



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 7, 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent

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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.**

First reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Epistle: Romans 15:4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Intention: For all members of the Civil Air Patrol.

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: B27, Comfort, Comfort Ye My People.
- Communion: Like A Shepherd (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B15, From Heaven A Voice.
- 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 Paul and Fr. Jim for manning our soup and pierogi sale and to all who are making such wonderful soups!
- **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.
- **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. Turn in the form by January 11th. If you need help, the men will help.
- **Vigil / Wigilia Dinner will be next Sunday, December 14th.** We look forward to being together as a family to enjoy this special time. There will be only one Holy Mass at 10am followed by the dinner.
- **Other reminders:** Christmas Vigil raffle, please see Joe.. Greening of the Church, Sunday, December 21st. Rorate Holy Mass Wednesdays in December at 8:30am.
- **Attention:** Parish membership dues of \$125 per individual are due by Sunday, December 28th.

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 ---

“He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

We are focusing during this Advent time of the glorious House of the Lord for in the House of the Lord which is the Holy Church we are formed and prepared for Jesus’ return.

As Noah entered the ark, so we enter the House of the Lord, where we prepare for life everlasting saved from the flood.

We encounter John the Baptist today, Jesus’ cousin. He appears on the scene and makes a scene. He calls people out of their complacency. He desires that they be truly prepared for the coming of the Lord.

John offers fire and brimstone to the Pharisees and Sadducees as he would later to Herod and Herodias because they would not be moved from their

laziness.

The Pharisees and Sadducees came to see an oddity, to assert their dominance over the life of the people. They would not change, would not be changed. As with Jesus, they sought only to trap John in his words and actions.

Herod and Herodias wouldn’t even show up. They simply wallowed in their sin.

You see, the House of the Lord is at the center of His holy city. We, the redeemed, are called to be citizens of this holy city. Look at how Isaiah describes this holy city:

There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain... the root of Jesse [will be] a signal for

the nations... His dwelling shall be glorious.

The holy city, as the psalmist implies, will be the place of justice, profound peace, a place of rescue, a place where the poor will be saved.

If we had the chance, we might ask the Pharisees and Sadducees, Herod and Herodias whether those things Isaiah and John declared are worth changing for. Was their complacency worth being swept away into the fire?

More importantly, as we examine ourselves during this brief penitential season. Let us shake off any remaining complacency so that we may greet the Lord ready to enter His holy city.

Memory Verse

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day.

Proverbs 4:18

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Revelation 22:16

MONDAY: Matthew 5:14

TUESDAY: Matthew 5:16

WEDNESDAY: John 8:12

THURSDAY: 2 Peter 1:19

FRIDAY: Ephesians 5:8

SATURDAY: Revelation 22:2

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, I urgently expect Your return, Come Lord Jesus! Grant that I may be prepared to enter Your holy city. Assist me, by Your grace, to shake off all complacency. 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. Joseph’s parish, Stratford, CT.

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

Upcoming

- **December 7: 2nd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- 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.
- December 12: Solemnity – Our Lady of Guadalupe. Holy Mass at Noon.
- **December 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Parish Vigil Dinner / Wigilia to follow.**
- December 15. Food Pantry, 3 until 6pm.
- December 16: Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 17: Rorate Holy Mass at 8:30am.
- December 18 – 19: Holy Mass at Noon.
- **December 21: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- December 22. Food Pantry, 3 until 6pm.