



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 20, 2020

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2020 PNCC



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.

THIS 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.

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 27, 2020

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: 10am, for all called.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Hodur Rite). Blessing of Wine.

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.

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 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. Also, Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Blessing of Wine.**
- **December 28: Commemoration of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs.**
- **January 1: Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord. Holy Mass at 10am. Happy 2021.**

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.

Love!

Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

In the first three weeks of Advent we focused on hope, peace, and joy and how those key elements of God's Kingdom life must be shown in our lives and conveyed by us who are His people, the brothers and sisters of His Divine Son, Jesus.

Our kingdom tasks - what we are to convey - is:

- An offer of hope to those we encounter;
- To be peace in the midst of the communities we are involved in – our neighborhoods, workplaces, social groups, and families; and
- To be promoters and bringers of joy, bearers of a joyous message – Jesus has saved us and is available to each and every person. Come meet Him.

In this final week of Advent (lasting less than a full week), we focus on our responsibility to love.

The Alan Jackson's song, 'I Need A Love Like That,' as certain songs do, conveys what we seek, our need for a love that surpasses time and space, a love that takes hold of us, completes us, and makes us whole. We all need a love like that.

God understands that need, for He Himself is love. So, God determined to act and give His all, His very Son to us. He carried out His plan to show us the immensity of His love by engaging people who would respond in love. We know their names: Mary, Joseph, Elizabeth, Zachariah, Simeon, Anna, and John. We know their occupations: shepherds and Maji, Levites and prophets.

By the giving of God's greatest gift, and our acceptance of that gift, we follow in the footsteps of love. We become bearers of the central element of God's Kingdom – love.

As with those who responded to God's plan with love, we respond in love. We show forth the all-encompassing love that surpasses time and space. We bear that love which has taken hold of us, that has completed us, and that has made us whole.

Indeed, God has engaged us because He knows we are people who will respond in love. We know our responsibility is to love and by love to draw people to Jesus.

Our names inscribed in the Book of Life are known to God. Our professions, whether accountants, civil servants, service workers, business owners, healthcare workers, or even priests give us the opportunity to show love. Our times and circumstances allow us to hear those who say, 'I need love' and answer with Jesus, the love that will take hold of, complete, and make them whole.

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 3:16
 MONDAY: 1 John 4:8
 TUESDAY: 1 John 4:19
 WEDNESDAY: 1 John 4:7
 THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8
 FRIDAY: John 15:12
 SATURDAY: 1 John 3:18

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, as we draw close and celebrate Your birth, grant that we may ever bear the love You showed us toward all we encounter.

Start of the Christmas Season

Our schedule of liturgies in the Christmas season begins with a Solemn High Holy Mass at Midnight Christmas day, the traditional Shepherd's Mass/Pasterka. Holy Mass will be offered Christmas Day at 10am. Sunday, December 27th is the Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds and also the Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Holy Mass will be at 10am along with the blessing of wine (bring some bottles from home to be blessed).

Sacrificial Giving

As usual, we have gathered can and dry food donations. They will be picked up and delivered today. Thank you for your outstanding generosity!

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

Today is the last day for our giving tree ornaments. These 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.

Of note...

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 Szczepkowski, 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, Virginia Rogers, 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. Olaf, Ålesund, 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.

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