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FOR ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD FIND THEIR YES IN HIM. THAT IS WHY IT IS THROUGH HIM THAT WE UTTER OUR AMEN TO GOD FOR HIS GLORY.

We might say that 2021 has been the "Year of Delivery Woes." The mail, shipping issues, misdirected packages, oops, we had to change the delivery date are all things we heard. They may have caused us some frustration.

Did you know that there is one area of delivery that has worked perfectly? No, it is not a matchup between FedEx, UPS, USPS, and DHL - it is the assured delivery of God's promises.

Look at the verse from 2 Corinthians 1:20 above. It says that ALL THE PROMISES OF GOD have their YES in Jesus. Jesus is indeed the delivery fulfiller.

Throughout human history God made promises. He would deliver His people from sin and death. He would bring peace and healing. He would turn people's stoney/hard personalities into heart centered personalities - they would be people of love. He would show His people the way to true joy - a joy that overcomes circumstances, a joy that is more than momentary happiness.

The promises of God have been fulfilled and ratified in Christ. He is the living incarnate "Yes" and "Amen" to God's promises. The Greek word *Nai* translated Yes means strong affirmation; yes. Jesus therefore delivers on all of the promises of God. There is no delay, there is no unexpected trouble in receiving those promises. He is always on-time and nothing is ever missing or in the way.

Throughout Advent we will focus on thirty of God's promises under the headings of hope, peace, joy, and love. We will see how Jesus has and is delivering His Father's promises in both our personal and communal lives.

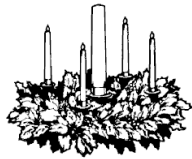
God holds promises for us. Come, see how He is intervening to draw us closer to the realization that His promises are real promises for us as a community of faith. Scripture calls us to answer amen to Jesus' YES. So let us do so this Advent in church. Let our Amen echo our yes to His YES.

Blessing of Oplátky and the Advent Wreath



On the First Sunday of Advent we blessed our Advent wreath and the "Bread of Angels," the oplátky that we will share with each other on

Christmas Eve. Oplátky will be available for you to take home throughout Advent and the Christmas Vigil.



Return of Daily Holy Mass

Advent marks the return of daily Holy Mass in our parish. Holy Mass will be held Monday through Friday at noon excepting



Wednesdays in Advent when Holy Mass will be at 7:30am. Let us use this time of prayer and reflection as part of our Advent preparations and as a new good habit at the start of the new liturgical year.

Rorate Holy Mass

What is a Rorate Holy Mass? It is a custom from antiquity to celebrate a special votive Holy Mass, typically

on Wednesday's in Advent, in honor of the Blessed



Virgin. This Rorate Holy Mass is celebrated in the dark, just before sunrise, by candlelight only. We are continuing this tradition this Advent, starting Wednesday, December 1st at 7:30am. The other dates are December 8th, 15th, and 22nd.

Our Vigil / Wigila Dinner

On Sunday, December 12th we will have only one Holy Mass at 10am followed by a sing-along and our Vigil/ Wigilia Dinner along with an Ornament Exchange.

The dinner is absolutely **free**. Fish is provided by the parish. If you are able, please bring a meatless dish to share.

To ensure we provide enough fish, please sign up in church or send an email to Fr. Jim at frjim@holynamencc.org.

Ornament Exchange

We will hold a completely voluntary ornament exchange after our Vigil / Wigilia dinner. If you wish, please sign up. You can also sign up at the dinner. Simply bring a wrapped ornament costing \$5 or less.

Christmas Greetings

As we gather in churches throughout the world on Christmas, I cannot help but reflect on the many ways we live in renewed hope because of the Christ child.

We come to the stable in humility, hearts filled with expectant hope. This past year has been a time of renewed hope which is what our Lord and Savior intended by His incarnation. God wants us to look forward in expectant hope while we live that hope each day through our ways of peace, joy, and love.

In darkness, broken by candlelight, we watch as a woman approaches the stable to place the Holy Infant. We hear the great proclamation. Then we worship.

