



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 21, 2025

4th Sunday of Advent

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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.**

First reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Psalm: Ps 24:1-6

Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory.

Epistle: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Intention: For śp. Rita Konicki.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am with extended Advent penitential rite (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour, SOCL, Greening of the Church.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

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Today's Music

- Entrance: B18, Advent Longing.
- Word of God: R166, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
- Offertory: B24, There's A Voice.
- Communion: Like A Shepherd (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.**
- **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 Thank You.** We thank you for joining last week in celebrating our expectation for Jesus. Thank you to those who ordered and picked up the fish, all who brought so many wonderful dishes and desserts to share, and for just sharing time together.
- **Other reminders:** Greening of the Church, is today. See the schedule for the Christmas Season on the reverse.
- **Rorate Holy Mass Thank You:** Thank you to all who participated in our weekly Rotate Holy Mass on Wednesday mornings. It was beautiful.
- **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 ---

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: 'Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,' which means "God is with us."

We focused throughout Advent on the glorious House of the Lord and the Temple at its center.

Today's gospel message introduces us to the fulfillment of God's promises. He is coming to live among us, to deliver redemption and save us. The time is now. Here is the opportunity to enter the family of God.

In the story of Joseph's encounter, we see a dichotomy between a human response informed by God: *Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.* and a godly

response from a human being: *When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.*

We, like Joseph, are called to respond to situations and occurrences as God would rather than as we would but softened by our knowledge of God.

The difference is that Joseph stopped relying on his own interpretation of what he should do and replaced that with what God wanted.

In the House of the Lord, which is the Holy Church, we are formed and prepared for Jesus' return. Part of that formation is our knowledge of God's command to put love of Him and our neighbor first.

It is easy to rely on what we want, what we think is right,

and the solutions we think are right. Those things may be slightly changed by our Christian ethos, but are they ever completely consistent with what Jesus showed us?

In each instance, the journey to heaven goes through the cross. Mary placed her will on the cross by giving herself over to God. Joseph placed himself on the cross, ignoring scandal and tradition to do as God willed.

That sacrifice must be ours as well for if it is, we will enter the Holy City and the Temple at the end of our lives and at the end of time.

Come, O come Emmanuel, God with us, and help us to always do Your will.

Memory Verse

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Peter 2:15
 MONDAY: Matthew 6:10
 TUESDAY: Ephesians 5:17
 WEDNESDAY: Micah 6:8
 THURSDAY: 1 Peter 3:17
 FRIDAY: 1 Thessalonians 5:18
 SATURDAY: Mark 3:35

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, Your will is perfect. Grant that I may do all things in complete conformity with Your will. Ensure that I do not substitute my will for Yours for You are always with me. 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 Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Susan D'Ameco, Ed Sargalis, Jerry, 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 Divine Word parish, Chicago, IL.

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

Upcoming

- **December 21: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- December 22: Feast – St. Thomas the Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon. NO Food Pantry.
- December 23: Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 24: Vigil of the Nativity.
- **December 25: Shepherd's Mass/Pasterka at Midnight. Holy Mass of the Day at 10am.**
- December 26: Feast – St. Stephen the Protomartyr. Holy Mass at Noon.
- December 27: Feast – St. John the Apostle and Evangelist. Holy Mass with Blessing of Wine at Noon.
- **December 28: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- December 29 – 31: NO Food Pantry, No Holy Mass.
- **January 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision. Holy Day of Obligation. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- January 2: Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus. Parish Feast. Holy Mass at Noon.