



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 4, 2022

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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).

THIS 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.

3rd Sunday of Advent

III Niedziela Adwentu

December 11, 2022

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

First reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

Psalm: Ps 146:6-10

R. Lord, come and save us.

Epistle: James 5:7-10

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Intention: 10am for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am, Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Mattins at 9:55, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Vigilia / Vigil Dinner

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Awake and sing, you who lie in the dust. For your dew is a dew of light, and the land of shades gives birth.

R. The lowly will ever find joy in the Lord, and the poor rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

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.

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Upcoming...

- **December 4: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **December 5: Funeral Service for Virginia Gardinier at 10am. No 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 Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.**
- **December 7: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 8: Solemnity – Conception of the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 9: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 10: Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.**
- **December 11: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY followed by our Parish Wigilia / Vigil Dinner.**
- **December 12: Solemnity – BVM of Guadalupe. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 13: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.**
- **December 14: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 15: 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 peace?

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn”

Thank you for joining as we continue in this time of expectation awaiting the Lord’s return.

Last Sunday we considered hope, the first Advent theme, acknowledging that our confidence and surety are in Christ Jesus Who delivers on all God’s promises, most particularly on the help that is ours so we may live out the gospel. We also reminded ourselves to ‘pencil in’ Jesus’ return every day so that we might be ready for that day when all of our hope is fulfilled.

The second standardized theme for this Sunday of Advent is that of peace.

If we have hope, we tend to also have its cognate which is peace. Think of it this way – if we are sure of what is to come, what is being delivered to us, how could we

possibly be uneasy or not at peace?

In Isaiah we are painted a picture of perfect peace. *Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid... The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain.*

All this vision and all its implications are about the coming of the Lord Jesus, for all in the Old Testament points to Him, the Gospels reveal Him fully, Acts preaches Him, the Epistles teach Him, and Revelation points to His return. Reaching Isaiah’s vision does not depend on us, we cannot achieve it, only the King of Peace, the *Root of Jesse* can, and we can share in His perfect peace, but only if we believe.

God sent Jesus into the world to bring us a peace that is beyond all understanding. The Roman Caesars and governors, the Russian, Chinese, and North Korean communists, the Nazis, the Jihadists – not a one can understand why the

earthly holds no fear for us. We know it is because those who have given their whole selves to Christ find peace that overcomes every kind of evil.

John comes, crying out in the desert, *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"* Often, it seems to us, that such a statement is accusatory. Who are you to tell me to repent? Our offense at the cry of the Prophet, of whom Jesus said *there was no greater man born of woman*, is an internal failure on our part. We must own up to what is wrong, those places we refuse to surrender to Jesus.

That little reserve of ‘I am a rock, I am an island’ in us needs to be dashed on our Rock, the Prince of Peace. We need to let Him baptize us in the Spirit, with a fire that burns away fear and anxiety, a fire that frees and releases us to everlasting peace. In peace we rest in hope. In peace we see clearly what must be done and shared, and we acknowledge that no one and nothing can take it from us.

“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Isaiah 26:3
MONDAY: Philippians 4:6
TUESDAY: Colossians 3:15
WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 5:7
THURSDAY: Psalm 4:8
FRIDAY: 2 Thessalonians 3:16
SATURDAY: Romans 8:6

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, place Your peace within me. Trusting in the hope that is mine, help me to brush aside anything that tries to draw me away from You. Cleanse me of worry and anxiety. Amen.

Today’s Music

- Entrance: R168, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.
- Gospel: R165, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
- Offertory: B27, Comfort, Comfort Ye My People.
- Communion: Like A Shepherd (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: B15, From Heaven A Voice.
- Exposition and Benediction: B147 – 150
- Recessional: R169, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- THANK YOU!** To all who turned out for the National Youth Virtual Advent program and for our Seniorate Youth Gathering. What a fantastic set of events and turn out. Thank you to National United Youth Association president Jorge Arjona (who flew in from Denver) and Bishop Bernard as well as the team at Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa parish for all they did to make the Seniorate gathering so blessed. Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement of our youth!
- Eternal Rest:** Our sister, Virginia Gardinier entered eternal rest on Wednesday, November 30th. Virginia was 96 years old and a dedicated member of the church, working as one of the Golumpki Ladies at Good Shepherd parish. A Wake will be held today from 2-4pm at Jendrzejczak Funeral Home, 200 Church St., Amsterdam. A funeral service will be held at the funeral home Monday at 10am. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord!
- Wigilia / Vigil Dinner Next Sunday.** There will be only one Holy Mass next Sunday at 10am followed by our annual Wigilia / Vigil Dinner. The event is free as it always has been. There are sign-up sheets for both the dinner, if you wish to share a meatless dish, and for the Ornament Exchange.
- 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.
- 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 today at 3pm.
- 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.
- Keep inviting people** to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Ed Jakubiak, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepekowski, 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 All Saints Cathedral Parish, Chicago, IL.

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.”* ---