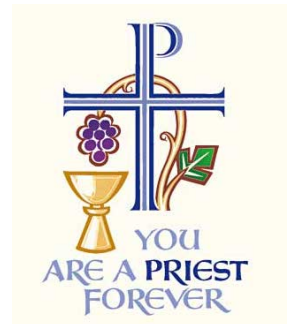
I will again offer my prayer at the manger, and at the Holy Altar, for you, your families, our humble parish.

May the irresistible hope God has given us in Jesus speak to you that night and throughout the year ahead. May your expectations and prayers rise before the heavenly Throne, and may you draw closer each day to completion in Jesus Christ who is hope fulfilled.

— Fr. Jim

7th Anniversary - Ordination to the Holy Priesthood

I was ordained to the Holy Priesthood seven years ago on December 6th (the Commemoration of St. Nicholas).

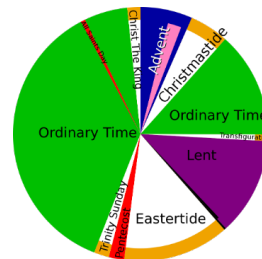


This year -while not without its challenges- has been a true joy. We celebrated. We renewed our hope. We are growing and developing as a family in Christ.

I am privileged to pray for and with you, spending time in conversation, offering the grace of hope we all need and that is fully present in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. My greatest joy is standing before the altar and offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for each and every one of you, for the good and increase of our parish, for vocations, and for the youth of the whole Church.

Thank you for inviting me into your parish family and for the opportunity to serve you. — Fr. Jim

New Liturgical Year



Readings from Scripture are part of every Holy Mass and hold a very special place of prominence in our Holy Church

– for through the proclamation and teaching of the Word we receive sacramental grace.

The Sunday cycle of readings is divided into three years, labeled A, B, and C. A new cycle begins every First Sunday of Advent. Weekday readings fall into two cycles, cycle I and II. On November 28th we entered Year C and Cycle II. In Year C, we read mostly from the Gospel of St. Luke.

Advent Charitable Giving - food, clothing.

As usual, we will be collecting canned and dry food donations now through December 19th. You may leave your donations by the Mary Altar. Those donations will go to local charities.

The YMSofR undertook a clothing collection which ended on November 28th. We will let you know what the final count is and the local charities we have served once the work of counting, sorting, and delivering is completed.

Church Fathers on Advent

- The **bread** which you do not use is the bread of the hungry;
- the **garment** hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of him who is naked;
- the **shoes** that you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot;

- the money that you keep locked away is the money of the **poor**;
- the **acts of charity** that you do not perform are so many injustices that you commit.”
—St. Basil the Great

Greening of the Church - December 19th

Please join in and lend a hand on Sunday, December 19th after 10am Holy Mass to decorate the Church, beautifying it for the arrival of our newborn King. We need all-hands-on-deck.

Memory Crosses



Holy Name of Jesus is continuing a tradition begun at Good Shepherd Parish in Amsterdam. Every year the people of Good Shepherd parish would

offer memory crosses during the Advent season. These hand crocheted memory crosses, in honor of dearly departed loved ones, are hung on the parish Christmas trees throughout the Christmas season. Then in January a special Holy Mass is held in memory of those entrusted to our prayers.

Memory Crosses are a beautiful tribute of memory and a gift of loving prayer. If you wish to remember someone special during the upcoming Christmas season

please send the names of those you wish remembered, one name per memory cross, to the parish. You may offer a free will donation in honor of your loved ones. A gift of \$2 per memory cross is suggested.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

We will be sending out tickets for next February's Outrageous Valentine's raffle in early January. Prizes total \$1,180.

If you would like tickets earlier, for Christmas gifts, just ask Fr. Jim or Linda DePaula.

Each entry provides multiple chances to win. Every time someone wins, their ticket is placed 'back in the bucket.' Daily prizes are \$40 and the Valentine's Day prize is \$100.

This effort is so very important this year so that we - as a family - may send our youth to all of the Church's Summer 2022 programs including the postponed CONVO in 2022.

With Thanks

To all parents and grandparents who have included their beautiful children in our parish community.

To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love and charity on behalf of our parish.

