



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 25, 2022

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## Solemnity - Nativity of the Lord

### Boże Narodzenie

December 25, 2022

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

**Readings as noted for the Vigil, Midnight, and Day Holy Mass**

First reading: Isaiah 62:1-5 / Is. 9:1-6 / Is. 52:7-10

Psalm: Ps 89:4-5,16-17,27,29 / 96:1-3,11-13 / 98:1-6

**R (Vigil). For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**R (Midnight). Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.**

**R (Day). All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.**

Epistle: Acts 13:16-17,22-25 / Titus 2:11-14 / Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25 / Luke 2:1-14 / John 1:1-18

Intention: Vigil, Midnight, and Day for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: Joe Kaczynski.

- Vigil Holy Mass on December 24th at 4pm (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Shepherd's Holy Mass at Midnight (Traditional Rite, pg. 15).
- Holy Mass of the Day at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).

#### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN (Midnight Holy Mass)

V. Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless His name; announce salvation day after day.

**R. Tell God's glory among the nations; among all peoples, His marvelous deeds.**

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 Circumcision

### Uroczystość Obrzezania Pańskie

January 1, 2023

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

First reading: Genesis 17:9-14

Psalm: Ps 19:8-11

**R. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing my soul.**

Epistle: Galatians 5:3-6

Gospel: Luke 2:21

Intention: 10am and Noon, for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Mattins at 9:55, Holy Mass at 10am (Traditional Rite, pg. 15).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

#### NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. This is My covenant with you and your descendants after you that you must keep: every male among you shall be circumcised.

**R. I will not violate My covenant; the promise of My lips I will not alter. By My holiness, I swore once for all.**

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 24: Vigil of the Nativity. Vigil Holy Mass for Children and Youth at 4pm.**
- **December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity. Shepherd's Holy Mass / Pasterka at Midnight and Holy Mass of the Day at 10am.**
- **December 26: Feast – St. Stephen the Protomartyr. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 27: Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Wine.**
- **December 28: Commemoration – Holy Innocents. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 29: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 30: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 31: Solemnity – Holy Family. Holy Mass at 10am.**
- **January 1: Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **January 2: Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus. Parish Feast. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 3: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 4: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 5: 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!

*The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.*

Thank you for joining as we celebrate, once again, our Lord’s first coming to be God with us, and as we continue to await His return in glory.

On this Christmas I would like us to consider a bit of literature and one character. The literature: Charles Dickens A Christmas Carole, the character, Ebenezer Scrooge.

A Christmas Carole has been made into a movie at least forty-six times. It has been further adapted, most recently as “Spirited” on Apple TV.

The book really should be read for all the nuance one misses in the movies and stage plays. Its many transformations cause us to not just a loss of nuance, but more importantly the transformation of characters, most especially Scrooge into various personas not at all in keeping with who he was intended to be.

Now my favorite rendition, and you can find it on YouTube, is the 1951 version starring Alister Sim as Scrooge. What you will notice about this Scrooge is that his attitude toward everything in filled with an

integrity of character. Almost everything we need to know about who he is and his example for us is in the first minute of the movie.

Scrooge is walking through the halls of the London exchange. The narrator tells us that Marley had died, Scrooge’s name was put on the Exchange, and he was successful in whatever he touched. He meets two men of business. We will see them later. They ask if he is leaving early to keep Christmas. He tells them point blank: “I am not in the habit of keeping Christmas.” They then ask why he is leaving early. He tells them that it is because Christmas keeps men from business. They respond that it is just the nature of things: “Ants toil, grasshoppers sings and play.”

Let’s unpack this. Scrooge is the steadfast one here. He knows who he is, and he lives it fully no matter what anyone thinks or says. We see this in his next encounters with the debtor, the children on the street singing, the men working for charity, and his nephew.

Scrooge’s opposite are the men of businesses. They could care less about Christmas, it is just a thing, the way things are, so while they would rather be doing business, they go along. They do not believe

enough in anything to stand for it. They are hypocrites. I mentioned we would get back to them. They appear several times, but last after Scrooge has died in the vision of the future. The one, when asked if he is going to the funeral, says ‘only if he gets fed.’

People of God, Christ Jesus has come and will come again. He is in or midst, among us. The question for us on this Christmas is: How will we keep Christmas?

At the end of the movie the narrator tells us that Scrooge, now transformed by grace, was better than his word. In this we see our call to transformation. A man 100% focused with complete integrity on the world and business has become a man 100% focused with complete integrity on walking Jesus’ gospel path.

Can we be that transformed person right now? If so, let us then keep the light that has dawned for us and share that light with 100% commitment and integrity, not just this day, but every day, and God will bless us, everyone.

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

John 1:14

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: James 1:17  
MONDAY: Zechariah 9:9  
TUESDAY: Luke 1:14  
WEDNESDAY: Esther 9:22  
THURSDAY: Matthew 6:19-21  
FRIDAY: Colossians 3:14-16  
SATURDAY: Jeremiah 31:31

**Pray the week**  
Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to be wholly Yours and fully committed to the Way which You are. Assist me that I do not stumble in walking the gospel path. Amen.

Praying for:

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, flu and RSV, and all in need of God’s healing.

- 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 Parroquia San Juan Bautista, 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.

Today’s Music

- Entrance: B62, Let Us Hasten (v. 1 & 3).
- Gloria: R164, Hark The Herald.
- Gospel: R194, Infant Holy
- Offertory: B64, Christ Is Born.
- Communion: B46, When Our Christ Was Born.
- Communion Reflection: R179, The First Noel.
- Recessional: R171, Joy To The World.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Christmas:** Welcome to the forty-day celebration of the Christmas Season. Yes, it begins today. Join in each week as we continue the celebration and especially on the Solemnities of the season which include our parish feast.
- **Christmas Wishes:** "And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us "(Jn 1: 14). Dear Parishioners and Benefactors of our parish, Dear guests, Together with Mary and Joseph, imitating their simplicity and humility, we kneel in front of the Word made flesh: Jesus Christ, our Savior. We bow in silent adoration before the great mystery of the Incarnation Who offers joy and peace to everyone who adopts Him. Breaking the Christmas Eve wafer, we pray that the newborn Christ will fill your heart with the steadfast hope that overcomes all difficulties; will give you faith that will conquer even in the darkest of days; and will fill you with the greatness of his joy and love. We would like to thank all our benefactors; all who take such great care of our home, this parish church, and who are dedicated to building God’s presence in our community. May the Child Jesus reward you with abundant graces for your open and generous hearts. May your Christmas season be filled with love, joy, and peace both at home and among your family and friends. May the blessings of the Child Jesus accompany you throughout 2023! With a prayer and blessing, Fr. Jim and family.
- **PNU News:** The Board of Directors of the Polish National Union of America, Management and Staff of the PNU want to wish all of our members and their families: Merry Christmas & Happy New Year / Wesołych Świąt i Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku / Feliz navidad y próspero año nuevo Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo / God jul og godt nytt år. In the languages of the PNU & PNCC we remind you the reason for the season. Let us all reach out to a loved one this season and spread the Good News of Christ's Birth.

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

Of note...