



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – DECEMBER 22, 2024

## 4th Sunday of Advent IV Niedziela Adwentu

December 22, 2024

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

First reading: Micah 5:1-4

Psalm: Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Epistle: Hebrews 10:5-10

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

Intention: 10am and Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski

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

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah,

**R. From you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel;  
Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.**

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: B24, There's A Voice.
- Communion: Like A Shepherd (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: B19, Hail O Blessed Mary.
- Recessional: R169, O Come, O Come Emmanuel.

## +++ 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.
  - **Greening of the Church**, today, please help.
- **Vigil / Wigilia Dinner Thank you to all who joined in to prepare for our Lord's return in this joyful time. The food was exceptional, the fellowship even better, and the ornament exchange beautiful.**
- **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.
- **Congratulations to Carly who won our Vigil Raffle.** See Linda for Valentine's Raffle tickets if you wish to give them as Christmas gifts.
- **New envelopes are here.** Please take yours once they are prepared. See Joan for information.

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."* ---

*When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."*

We have arrived at the last of the four Sundays of Advent, and we continue to contemplate Advent and all its implications in these last few days.

As mentioned over the past three 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. In the second week we focused on our personal preparation for needed changes in our lives. Last week we focused on proactive preparation for the Kingdom through our efforts at evangelizing the gospel message

of freedom, forgiveness, and new life both verbally and by the signals we send through the way we live out our daily lives. We are to invite others by the way we live differently and are different.

Today, we hear of Mary's journey to see her cousin Elizabeth and Elizabeth and her unborn baby's reaction to the visit. Both are filled with the Holy Spirit and in action and by words they leap for joy.

Mary, Elizabeth, and Elizabeth's husband Zachariah were well aware of the long-awaited promise of the Messiah and now – here He is.

This awareness and its meaning are expressed by both Mary and Zachariah in the Canticles they proclaim, the Magnificat and Benedictus.

If you are unfamiliar with these, take a chance in these last few days of Advent to look them up. We clergy know

them quite well since they are prayed daily in the Liturgy of the Hours.

This daily recitation keeps the immanence of Jesus' return before us. This is our last of the four ways to prepare for Jesus' return, keeping His immanence ever before us.

Take the prayer "Patient Trust" by the great philosopher and theologian Teilhard de Chardin to heart: *Above all, trust in the slow work of God. We are quite naturally impatient in everything to reach the end without delay. We should like to skip the intermediate stages. We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown, something new... Give our Lord the benefit of believing that His hand is leading you, and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete while we await Him.*

### Memory Verse

*Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time.*

**Colossians 4:5**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 90:12

MONDAY: 2 Peter 3:8

TUESDAY: Proverbs 16:9

WEDNESDAY: Psalm 31:15

THURSDAY: Proverbs 16:3

FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 6:2

SATURDAY: Ephesians 5:16

### Pray the Week

Lord Jesus, keep before me constant awareness of Your immanence. As I celebrate Your birth in time may I also recognize Your coming return.

Help me to be prepared through patient preparation. 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 Wieczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, 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 All Saints Parish, Johnson City, NY.

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

### Upcoming

- **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.**
- **December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Protomartyr. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **December 27: Feast – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Wine.**
- **December 28: Memorial – Holy Innocents.**
- **December 29: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **December 30: Monday in the Octave. No Food Pantry.**