To the members of our Parish Committee for their hard work and sacrifice!!!!

To Adam who continues to assist Father at the Altar, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia and her

brother Mike Emanuele for the beautiful music presented each week.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure.

God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać! Grazie mille! Thank you!!!

Planning For:

Holy Mass on Sunday at 10am and Noon unless otherwise indicated. Daily Holy Mass is at Noon unless otherwise indicated.

- Daily Holy Masses at Noon on December 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
- December 1: Rorate Holy Mass, 7:30am.
- December 5: Second Sunday of Advent.
- December 6: Commemoration of St. Nicholas of Myra. Fr. Jim's Ordination Anniversary. Daily Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 8: Solemnity - Conception of the B.V.M. Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.
- December 12: Third Sunday of Advent. **One Holy Mass at 10am.** Parish Vigil / Wigilia Dinner, Sing-Along, and Ornament Exchange.
- December 13: Solemnity - Our Lady of Guadalupe (translated). Daily Holy Mass at Noon.

- December 15: Rorate Holy Mass, 7:30am.
- December 19: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Masses with Advent Penitential Service. Greening of the church.
- December 20: Votive Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at Noon.
- December 21: Feast – St. Thomas the Apostle. Holy Mass of the Feast at Noon.
- December 22: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.
- December 24: **Vigil of the Nativity.** Holy Mass for Children at 4pm.
- December 25: **Nativity of the Lord, Holy Mass at Midnight and 10am.**
- December 26: Sunday - Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds.
- December 27: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Wine (**bring a bottle or two to be blessed**).
- December 28: Commemoration - Holy Innocents. Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 31: Solemnity - Holy Family. Holy Mass at Noon.
- January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision. Holy Mass at Noon. Happy 2022!
- January 2: **Sunday - Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus. Parish Feast.**
- January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord. Holy Mass at

Noon includes blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense.

- January 9: Sunday - Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

2 Christina Supinski, Dorothy Morrison, Lisa Houser
 3 Claudia Bertasso
 4 Mikayla Jakubiak
 5 Stephen Martin
 6 Justin Weglinski
 7 Helen & Paul Zebrowski
 9 Christine Rager
 10 Andrew Zostant
 13 Justin Kimball, Aleksandra Wheelock, Karina Weglinski
 14 Susan Dantz, Veralyn Vroman
 15 Nancy Fredenburg
 16 Bethany Victoria Normandin
 19 Carol Kupiec, Frances Liska, Darian DePasquale
 23 Michael Mazzone
 24 Edward Jakubiak
 25 Jesus, Matthew Seidel
 28 Denise Meyers

Anniversaries

19 Bob & Cyndie Williams

Every blessing!

Neighboring Parish Holds Polish Food Sale

Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa parish is holding a Polish Food Sale on Saturday, December 11th. Doors are open from 2 to 6pm. Walk-in orders are welcome. If you wish, you can pre-order online at <https://>

www.bvmc.org/foodsale. The parish is located at 250 Old Maxwell Road, Latham.

Annual dues

What do you think about Church dues? Do you think they are something priests and bishops impose? Do you think it is too much of a burden?

We set the dues: Dues are established at Holy Synod by our peers, our elected representatives. Dues are never imposed by the clergy. The people of the Church, in accordance with our democratic tradition and constitution, establish the dues.

What happens without dues?

The Church would go bankrupt and would dissolve. It could not operate at the most basic level.

Well, my parish will stay open, won't it? No! Without the Church and diocese there can be no parish. We would no longer have a mandate nor legal authority to exist.

Well, it is soooo much! Not really. Dues amount to \$2.40 per week per member. Is the Church worth that much? Dues are part of giving generously from what we have.

The benefits of church membership, including the privilege of burial in parish cemeteries.

Dues are \$125 per year for each adult member regardless of age.

Please pay your dues with joy and thank God that we have our Church. If anyone faces such severe financial difficulties that \$2.40 per person per week is unaffordable, please see Fr. Jim privately.

Nominations/Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held in early February 2022 along with the election of a new Parish Committee.



