



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 13, 2020

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2020 PNCC



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.

4th Sunday of Advent IV Niedziela Adventu

December 20, 2020

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

First reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Psalm: 89:2-5,27,29

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Epistle: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Lighting on the 4th Candle of the Advent Wreath, Advent Penitential Meditation with Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).
- Greening of the church.

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Hail favored one! The Lord is with you. Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

R. You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel! You are the splendid boast of our people.

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 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.**
- **December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity. Shepherd's Holy Mass/Pasterka at Midnight. Holy Mass of the Day at 10am.**
- **December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Protomartyr.**
- **December 27: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **December 28: Commemoration of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs.**

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.

Joy!

Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit.

In the first week of Advent, we focused on hope; our very own kingdom task of offering hope to those we encounter. In the second week of Advent we focused on peace, both personal peace and being peace to those we encounter.

In this third week of Advent we focus on joy and rejoicing. Rejoice, the Lord is near! In reflecting on joy and rejoicing, we recognize that we are asked to be bringers of joy and rejoicing. St. Paul also instructs us – *Do not quench the Spirit.*

Something that rang true for most of us last week was recalling the difference between someone who walks into a room and, well, removes all peace and the person who walks in and we say, ahhhh, I feel at ease now.

Now imagine another person

walks in, on fire with the Spirit. They open our eyes to possibilities and fill us with a share of that same Spirit. We feel uplifted, energized, filled with joy, and are ready to go forward with rejoicing. On the other hand, imagine that other person walking in – the quencher, the negative person who sees no joy, who refuses to allow the inspiration of the Spirit in, and wants to ensure no one else does either.

As the faithful we must be careful to be promoters and bringers of joy, to recognize where the Spirit is moving amongst us, where God is among us. Where - Emmanuel – is acting to move us forward.

Indeed, we are bearers of a joyous message – Jesus has saved us and is available to each and every person. The Holy Spirit has infused us with life and His great gifts of praise, song, wisdom, and voices that along with John can proclaim, *“I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, ‘make straight the way of the Lord.’”*

What a wonderful message of joyous anticipation – the very heart

of Advent, Jesus is near, He is ready to meet you as He has met me. Proclaim that the Spirit is in us and work to bear God’s joy by making the Lord’s way straight, by filling in where people are low and easing the jagged edges in the lives of those we know.

John was confronted by the joy removers, the naysayers, the quenchers. John bore a message of joy, the forgiveness of sin and the opportunity, soon upon the people around him, to meet the Savior, the Messiah Who now lives among us. John’s joy filled message in response to the Pharisees and Levites still rings true – in our age perhaps even more than in the Israel of John’s time – *“there is one among you whom you do not recognize.”* Wake up and recognize Him. Meet Him and be filled with joy.

To have the fulness of joy, to look forward, no matter what is going on about us, with joy, is to have Jesus alive in us, the Holy Spirit moving within us, and to share the message – Rejoice!

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

Philippians 4:4

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Galatians 5:22
MONDAY: John 16:24
TUESDAY: Psalm 16:11
WEDNESDAY: Romans 14:17
THURSDAY: John 15:11
FRIDAY: Psalm 118:24
SATURDAY: Nehemiah 8:10

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, Your coming has filled me with joy. The Holy Spirit, gift of the Father, moves me to rejoice each day. Grant that I may bear Your joy and the Spirit’s rejoicing each day of my life.

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, 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. Sunniva, Bergen, Norway

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogoslów 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. ---