



Focus Bulletin

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4th Sunday of Advent

IV Niedziela Adwentu

December 19, 2021

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

First reading: Micah 5:1-4

Psalm: 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) with Advent Penitential Service.
- Greening of the Church. Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

THIS 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.

Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds

Uroczystość Ubogich Pasterzy

December 26, 2021

Rite: Pew Missal, page 15, Canon, page 28.

First reading: Jeremiah 31:10-14

Psalm: Ps 97:1,6,11,12

R. 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 and Noon, for all called.

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

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Mattins at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

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

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Upcoming...

- **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. Also, Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **December 26: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **December 27: Feast – St. John the Evangelist. Holy Mass with Blessing of Wine of Noon.**
- **December 28: Commemoration of the Holy Innocents. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 29: Octave of the Nativity. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 30: Octave of the Nativity. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 31: Solemnity of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at Noon.**

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.

Love.
Then he says, “Behold, I come to do your will.” He takes away the first to establish the second. By this “will,” we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ.

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 final week we reflect on God’s promise of love.

Remember that promises from God are things we can absolutely count on. We have perfect assurance that God’s promise of love will be fulfilled. We know this more so because God has shown us by His outward action that His love is perfect and all giving.

St. Paul is reflecting on that very fact in today’s Epistle. He calls our attention, once again, to the

fact that Jesus, the Son of God, came to *once and for all* consecrate us – that is to make us holy and pleasing to His Father. He would do this, not through the sin offerings of people, which God did not delight in, but through the love offering of Himself, the perfect sacrifice as willed by the Father.

It is key for us to focus on the value of offerings. You see, the sin sacrifices of people could never compensate God for what they had done. Rather, its key metric was in the way it forced people to evaluate, in a tangible way, the cost of what they had done.

Now if a person were really dedicated to loving God, they would say the cost is too high. I must rather turn away from sin and by doing so, not suffer the cost consequences. But the people never did change, they got caught up in paying to play. Their hearts remained hard, not like the hearts of flesh God

wished them to have. For them, it boiled down to an equation in the Law.

To change the equation, to fully carry out the will of the Father, His Son, Jesus, had to step up and say yes. He had to give His love totally to the Father in sacrifice. By doing so He carried out the Father’s will for us.

Jesus carried out the Father’s love mission. He destroyed the old equation of cost sacrifices and says to us, come, live in my love. St. John’s repeats Jesus’ words: “*As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.*”

The choice is clear. We have met our God Who gave Himself as sacrifice. We cannot pay, there is no option for that, so we must choose to dedicate ourselves to Him, to live in His love. If we make that choice, we are among those made holy by God’s perfect love gift.

In the face of God’s love, Mary served, Elizabeth proclaimed, and John leapt. In the face of God’s love, we must also serve, proclaim, and leap, not to pay, but as sign of love in our consecrated lives.

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.”

John 13:34

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 40:10-11
MONDAY: John 13:35
TUESDAY: Psalm 16:11
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 19:19
THURSDAY: Matthew 5:43-44
FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
SATURDAY: 1 John 3:23

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You speak for us at Your Father’s right hand. Pray the Father to grant us a life lived with the same love You have shown us.

Today’s Music

- Entrance: R168, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.
- Gospel: R166, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
- Offertory: B15, From Heaven A Voice.
- Communion: Mary Did You Know.
- Communion Reflection: B24, There's A Voice In The Wilderness.
- Recessional: B27, Comfort, Comfort.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Advent:** Today we enter the Final Week of Advent. We light the fourth candle of our wreath. We have **Christmas Wafers/Oplatki** for all who desire some for their Wigilia Table.
- Thank You** – what a wonderful celebration of our mutual love as a family during our Vigil/Wigilia Dinner along with a beautiful and fun Ornament Exchange. Thank you to all who brought food to share – it was excellent. thank you to Combo’s Fish for our main course. Thank you to all who helped prepare and coordinate.
- 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. Please mask as a curtesy to those among us with particular health concerns as an act of Christian charity and love.
- 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.**
 - Our Christmas Season Schedule on the reverse side of the bulletin 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.
- Keep our Valentine’s Raffle Tickets in Mind.** See Fr. Jim or Linda.

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 All Saints Parish, Johnson City, NY.

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 Branch 140/168 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Pastor Jim.

Of note . . .