



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 4, 2026

Solemnity of the Holy Family Uroczystość Świętej Rodziny

January 4, 2026

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Entrance Hymn: V. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." **R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger.** 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: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Gradual: V. One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life. **R. Happy are those who dwell in Your house! They never cease to praise You.**

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Intention: For all parish families.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

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

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Today's Music

- Entrance: R193, O Come All Ye Faithful.
- Gloria: R184, Hark The Herald
- Word of God: R194, Infant Holy.
- Offertory: R185, Away In The Manger.
- Communion: Gesu Bambino (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R180, What Child Is This.
- Recessional: B84, Another Year Is Dawning.

R=Red Hymnal, B=Blue Hymnal

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **Giving Envelopes**: Your new envelopes are in the back of the church. Please take yours home. See Linda with any questions.
- **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 (1 week away). If you need help, the men will help.
- **Other reminders**: The Solemnity of the Epiphany is January 6th. Holy Mass with blessing of chalk and incense will be at Noon. See the schedule for the Christmas Season on the reverse.
- **On behalf of myself and the Parish Committee we wish all the happiest of New Years 2026.**
- Your January 2026 Newsletters are available today. Please take yours with you so to save mailing costs.
- **Official Announcement**: The Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, February 1st. There will be only one Holy Mass that day at 10am.

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 ---

...behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

We notice, in the various passages read in Advent and now in the Christmas season that no one did anything on their own. Rather, they all acted with unity and loyalty as family.

When Mary heard from the angel that her cousin Elizabeth was pregnant, Mary went off to be with her and tend to her needs. When Joseph was trying to figure out what to do, God, through His angel sets him straight, take Mary into your home.

When the shepherds hear of the birth of the Messiah, Christ the

Lord, they go and encounter a family together in the stable.

When the Magi arrive, which we will hear about this Tuesday, they arrive to find a family.

When the time comes for Mary's purification and the dedication of Jesus at the Temple they go as a family.

When Jesus' life is in danger from Herod they flee and go into Egypt as a family.

When Jesus was twelve the family went up to Jerusalem for the festival as they always did.

The strength of these poor, meek, and humble people came from God and God's working through them as a family.

God never said to any one

of them, well you run off and do this on your own and we'll get back together later.

No, God's perfect self is expressed in the best possible way as unity. The Holy Trinity is in unity, and as my old seminary buddies used to say, the unity of community is the totality or reality.

When we are in unity with each other, starting with family, we come to the best reality. Our shared strength and commitment builds up the weak up and encourages the failing.

Our message as the Church is that family, holy family life, at home and in church, is essential and at the core of the good of all.

Memory Verse

There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 4:13
MONDAY: Colossians 3:17
TUESDAY: John 17:20
WEDNESDAY: John 12:48
THURSDAY: 2 John 1:9
FRIDAY: Galatians 5:22-24
SATURDAY: 1 John 1:7

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You have charged us to work together for the faith and for the salvation of all. Grant that our unity rooted in family may spread to all in need of relationship with You. 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, Jerry, Chip, 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 San Juan Bautista parish, Chicago, IL.

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

Upcoming

- **January 4: Solemnity of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- January 5: Food Pantry 3pm until 5pm.
- **January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany. Holy Mass at Noon with the blessing of chalk and incense.**
- January 7 – 9: Holy Mass at Noon.
- **January 11: Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- January 12: Food Pantry 3pm until 5pm. Fr. Jim in Scranton (tentative).
- January 13 – 15: Fr. Jim in Scranton (tentative).
- **January 18: 2nd Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- January 19: Feast – Chair of St. Peter at Antioch (translated). Holy Mass at Noon. Week of prayer for Christian Unity Begins. Food Pantry 3pm until 5pm. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.