering hope to the world while expecting Jesus' return. This is who we are too. We are to recognize our changed focus, from eyes cast down and living a hopeless existence to eyes looking up, preparing by building the kingdom, calling the unsaved, and offering Jesus' hope as we expect His return.

Paul reminds us that Jesus has *enriched us in every way*, that we *are not lacking in any spiritual gift* and that as we expectantly wait, *He will keep us firm to the end*.

Isaiah's pre-Jesus prayer is hopeful for overcoming. Paul, living in Jesus' reality, reminds us that we hold the hope that overcomes all things.

Advent is the message of hope needed right now. We are reminded of that hope and our duty to offer it. The darkness, despair, and abandonment felt throughout these many months, the feeling that we

are being carried *away like the wind*, is strong in many hearts and minds. As such, we must offer each other the reassurance of the hope we have and teach the worldly that there is a hope that overcomes. All need that reassurance of hope.

Today we move from the contemplation of the last things, the end times, to hope filled expectation. Indeed, the Lord has told us to be ready for His return looking forward to that moment when He will break through.

The answer to Isaiah's prayer came in Jesus and continues in our redemptive fellowship, our being Church. We are Jesus' breaking through and offering of hope to the world. For that purpose we have been changed. We stand in charge, each with our own kingdom task – to offer hope, for soon the Lord will break through in power and glory, light, and peace. May He find us expectantly waiting and offering the hope found in His name alone.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.

Romans 12:12

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 15:13
MONDAY: Hebrews 11:1
TUESDAY: Jeremiah 29:11
WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 1:3
THURSDAY: Psalm 39:7
FRIDAY: Colossians 1:27
SATURDAY: Proverbs 23:18

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You have called us to offer Your Holy Name as hope to the world. Grant that we, convinced of the hope found in You, may never cease in declaring it.

Advent Is Here

Advent – about silence, giving, sacrifice, fasting, and expectation has begun. The Church has switched to Sunday Cycle B readings and Weekday Year I readings.

Our Advent schedule includes our sacrificial giving, weekly Rorate Holy Masses (Holy Mass by Candlelight) on Wednesday mornings at 7:30am, Holy Rosary on Wednesday, December 9th at 7pm, our Advent penitential service during Holy Mass on Sunday, December 20th along with the greening of the Church after Holy Mass. Please stick around to help.

November/December Sacrificial Giving

As usual, we will be gathering can and dry food donations now through December 20th. You may leave your donations by the Mary Altar.

If you have good unneeded clothing to donate, it may be dropped off downstairs. The YMSofR will take these donations to local charities.

We have put up our giving tree set up with ornaments. These 50 double sided 3"x3" hanging ornaments each represents a donation option to help those in need. We ask you to pick one as a family and make a donation to change a life. We also have a beautiful ornament for you to take home. If you would prefer joining your donation to others for a larger gift, place it in the basket by the tree.

Planning For Our 100th Anniversary

In 2021 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish. We held a kick-off meeting last Sunday – thank you to all who attended and offered such wonderful ideas. All ideas and input are welcome. Please contact our Anniversary Chairperson, Alyssa. Send your input to Alyssa.DePaula@gmail.com.

Reminders

We thank you for adhering to the membership principles of our Holy Church. Remember that all annual dues should be paid by December 29th.

If you would like Valentine's raffle tickets as a stocking stuffer or for a gift in a Christmas card, please see Linda or Fr. Jim.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan & Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepakowski, Dolores Konicki, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Stanley Ordon, Greg Kaczmarek, Carla, Joanne Houser, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Micka, Grace Lewis, Maggie, Susan, Fr. Sr. Don, Linda, Ed Casey, all suffering due to Coronavirus, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, and Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- 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 St. John the Baptist, Oslo, Norway

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. One day we will gather again and give thanks.

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 Pastor Jim.

Of note...

--- For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ---