



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – NOVEMBER 30, 2025

## 1st Sunday of Advent

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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.**

First reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: Ps 122:1-9

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

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:34-37

Intention: For all souls remembered to us for November.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour, SOCL.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

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## Today's Music

- Entrance: R168, Come Thou Long Expected Jesus.
- Word of God: R166, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
- Offertory: B15, From Heaven A Voice.
- Communion: My Soul In Stillness Waits (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B19, Hail O Blessed Mary.
- Recessional: R169, O Come O Come Emmanuel.

R=Red Hymnal, B=Blue Hymnal

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **THANK YOU:** To our Prime Bishop who visited with us last Sunday and to all who came out to support the parish on the consecration of our new altar. Thank you to all who helped in set-up and take down, and to Mr. Charles Mueller, the Creative Connoisseur.
- **Continued Seminary Support:** We ask you to please be generous in supporting the work of the Savonarola Theological Seminary and our seminarians. Some of them are with us for the consecration of the altar. There is a basket on the back table.
- **Advent Soup and Pierogi Sale:** Our next pierogi and soup sale will be held Saturday, December 6th from 9am until 1pm. If you are able, we could sure use more soups. Your culinary skills are in great demand by our customers.
- **Clothing Donations:** Branch 56 of the YMSofR is once again collecting clothing donations to help those in need locally. Please take a form to report what you donated. You may make donations wherever you wish and turn in the form by January 11th. If you need help, bring them here and the men will help.
- **Other reminders:** Christmas Vigil raffle, please see Joe. Vigil / Wigilia Dinner on Sunday, December 14th. Greening of the Church, Sunday, December 21st. Rorate Holy Mass Wednesdays in December at 8:30am.

**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.**

*--- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed ---*

“So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

Last week’s celebration with the Consecration of our new altar and Holy Mass had us, as the Psalmist declares: Rejoicing as we came to the House of the Lord.

The House of the Lord is the center of our existence. We might forget that at times, we may get distracted, but coming here is a positive action on our part to re-center ourselves. In this place we are bound to God, made one with Him Who is our goal.

Isaiah speaks to us, as he will throughout Advent, of the fact that the House of the Lord will be raised above all things. This is important, for in the House of the Lord which is the Holy Church we are formed and prepared for Jesus’ return. We

too are raised up above all other things. We find less of the worldly to be important to us. As St. Paul tells the Romans: *Let us then throw off the works of darkness.*

In the House of the Lord, we hear God’s Holy Word speaking throughout history of the essential nature of the faithful person’s life, that we are careful to never take Jesus’ return lightly. We are careful to live focused, committed, and prepared lives.

St. Paul reminds us of the preciousness of time. Jesus’ return is always at hand for *the night is advanced, the day is at hand.* As such, being in this place of preparation, this center where we are raised up above all else, is

the graced choice for us and for every person.

As we lit the first light of Advent wreath let us remind ourselves of the importance of being drawn to this House. Let us *put on the armor of light.* Let us begin this new Church Year with urgent expectation staying awake, ready, the lamps of our hearts lit and on fire for Jesus, prepared for Him.

Here, today, we lift our souls to God saying yes, Lord, we await You. Lift us up with You, away and above the corruption of sin and its penalty into everlasting joy. As Noah entered the ark, so we enter the House of the Lord, where we prepare for life everlasting and beautiful, saved from the flood.

### Memory Verse

*Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.*

**1 Corinthians 16:13**

### Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 24:13  
MONDAY: Luke 12:47  
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 3:15  
WEDNESDAY: Luke 21:36  
THURSDAY: John 16:33  
FRIDAY: Romans 12:1-2  
SATURDAY: Ezekiel 38:7

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, I urgently expect Your return, Come Lord Jesus! Grant that I may be prepared, and that where I lack, I work diligently to gather in what I need for Your Kingdom life. Amen.

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Susan D’Ameco, Ed Sargalis, and all needing 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, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of St. John the Baptist parish, Manchester, CT.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

### Upcoming

- **November 30: 1st Sunday of Advent. Lectionary Cycle A/II Begins. Holy Mass at 10am with Blessing of the Advent Wreath and Opłatki / Christmas Wafers and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- December 1: Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle (translated). Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3 until 6pm.
- December 2: Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 3: Rorate Holy Mass at 8:30am.
- December 4 – 5: Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 6: Pierogi and Soup Sale, 9asm until 1pm.
- **December 7: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- December 8: Solemnity – Conception of the BVM. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3 until 6pm.
- December 9: Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 10: Rorate Holy Mass at 8:30am.
- December 11: Holy Mass at Noon.