



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 6, 2020

DISCIPLESHIP
2020 PNCC



2nd Sunday of Advent II Niedziela Adventu

December 6, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

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.

3rd Sunday of Advent III Niedziela Adventu

December 13, 2020

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

Canticle: Luke 1:46-50,53-54

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

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

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Lighting on the 3rd Candle of the Advent Wreath, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.

R. You are near, O Lord; by Your edict give me life. I rejoice at Your promise, as one who has found rich spoil.

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.

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.

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Upcoming...

- **December 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am. Also, Commemoration of St. Nicholas. Fr. Jim's 6th Anniversary of Ordination. Brief meeting regarding our anniversary book.**
- **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.**
- **December 21: Feast – St. Thomas the Apostle. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **December 23: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 24: Vigil of the Nativity.**

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.

Peace!

Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

In the first week of Advent, we focused on hope. We learned that we stand in charge, each with our own kingdom task – to offer hope. We asked that on Jesus’ return He would find us expectantly waiting and offering the hope found in His name.

This week we focus on peace, both personal peace and being peace.

In Isaiah we hear of God setting things right by freeing His people from sin. The herald is to come and prepare the landscape for the arrival of the Messiah. All is to be leveled, i.e., brought back to balance in preparation. For His arrival. The herald proclaims the good news – the Savior is near!

So, that is exactly what happens. John the Baptist, the herald

arrives to cry out the good news. Through a baptism of repentance, people are forgiven and re-leveled. The valleys and hills in their personalities are leveled out so that they might have peace. The tensions, sorrows, weights and chains, frenzy that urges us to sin is cleared and we are brought back to peace. Our paths are cleared of sin so we may approach and meet the Savior.

Indeed, the Lord is returning, so as St. Paul teaches, we are to be the sort of people who conduct themselves *in holiness and devotion* so we may be found *without spot or blemish*. Paul wraps this all up and says we are to be found *at peace*.

This is a good time, and indeed the right time to consider our own hills and valleys, the obstacles between me and Jesus. What barriers am I putting in the way? What trenches am I digging? Is it anger and pride, my convincing myself I am right over all? Is it placing my trust in people or believing whatever self-serving truths are handed to me? Is

it habitual sin or attractions that are unhealthy? There is a lot we can do to destroy peace and accord between each other and in the world and to mess up the straight path between ourselves and God.

Our first step is to get to personal peace with God through proper confession of sin, resolution to resist sin, penance for sins committed, repentance and reconciliation, and prayers for the grace necessary to stay on the level and straight peace-filled path to God. Once our valleys are filled in and our hills are leveled, we are to move to the next step, being God’s heralds of peace.

See, we could live in conflict. We could continue to toss Molotov cocktails in our words and actions, but doing so only burns us, for as St. Paul recounts: *the earth and everything done on it will be found out*. We will be accountable for our spiritual state and what we bring, and let it always be God’s peace.

Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
Psalm 34:14

Time to Study God’s Word
SUNDAY: Matthew 5:9
MONDAY: Hebrews 12:14
TUESDAY: James 3:17
WEDNESDAY: Romans 12:18
THURSDAY: Ephesians 2:14
FRIDAY: James 3:18
SATURDAY: Colossians 3:15
Pray the week
Lord Jesus, You have brought us peace through the remission of our sin. Grant that we may not forsake the peace we have and that we may be bearers of Your peace to others.

Advent Is Here

Advent – about silence, giving, sacrifice, fasting, and expectation has begun. 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, Frances Wedrychowicz, 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/Union of Scranton. This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of St. Michael, Fredrikstad, Norway

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

Of note...

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.

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