



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – JANUARY 5, 2025

Solemnity of the Holy Family Uroczystość Świętej Rodziny

January 5, 2025

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

First reading: Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

Psalm: Ps 128:1-5

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways..

Epistle: Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

Intention: For all priests and deacons of our Church and all in formation.

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)

THIS WEEK'S 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.

Contact

Holy Name of Jesus

National Catholic Church, PNCC

1040 Pearl Street

Schenectady, New York 12303-1846

Parish and Hall: 518-372-1992

Pastor: Jim Konicki at 518-522-0944

Chair: Paul Zawistowski at

home 518-883-9654, or cell 518-461-2314

On the Web: www.holynamencc.org

Today's Music

- Entrance: R193, O Come All Ye Faithful.
- Gloria: R184, Hark The Herald.
- Sacrament of the Word: R194, Infant Holy.
- Offertory: R198, Child In A Manger.
- Communion: Cantic Of The Gift (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: R180, What Child Is This.
- Recessional: B84, Another Year Is Dawning.

+++ 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 continue through Winter into Spring (let's think Spring). Please see Fr. Jim or Paul in relation to these events.
 - **Winter Clothing Drive**, now until January 6th. Only a day left. Please bring in your count sheets by next Sunday.
- **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. Please donate to assist in their training and support. Donations can be sent to: The Savonarola Theological Seminary Fund, c/o The Office of the Prime Bishop, 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA 18505-4109.
- **New envelopes are here.** Please take yours. Indicate the envelope number you took on the sheet next to the envelopes.
- **Epiphany Home Visitations:** We celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany on Monday, January 6th with the blessing of chalk and incense. Home blessings begin on January 7th. See Fr. Jim to make an appointment. Visitations end on March 4th.
- **2025 Calendars:** We still have a supply of 2025 calendars available on the back table. Please take one home for yourself and for a friend or neighbor.
- **Valentine Raffle:** The time is here. See Linda DePaula.

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."* ---

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Welcome! We continue in the forty-day celebration of Christmas.

Today, we are called to reflect upon Jesus Who was born into the human family through a human family – the family of Joseph and Mary.

It might be easy to think of God being with us always, but it is much more important for us to realize the very real connection God has with us in all things.

In taking on our humanity, Jesus, the Son of God, agreed to take on ALL of our humanity with its joys and pains, celebrations and sorrows. He chose to be with us always and through the knowing experience of our struggles is, as St. Paul writes, interceding for us at the right hand of God (cf. Romans 8:34).

Consider even what Jesus faced as we observe these few short weeks between Christmas and the Presentation.

Jesus' mother Mary is found with child, not by the man she is engaged to. She risked not only ridicule, but also being stoned to death, with her baby, for adultery. Joseph saved her from that but also chose to divorce her. Jesus, except for God's intervention with Joseph, risked being killed or at least being born into a broken family.

The family had to take on unexpected journeys. While pregnant, Mary traveled 100 miles to take care of her cousin Elizabeth. Similarly, the pregnant Mary with Joseph traveled 90 miles over a week to Bethlehem. Those are walks of eight hours a day.

They arrived and had to stay in a barn with the animals and in those conditions, Mary gave birth. God enters through the meagerest of accommodations. The poorest of the poor come to adore Him that night.

The next threat came from Herod, and they had to flee

into Egypt. They traversed the places we are familiar with today, Rafah, Gaza, the Sinai, across the Nile, to a village near Cairo. This over 600-mile journey was alone – not as typical in a caravan – and without protection or provision on a weak beast.

Today's gospel relates Jesus staying behind in the Temple. Imagine His parents panic when they found He was lost.

We know at some point they faced the death of Joseph and its natural sadness. The Child and His now widowed mother had to rely on family and strangers for provision.

As we face the numerous challenges in our lives let us breathe in the God Who is with us. He, Who is part of our families, feels our pain, knows our struggles, and intercedes for us constantly.

Memory Verse

I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Philippians 4:13

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Peter 5:10

MONDAY: James 1:2-4

TUESDAY: Romans 8:28

WEDNESDAY: 1 John 4:4

THURSDAY: James 1:2

FRIDAY: John 16:33

SATURDAY: James 1:12

Pray the Week

Lord Jesus, I know that You have faced all the things I face for the sake of my overcoming in Your name. Help me when I am troubled to see in You the solution to overcoming through perseverance, the gift of the Spirit. 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, 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 Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA.

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

Upcoming

- **January 5: Solemnity of the Holy Family. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **January 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of chalk and incense. Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **January 7: Tuesday in the Octave. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 8: Wednesday in the Octave. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 9: Thursday in the Octave. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 10: Friday in the Octave. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **January 11: Women's Empowerment Meeting, 10am until Noon.**
- **January 12: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski**