



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 11, 2022

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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).
- Wigilia / Vigil Dinner

THIS 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.

4th Sunday of Advent

IV Niedziela Adwentu

December 18, 2022

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

First reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm: 24:1-6

R. Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.

Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Intention: 10am and Noon, for all parishioners.

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

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Mattins at 9:55, Holy Mass with Advent Penitential 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. Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that You are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One Who is coming into the world.

R. Before the mountains were born, the earth and the world brought forth, from eternity to eternity You are God.

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 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.**
- **December 16: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Greening of the Church.**
- **December 19: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 20: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.**
- **December 21: Feast – St. Thomas the Apostle. Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 22: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 23: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 24: Vigil of the Nativity. Vigil Holy Mass for Children and Youth at 4pm.**

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 to rejoice?

"Go and tell John what you hear and see"

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

Over the last two Sundays we considered the cognates of hope and peace. We learned that we are to live expectantly, as if the party is about to begin, like children on the night before Christmas.

We faithful have hope, confidence and surety in Christ Jesus Who delivers on all God’s promises. He gives us His grace, most especially here at Holy Mass, so we may live out His gospel way.

Since we know what is to come, and are guaranteed delivery 100%, we are at peace regardless of what surrounds us. Jesus has baptized us in the Spirit, with a fire that burns away fear and anxiety, a fire that frees and releases us to everlasting peace.

Today we are called to rejoice;

rejoice, the third Advent theme. We start in carefully distinguishing rejoicing and joy.

For us, joy is our state of existence, wherein we remain unaffected regardless of what is happening around us or even to us. We have joy because our eyes are fixed on Jesus, the deliverer of all God’s promises. Joy is not happiness or celebration. Instead, joy is the starting point for a life in which we rejoice.

Rejoicing – that is the expression, the emoting and exuberance flowing from our life of hope, peace, and joy. We rejoice in exultation. We have the best news ever and are shouting, cheering, dancing around, putting our joy out there for all to see. Rejoicing! Our celebration in Jesus gathered as His body and family. Rejoice today!

It may seem odd that joy and rejoicing are expressed in today’s gospel from prison – and a lousy prison where John was held. Consider several things about the tediousness of his existence. He is

under that same roof as Herod and Herodias carrying on their immoral relationship. Herod enjoyed questioning and listening to John – so likely had him dragged up day after day as a sort of interesting entertainment – without any effectual change in Herod. Then, well back to the pit he lived in as a prisoner for a year and a half.

We can surmise that among others, John spoke of Jesus, thus Herod after Jesus’ arrest: *...for a long time he had been wanting to see Him. ...he hoped to see Him perform a sign.* Herod still unchanged and unprepared.

John’s heart burned to bring people to repentance. Here he is in seeming frustration, all the mendacity John faced, yet even in prison he looked to His joy, the expected One. He had joy in the promise. He then sent his disciples and got the facts: Jesus is the Messiah. With that news, even in prison, John rejoiced.

In Advent we are called back to a focus on our joy, to fix our hearts on Him and find in Him the exultant rejoicing. Celebrate with exultancy for our joy.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Philippians 4:4

Time to Study God’s Word

- SUNDAY: Romans 5:3
- MONDAY: Luke 10:20
- TUESDAY: Isaiah 61:10
- WEDNESDAY: Acts 16:33-34
- THURSDAY: Isaiah 65:18
- FRIDAY: Zephaniah 3:14-17
- SATURDAY: Acts 8:38-39

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant that my mind and heart be fixed on You and in seeing You I may live in perpetual joy. Grant also that I may show my joy through my exultancy. Amen.

Today’s Music

- Entrance: B18, Advent Longing.
- Gospel: R165, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
- Offertory: B19, Hail, O Blessed Mary.
- Communion: My Soul In Stillness Waits (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: B24, There’s A Voice.
- Recessional: R168, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Wigilia / Vigil Dinner Today.** There will be only one Holy Mass today at 10am followed by our annual Wigilia / Vigil Dinner. The event is free as it always has been. Thank you to all who set-up, obtained the fish, provided meatless dishes, and have engaged in the Ornament Exchange.
- ADVENT:** The short season of Advent reflecting on expectation of the Lord’s return has two weeks remaining. Please remember to increase prayer and sacrifice, Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am on Wednesdays, our Vigil/Wigilia Dinner today, and Greening of the Church next Sunday, the 18th – please join in.
- Food For Our Community:** Please bring in a bag of canned or dried food (pasta, canned veggies, soup, baby food) to provide for those in the local community. Donations will be taken to SiCM next Sunday.
- Upcoming:**
 - 12/24 – Vigil of the Nativity – Holy Mass at 4pm
 - 12/25 – Nativity – Holy Mass at Midnight and 10am.
 - 12/26 – St. Stephen. Holy Mass at Noon.
 - 12/27 – St. John. Holy Mass/Wine Blessing at Noon.
 - 12/28 – Holy Innocents. Holy Mass at Noon.
 - 12/31 – Holy Family. Holy Mass at Noon.
 - 1/1 – Circumcision. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
 - 1/2 - Parish Feast, Holy Name of Jesus. Holy Mass at Noon.
- Thank you to all who came out to support our Music Director, Elizabeth Battaglia, and the women of the Thursday Musical Club as they perform **Christmas Peace** last Sunday.
- 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, Pattric 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 Divine Word 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.” --