



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 29, 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time IV Niedziela zwykła

January 29, 2023

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Psalm: Ps 146:6-10

R. Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Intention: 10am for all those for whom memory crosses were offered and for all Church musicians. Noon, for all parishioners and Church musicians.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski

- Mattins at 9:55, 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. Happy the sinner whose fault is removed, whose sin is forgiven.

R. Happy those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no deceit.

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.

Septuagesima Sunday Niedziela Siedemdziesiątnica

February 5, 2023

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

First reading: Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm: Ps 119:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Tract: V. If you love Me, **R. you will keep My commandments.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Intention: 10am for all parishioners and our parish.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Mattins at 9:55, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63). Exposition and Benediction for Special Intentions.
- Breakfast and Annual Meeting

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

R. The Lord has eyes for the just and ears for their cry.

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...

- **January 29: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **January 30: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 31: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.**
- **February 1: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 2: Solemnity of the Presentation. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Candles.**
- **February 3: Commemoration – St. Blaise of Sebastea. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Throats.**
- **February 5: Septuagesima Sunday. Pre-Lent Begins. Scout Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **February 6: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 7: Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.**
- **February 8: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 9: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 10: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 11: Women's Empowerment Group Meets at 10am.**
- **February 12: Sexagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **February 13: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **February 14: Commemoration – St. Valentine, Martyr. Holy Mass at Noon. Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus od 12:30.**

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.

Did, Doing, Done.

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly.

Thank you for joining as we testify, proclaim, and evangelize the great and Holy Name of Jesus.

Over the last two weeks we spoke of our baptismal obligation to testify, give witness, and proclaim the truth of Jesus, His gospel message, and the promise of salvation that is in Him. We are to live in His light

We may think our baptismal obligation is a one-way debt owed to God, that we are taking upon ourselves duties aimed at God. At that point we may wonder what God's obligation is toward us, how does He live in relationship to us? Is this a one-sided thing or is it mutual?

Let us liken our baptismal relationship to what we may better comprehend, we get married or take on a job and there is a set of obligations both on ourselves and on the other party, a spouse, an employer. So, how does that work out between us and God. How does it work in both directions?

God's obligation toward us is real, not because we can make Him do anything for us, but because He

chose to pursue us. God pursues us, always with great love, even when we are far off. He seeks us out and calls us into relationship with Him. This is most evident in His constant call to the people of Israel, even when they strayed, and it came to completion when He Himself, in the Person of His Son, Jesus, came to us.

God in Jesus said – here, let Me teach you. Let Me show you the way you are to live as part of an everlasting relationship with Me and with each of your brothers and sisters. Here is My gospel which is life – live this way. Here is My body and blood, offered for your salvation and here is my resurrection so you too may rise and enter the everlasting Kingdom. I love you.

God's relationship with us, His people, and the salvation brought to reality in Jesus is the hope and loving promise we attach ourselves to in baptism. What God already did is the starting point of relational obligations. As St. John would say: *We love because he first loved us.* (1 John 4:19)

The mutual obligation between us and God continues in

everyday life. It is centered on what God is continually doing for us. He gives His grace to strengthen and sustain us. He does as Zephaniah prophesied – He has left us as a humble and lowly remnant, living the beatitudes He taught, to give light to the unsaved so they too may enter this mutual obligation.

The best part of our relationship with God is that He made us His remnant, His people. We are the chosen insiders in the Kingdom, not insiders for worldly wealth and power, but insiders for the sharing of His love and for everlasting glory.

Finally, God's promises to us are guaranteed. He has made us co-heirs with Jesus to the Kingdom. He will deliver everlasting life in eternal joy where there is *no more tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain* (Revelation 21:4). What He will do for us is the promised side of those Beatitudes – comfort, inheritance, satisfaction, mercy, and great reward.

So let us live fully our relationship with God, doing as He requires and receiving His love. That's the deal we all want.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.

Ephesians 5:1

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 1:14
MONDAY: Luke 6:38
TUESDAY: Matthew 10:8
WEDNESDAY: Luke 16:13
THURSDAY: Luke 12:48
FRIDAY: Deuteronomy 30:19
SATURDAY: Romans 13:12

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, Grant that I perceive and fulfill my obligations toward You, considering not what I do great, but unworthy of Your great goodness and love toward me. Amen.

Praying for:

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepakowski, 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, Bob Chelkowski, Joe Horton, Roni Bylina, Ariel, 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, 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. Michael the Archangel Parish, Cedar Lake, IN.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogslaw 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: R193, O Come All Ye Faithful.
- Gloria: R192, Angels We Have Heard On High.
- Gospel: R194, Infant Holy.
- Offertory: R183, I Wonder As I Wander.
- Communion: Cantic of Zachary (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R198, Child In A Manger.
- Recessional: R171, Joy To The World.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Christmas Continues:** Remember, until February 2nd.
- **The Soup Pot Is Out:** Over the past 21 years our parish has raised over \$2,600 as part of the SouperBowl of Caring. This year's collection will be held on February 5th. The soup pot is out. Please continue your generosity in this worthy effort which helps Schenectady Community Ministries in feeding the hungry..
- **Epiphany Visitations - Kołęda - House Blessings:** The Solemnity of the Epiphany was celebrated on Friday, January 6th. If you would like your home blessed in the traditional Epiphany home blessing between now and February 21st, please see Fr. Jim to make an appointment.
- **Annual Meeting / Election of Officers.** Our annual meeting and election of officers is next Sunday, February 5th. There will only be one Holy Mass. Breakfast will be provided. Please take part in this important Ministry of Administration.
- **Pre-Lent begins** next Sunday. It is time to prepare for our Lenten journey, to focus on the necessary introspection that will bring change to our lives.
- **YMSofR Dues:** Dues that are \$12/year are now due. Please turn them over to Paul Zawistowski or Fr. Jim.
- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Valentine's Raffle:** Please help in this endeavor which supports our youth.
- **NUC Scholarships.** Music scholarship applications are available at <https://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com>

Of note . . .

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