New members of the Committee are needed so we may prepare for the future. If you or someone you know would like to be part of the leadership team, please write your name, theirs, or better yet, both of yours down along with the office (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Trustee) and drop them in the collection basket in an envelope marked nominations.

How Does God Measure Generosity?

By Chip Ingram

"'I am the Lord's servant,' Mary answered. 'May your word to me be fulfilled'" (Luke 1:38).

I've taught a lot about generosity, and how it's a way to become more intimate with God.

Remember the story of the widow and what the Bible described as her "two mites," or small coins in Luke 21:1-4?

The rich folks' donations weren't a sacrifice. They weren't putting themselves in danger of hardship. Did that mean they didn't love God? Not necessarily. But the widow's act required faith. She loved a God she believed would take care of her, and she wanted to show her love by giving back to Him.

That's the point of generosity. God measures generosity not by the size of the gift but by the size of the sacrifice. He doesn't need our money. He owns everything. But generosity is a way for intimacy with Him to increase. The only way that intimacy happens with God is this mechanism called faith. Not knowledge. Not "good works." Faith.

When we believe what God says to the point of trusting Him with all we have, we will begin to truly understand who He is and how much He loves us.

So what does that have to with the Christmas story? Think of the characters in the narrative. Each step of each person, all the way to Jesus and God the Father, is a snapshot of what the Bible teaches about God's generous heart.

First, the shepherds. In biblical society they're at the bottom of the rung. Uneducated and often stinky, shepherds had nothing to give. But when the heavens were full of angels testifying to Christ's birth they leave work and skedaddle to Nazareth. They spread the word that the Messiah has come. All they have is time.

Who else is in the story? Joseph, of course. What did this young blue-collar worker give? His reputation. He married his pregnant fiancée, in a culture that stoned adulterers.

And Mary? What did she give? In addition to her body, Mary gave her future. Here was a teenaged girl, probably dreaming of a home and family with Joseph. From the moment the angel Gabriel announces to her that she's chosen and will give birth to the Son of God, the life she pictured is over.

And of course, God the Father gave His beloved Son. And His beloved Son, Jesus, gave His life.

So what is the measure of generosity? To sacrificially worship God in faith with what we have. And what is the gain of generosity? What do we get out of being generous? To know Christ more deeply and become like Him.

Remember, God by the Holy Spirit wants to do things in us and through us beyond our wildest imagination. But if He doesn't have our whole heart, He can't start to guide us until we trust Him.

Will we let God do with our lives what He wants? That will be the measure of our generosity.

Confirmation & First Communion Classes Starting

Classes will start January 16th. Please send a note to Fr. Jim to register your children/youth or as an adult in need.

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.	2 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	3 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	4
5 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	6 Commemoration – St. Nicholas of Myra. Fr. Jim's 7th Anniversary of Ordination. Holy Mass at Noon	7 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	8 Solemnity – Conception of the B.V.M. Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.	9 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	10 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	11
12 3rd Sunday of Advent Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Vigil / Wigilia Dinner, Sing-Along, Ornament Exchange.	13 Solemnity – Our Lady of Guadalupe (translated), Holy Mass at Noon,	14 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	15 Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.	16 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	17 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	18
19 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass and Advent Penitential Service at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Greening of the Church.	20 Votive Holy Mass at Noon for Healing with Anointing,	21 Feast – St. Thomas the Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon.	22 Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.	23 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	24 Vigil of the Nativity Vigil Holy Mass for Children and Youth at 4pm.	25 Solemnity of the Nativity Holy Mass at Midnight Holy Mass, 10am
26 Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Also, Feast of St. Stephen the Protomartyr. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil,	27 Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Wine.	28 Commemoration – Holy Innocents. Holy Mass at Noon.	29 Daily Holy Mass at Noon.	30 Daily Holy Mass at Noon.	31 Solemnity – Holy Family. Holy Mass at Noon.	

Events

January 2022 Upcoming

- 1st - Solemnity of the Circumcision, Holy Mass at Noon/Happy 2022!
- 2nd – Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus, Parish Feast. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- 6th - Epiphany of our Lord. Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense, Noon. Kolędy Visits begin.

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