



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 27, 2022

DISCIPLESHIP

2022

PNCC



## 1st Sunday of Advent

### I Niedziela Adwentu

November 27, 2022

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

First reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Ps 122:1-9

**R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

Intention: 10am and Noon for all parishioners and All Souls remembered.

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

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Mattins at 9:55, Blessing of Advent Wreath and Lighting of the 1st Candle. Blessing of Christmas Wafers/Oplatek, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

#### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I wait for You, O Lord; I lift up my soul to my God. In You I trust; do not let me be disgraced; do not let my enemies gloat over me.

**R. No one is disgraced who waits for You, but only those who lightly break faith.**

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.**

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

### II Niedziela Adwentu

December 4, 2022

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

First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

Epistle: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Intention: 10am and Noon, for all parishioners.

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

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Mattins at 9:55, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63). Exposition and Benediction for special intentions.
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

#### NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through Him.

**R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.**

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, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

## Contact

Holy Name of Jesus

National Catholic Church, PNCC

1040 Pearl Street

Schenectady, New York 12303-1846

Parish and Hall: 518-372-1992

In an emergency: Pastor Jim Konicki at 518-522-0944

On the Web: [www.holynamencc.org](http://www.holynamencc.org)



## Upcoming...

- November 27: 1st Sunday of Advent. New Liturgical Year Begins. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Blessing of Advent Wreath and Oplatek/Christmas Wafers.
- November 28: Holy Mass at Noon.
- November 29: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciatka Jezus od 12:30.
- November 30: Feast – St. Andrew the Apostle. Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.
- December 1: Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 2: Holy Mass at Noon. Youth Advent Zoom at 7:30pm.
- December 3: Seniorate Gathering at 11am.
- December 4: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- December 5: Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 6: Commemoration – St. Nicholas of Myra. Fr. Jim's 8th Anniversary of Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciatka Jezus od 12:30.
- December 7: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.
- December 8: Solemnity – Conception of the BVM. 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.

Ready for hope?

*The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime.*

Thank you for joining as we begin this new liturgical year, a time of expectation as we await the Lord’s return.

The sort of standardized theme for the First Sunday of Advent is that of hope. Of course, that causes us to pause and perhaps think about what hope means, where we might find it, and when we might add hope’s arrival to our calendars.

Put simply, hope is having confidence in God’s faithfulness, that He will complete what He has begun. It is also the surety that all God’s promises will be fulfilled – 100% delivered.

Well, that defines hope, and where we might find it – in Christ Jesus of course – but when will its fulfillment arrive, where should I pencil it in? That is the tough part, isn’t it?

St. Paul is reminding us that time is growing short, *our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand.* We can certainly agree, based on our life experience, that time does grow shorter by the day. Life is not stagnant nor is the time till Jesus’ return getting longer. But where to pencil it in?

Paul wasn’t making this all up. He is merely repeating the words of Jesus, the gospel of Jesus wherein Jesus says over and over: the Kingdom is at hand. We hear Jesus speak on this very subject in today’s gospel: *“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. So, you must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”* But where to pencil it in?

Brothers and sisters, Isaiah’s message is so very hopeful, the source of our theme. We love to hear those words about swords and spears being turned into tools

of life. We enjoy getting to those few lines about peace and no more war. We like it so much that we miss our obligation, what it takes to get there: *"Come, let us climb the LORD's mountain, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths."*

So, we are called, at the start of the liturgical year, to refocus, re-commit, renew, and set to work in living out our faith. We must live up to our baptismal pledge. We must live as citizens of the Kingdom. The gospel path must be our daily walk. We must not sit on our hands, for our connection to hope is in how we live right now.

Our duty right now is the making of hard choices between the world’s way, society’s way, our own way, and God’s way. Only one of those ways leads to life, the rest to death.

God’s promise of help is ours so we may live out the gospel. Let us do it, and pencil in Christ’s return everyday living ready for Him.

*“Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”*  
**Isaiah 55:6-7**

Time to Study God’s Word

- SUNDAY: Romans 1:16
- MONDAY: Ephesians 2:8-9
- TUESDAY: Revelation 14:6-7
- WEDNESDAY: John 14:6
- THURSDAY: John 8:24
- FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- SATURDAY: John 5:39-40

**Pray the week**  
Lord Jesus, at the start of this new year of faith, place Your spirit of diligence and perseverance into me. Guide me in making gospel choices and living Your way for Your day is indeed at hand. Amen.

Today’s Music

- Entrance: R168, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.
- Gospel: R165, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
- Offertory: B15, From Heav’n A Voice.
- Communion: Like A Shepherd (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: B18, Advent Longing.
- Recessional: R169, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- IMPERITIVE! IMPORTANT! Seniorate Gathering.** We will gather as a Seniorate on December 3rd at 11am for Holy Mass and sharing (and of course food) at Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Latham. Our National Youth leader, Jorge Arjona is flying in from Denver to meet with parish youth. Bishop Bernard will be present. It is essential that we and ALL our youth be present.
- VIRTUAL ADVENT REFLECTION FOR YOUTH:** Attention Parish Youth, parents, grandparents: The National Youth Advent Reflection is happening on Friday, December 2nd at 7:30pm via Zoom. This will be a short set of videos, songs, and reflection. Be there! To receive the Zoom link, you can either scan the QR code or E-mail Kathy at [kathynemkovick@gmail.com](mailto:kathynemkovick@gmail.com)
- ADVENT:** The short season of Advent reflecting on expectation of the Lord’s return begins next Sunday. Please remember to increase prayer and sacrifice, Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am on Wednesdays, our Vigil/Wigilia Dinner on the 11th, and Greening of the Church on the 18th.
- Keep inviting people** to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- Where’s Mary and Joseph?** Can you find Mary and Joseph in the church as they travel to Bethlehem? Look around, find them, they’ll be moving every week. See in their journey your hope.
- Join in as we attend and honor our Music Director, Elizabeth Battaglia, and the women of the Thursday Musical Club as they perform **Christmas Peace** at the First Reformed Church of Schenectady on Sunday, December 4th at 3pm.



Praying for:

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, 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, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Carla, Maggie, Susan, Linda, Carolyn, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Barbara Rogers, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, 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, Charlie Prothero, 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 St. Joseph’s of Stratford, Stratford, CT.

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 coordinators.

**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 Fr. Jim.

Of note . . .

--- *And He said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”* ---