



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 15, 2024

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

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

First reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Canticle: Isaiah 12:2-6

**R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Intention: 10am for śp Michael (Mike) Truckey (50th anniversary).

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil

- Matins, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, Pew Missal pg. 63).
- Vigil / Wigilia Dinner and Ornament Exchange

#### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Will You be angry with us forever, drag out Your anger for all generations? Please give us life again, that Your people may rejoice in You.

**R. Fill us at daybreak with Your love, that all our days we may sing for joy.**

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.**

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## Today's Music

- Entrance: B18, Advent Longing.
- Sacrament of the Word: R166, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence.
- Offertory: B19, Hail O Blessed Mary.
- Communion: My Soul In Stillness Waits (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: B24, There's A Voice.
- Recessional: R168, Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus.

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the Winter. Please see Fr. Jim or Paul in relation to these events.
  - **Winter Clothing Drive**, now until January 6th. Count sheets are available.
  - **Food Collection for those in need in our community.** Please place your offerings by the Mary Altar.
  - **Annual dues** of \$125 per individual are due by December 31st. Please get yours paid-in-full by then. It is no more than \$2.40 a week, less than a cost of a cup of coffee.
  - **Vigil / Wigilia Dinner, today.** Enjoy!
  - **Greening of the Church**, next Sunday, December 22nd.
- **Fall Comfort Food Sale Thank You**, thank you to all who supported our sale and all who worked to make it happen.
- **Please continue to pray** for our six seminarians: Deacons Sean and Justin, David, Todd, Joel, and Jon. Pray for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.
- **Raffles:** Please see Joe Kaczynski to get your tickets. They are \$50 each. See Linda for Valentine's Raffle tickets if you wish to give them as Christmas gifts.
- **Advent Preparations.** We bless the 3rd candle of our Advent Wreath today. Join us for Rorate Candlelight Holy Masses each Wednesday at 7:30am.

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.

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

*The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?"*

We have arrived at the third of the four Sundays of Advent, and we continue to contemplate Advent and all its implications.

As mentioned over the past two weeks, Advent has several shades of meaning. It can mean beginning, revelation, expectation, dawning, and a start. Throughout this season we are led through the various ways we will prepare for and encounter Jesus in this new Church year.

In the first week of Advent, we focused on our preparation for Jesus' return. Last week we focused on our personal preparation for needed changes in our lives through repentance, penance, and reform.

Today, the people who have been hearing John call for change and preparation ask him what they are to do.

John lists some key areas of personal reform, but it is not for the sake of reform itself, but in

preparation for the Kingdom of God. John *preached good news to the people*. It was the good news of the gospel message that would come from Jesus.

Preparation is about being proactive. We are to take the steps necessary for the revelation of the Kingdom life to people who do not know it.

Think about what John was asking of his inquirers: share in your clothing and food, stop stealing, stop extorting and accusing. People never saw such a thing. Everyone had their expectations of how people would be, how selfish they would be, but now something had changed, and people were changed.

We are not to get distracted in our proactive preparation for the Kingdom. The people around John, having heard his message, and charged with what they were to do, got quickly lost. They sat around, engaging in speculation – kind

of like wondering what the drones are – and John quickly calls them back by pointing to the reality of the Messiah.

What we are to do is take account of these three calls for preparation: to be ready for Jesus' return in glory, to have undertaken personal reform in our lives, and to be those who are being proactive in showing forth the Kingdom.

What are we to do? Let people know by evangelizing the gospel message of freedom, forgiveness, and new life. Make efforts both verbally and by the signals we send through the way we live out our daily lives of what it means to be in the Kingdom. Let others encounter the unexpected from us because we live differently and are different from those in the kingdom of the world. And, finally, remain focused on what is truly important

## Memory Verse

*Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.*

**Colossians 3:2**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 6:33

MONDAY: Luke 10:39

TUESDAY: Psalm 90:12

WEDNESDAY: Mark 3:35

THURSDAY: Exodus 20:3

FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 4:16

SATURDAY: 1 Timothy 4:8

## Pray the Week

Lord Jesus, grant me a spirit of proactive preparation for Your return. Assist me in witnessing to Your Kingdom life in both word and action, by example. Help me to be focused and resolute. Amen.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, 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, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Barbara VanShufflin, Dorothy Morrison, Pat, 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.
- 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
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of Our Savior Chapel, Scranton, PA.

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

## Upcoming

- **December 15: 3rd Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am Only. Lector: Larry Panfil. Vigil / Wigilia Dinner follows.**
- **December 16: Food Pantry, 3 to 6pm.**
- **December 17: No Holy Mass.**
- **December 18: Rorate Holy Mass at 7:30am.**
- **December 19: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 20: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 21: Feast – St. Thomas, Apostle.**
- **December 22: 4th Sunday of Advent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Greening of the Church.**
- **December 23: Food Pantry, 3 to 6pm.**
- **December 24: No Holy Mass.**
- **December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity. Shepherd's Holy Mass/Pasterka at Midnight. Holy Mass of the Day at 10am.**