



Focus Bulletin

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3rd Sunday of Advent III Niedziela Adwentu

December 12, 2021

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Canticle: Isaiah 12:2-6

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Intention: 10am and Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am and Noon, Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski

- Mattins at 9:50am. Lighting of the 3rd Candle. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite pg. 63).
- Parish Vigil / Wigilia Dinner

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Will You be angry with us forever, drag out Your anger for all generations? Please give us life again, that Your people may rejoice in You.

R. Fill us at daybreak with Your love, that all our days we may sing for joy.

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 Adwentu

December 19, 2021

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 84.

First reading: Micah 5:1-4

Psalms: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Intention: 10am and Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am and Noon, Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois

- Mattins at 9:50am. Lighting of the 4th Candle. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite pg. 63).
- Greening of the Church. Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah,

R. From you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.

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. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

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Upcoming...

- **December 12: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Parish Vigil / Wigilia Dinner.**
- **December 13: Solemnity – BVM of Guadalupe (translated). Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 14: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 15: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 16: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 17: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 19: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Greening of the Church.**
- **December 20: Daily Holy Mass at Noon with Anointing for Healing.**
- **December 21: Feast – St. Thomas the Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 22: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 23: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 24: Vigil of the Nativity. Vigil Holy Mass for Children at 4pm.**
- **December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity. Shepherd's Holy Mass / Pasterka at Midnight. Holy Mass at 10am.**

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – If someone is in need, please let Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, and anoint them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

Joy.
Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people.

This Advent we focus on the promises of God. We have provided a handy follow along book of reflections and devotions covering thirty promises of God broken down under the categories of hope, peace, joy, and love. This week we reflect on God’s promise of joy.

Remember that promises from God are things we can absolutely count on. As such, we have absolute and perfect assurance that God’s promise of joy will be fulfilled.

As I began reflecting on this Sunday and its readings and gospel, the song: “I’ve got joy, joy, joy deep in my heart” kept ringing in my ears. Indeed, that is God’s desire for us, that we would have His joy deep within us.

I would be remis if I did not remind myself and all of us that God’s joy, here on earth, is not giddy happiness. It is not the worldly definition of happiness at all. Rather, it is a deep and profound contentment that all is well in my life. Happiness is an emotion while joy is both emotion and state of being.

Joy means I have an assurance, a promise from God that I can face whatever comes with a feeling of good pleasure, inner contentment, and satisfaction because I am in Jesus, because the Holy Spirit dwells with me and guides me through everything.

God is at work in our lives, and He has shown us a way through, especially through trials. If we have placed our faith and trust in Jesus Christ, there is no question as to our ultimate outcome. We can therefore be joyfully content no matter what.

John came as the Forerunner to preach a message of good news.

The Savior, the Messiah, the One Who *will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire* is coming, and we know He is returning. By John’s preaching people came to repentance, a change in their lives that gave them real joy. They were no longer burdened by wrongs they committed, and they were refreshed. They could approach life joyfully.

So too we. Our Advent guide points out, we have (1) Each Day as a Gift, (2) A God Who Gave His Life for Me, (3) Salvation, (4) A God Who Delights in Me, (5) An Approachable God Who Listens, (6) A Choice of Joy Amidst Trials, and (7) God’s Trustworthy Promise. We can live joyful lives in all these promises.

We are called to the knowledge that God is indeed with us. He is present in our everyday lives. He is accessible and open to us. In any circumstance or situation, we can accept comfort and peace, contentment – that is: joy from God.

Paul re-reminds us: *The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all.* Let us then go forth with joy, joy, joy, deep in our hearts.

My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to you; my soul also, which you have redeemed.

Psalms 71:23

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Romans 15:13
MONDAY: James 1:2
TUESDAY: Psalm 16:11
WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 17:22
THURSDAY: Romans 14:17
FRIDAY: 1 Peter 1:8
SATURDAY: Psalm 4:7

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You speak for us at Your Father’s right hand. Pray the Father to grant us a life filled with His joy. Grant that we live contentedly in Your Father’s promise of joy.

Today’s Music

- Entrance: B18, Advent Longing.
- Gospel: R166, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
- Offertory: B19, Hail O Blessed Mary.
- Communion: Like A Shepherd (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B24, There's A Voice In The Wilderness.
- Recessional: R169, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Advent:** Today we enter the Third Week of Advent. We light the third candle of our wreath. We have **Christmas Wafers/Oplatki** for all who desire some for their Wigilia Table. On Sunday, We are also joyful today for together we celebrate our Vigil/Wigilia Dinner along with an Ornament Exchange.
- Rules:** As you may have heard, indoor masking is now required. We ask all to wear masks in church and in the parish hall when not eating or drinking. The parish has no ability to allow non-masking because we cannot check everyone’s vaccination status. Please mask as a curtesy to those among us with particular health concerns as an act of Christian charity and love.
- Food Collection is underway through December 19th.**
- The YMSofR thanks all who **donated clothing** during this year’s drive. We collected 1,073 items of clothing as well as 3 bags of scrap cloth. These were all delivered to Bethesda House, City Mission, Noah’s Attic and Young Parents United.
- Keep inviting people** to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- Put it on your calendar:**
 - Remember Daily Holy Mass and Rorate Holy Mass.**
 - December 19, Greening of the Church.**
 - Our Christmas Season Schedule and plan for Kolędy visits in January.**
- SMILE** – If you are shopping on Amazon, go to AmazonSmile and choose Holy Name of Jesus PNCC as your charity. It really helps.

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.

--- Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. ---

Praying for:

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Ed Jakubiak, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, 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, Greg Kaczmarek, Carla, Maggie, Susan, Linda, Ed Casey, Virginia Rogers, Carolyn, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, James. Kevin, 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, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, 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 for any need or intention.

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 clergy and faithful of our Savior Chapel, Scranton, PA.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to support a week. We are also in need of people to serve for 6 months as kitchen coordinator.

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 :