



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 3, 2021

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Solemnity of the Holy Family

Święto Świętej Rodziny Jezusa, Maryi i Józefa

January 3, 2021

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: Corinthians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Intention: 10am, for parishioners, for śp. Fred Wheeler.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite), Exposition and Benediction for the intention of God's Blessing on our 100th Anniversary.

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 our Lord

Wspomnienie Chrztu Pańskiego

January 10, 2021

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: Mark 1:7-11

Intention: 10am, for parishioners, for all for whom memory crosses were offered.

Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary 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.

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...

- **January 3: Solemnity of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany. Holy Mass at 7pm with blessing of charcoal, chalk, and incense.**
- **January 7: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.**
- **January 10: Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **January 14: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.**
- **January 17: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am. Parish Committee Meeting follows.**
- **January 18: Feast – St. Peter's Chair at Antioch/Martin Luther King Day. Start of the Week of Christian Prayer for Unity. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.**
- **January 21: Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.**
- **January 24: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **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 Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

By what standard?

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord.

Straight to the point. I ought to start this by saying that today’s Epistle, as outlined in the Lectionary gives us two choices. We can read all of Paul’s admonitions in Colossians 3:12-21 or we can skip over the hard parts, things that make us uncomfortable.

We all know what God wants, right – to skip over the hard parts?

We can certainly agree that God never wants us to skip over the hard parts of His instruction. Jesus told us: “In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I’ve conquered the world.” (John 16:33).

What disturbs us about Paul’s words is that we read them from

a perspective that the godless world pushes on us. That perspective is one in which there is no analysis, there is no search for deeper understanding. We somehow believe that English is the anointed language by which all must be understood, and heaven forbid that anyone use the word subordinate. Obviously, I, me, comes first.

I, me first, is not of Christ.

In Genesis, God creates a model of family and as we heard in today’s gospel, His very Son, Jesus, lived within that model. But let’s not just stop at the outward appearance of that model, because the inward nature of the family model is brought to the fore by St. Paul in his writing to the Colossians.

Paul is discussing an inter-relationship among the faithful. We are first and foremost a community that practices mutual love and respect. We offer each other heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. We bear with each

other and forgive one another just as the Lord has forgiven us (catch that – live as the Lord lived). Above all we put on love as our mutual bond of perfection. Is that hard?

Jesus was born into a family that lived all that, and one in which each person lived a sacrificial existence, where the good of the other came before their own good. That is what being subordinate is. That is what love and obedience are. That is what total giving is. In family we must be willing to decrease so that our wives, husbands, and children may increase. That is love in mutuality. Is that hard?

Never mistake this direction as having to do with being a slave. A slave does not have a choice in the giving of self. We do.

The bottom line - How are we to live together? What do we consider hard? For us the standard within family and community is God’s standard

A life of total self-giving should not be hard for Christians.

But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

1 Timothy 5:8

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Acts 18:8
MONDAY: Acts 16:31-34
TUESDAY: Acts 16:15
WEDNESDAY: Acts 10:1-2
THURSDAY: Deuteronomy 6:6-7
FRIDAY: Genesis 50:17-21
SATURDAY: Psalm 128:3

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant that each of our families may increase in knowledge of You and Your ways. Help us in subordinating ourselves to each other in mutual love and respect.

The Christmas Season Continues

Today is the Solemnity of the Holy Family. Holy Mass is at 10am . This week is the first full week of our 100th Anniversary year. Join us for Holy Mass along with the blessing of chalk and incense on January 6th at 7pm, the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Baptism of our Lord – Holy Mass at 10am.

Our 100th Anniversary – Is Here

This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our parish. All ideas and input are welcome. Please contact our Anniversary Chairperson, Alyssa. Send your input to Alyssa.DePaula@gmail.com. We will have a full schedule of spiritual, liturgical, and social events planned for the celebration. Stay tuned.

Together in Faith and Love

Join us each Thursday evening at 7pm for our Together in Faith and Love Zoom sessions. The winter months and continued social isolation challenge us all. These weekly virtual informal get-togethers are an opportunity where, with faith and love, we can face challenges together; share time, stories, or recipes; reminisce; or even sing songs. If you have a computer or smart phone you can login to Zoom (ask Fr. Jim for a link). If you do not use computers, you can just join by telephone.

Year of Discipleship

Our Holy Church will once again focus on discipleship. The discipleship messages of 2021 will help us to prepare for a post Covid world, to reengage and recommit ourselves as the Body of Christ. We will examine the lives of some of the prophets, disciples of our Lord, saints, bishops, and their discipleship virtues to see what we can learn from them to apply in our daily living. For January we focus on Daniel in the Lion’s Den. This week read Daniel Chapter 6

Reminders

Valentine’s raffle tickets will be going out shortly. Any questions, please see Linda or Fr. Jim.

Envelopes and tax statements for 2021 will be arriving shortly.

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. Inflame 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, 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, 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 Our Savior’s parish, Stockholm, Sweden

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. ---