

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalm 19  
1 Corinthians 12:12-30  
Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21



**KEY VERSE:** "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing" (v.21).

**READING:** Luke was a Gentile convert to Christianity who wrote his Gospel for other Gentile Christians. Luke began the account of Jesus' public ministry with his proclamation in the synagogue in Nazareth. As Jesus' fame spread throughout the land, he was often called upon to read and comment on the scriptures. The readings of the entire Pentateuch were covered in a three year cycle, much like our Christian lectionary today. Any well instructed male member of the assembly could be called upon to read and interpret the scriptures. On one occasion, Jesus was given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah to read (Is 61:1-2). The passage spoke of the restoration of Israel through the work of God's anointed one (the Messiah in Hebrew or Christos in Greek). Jesus announced that Isaiah's words applied to his own mission. He had been anointed by God's Spirit to announce a Jubilee year of God's favor, and to bring good news to the poor, the oppressed and afflicted. The Messianic era had arrived in Jesus' healing and preaching. God had anointed him to bring liberation and salvation to all who believed the good news. Although the people were amazed by Jesus' words, they rejected him as they did the prophets before him.

**REFLECTING:** In what ways does my parish care for the poor and suffering?

**PRAYING:** Lord Jesus, anoint me with your Spirit to proclaim hope to the afflicted.

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You are the  
**BODY OF CHRIST**  
and individually  
members of it

1 CORINTHIANS 12:27

3 Ordinary Times  
January 24, 2010

**Change of address or phone number**, for parish registration, hospital visitations and sacramental needs, baptism and wedding arrangements, please contact the Parish Office by calling 412. 276.5562 or 412.678.0566. **Office Hours:** Tuesdays & Fridays 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Evenings by appointment. **Bulletin announcements** should be received by Father by Wednesday for Sunday publication either by phone or E-mail at BSleczkowski@aol.com

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OPENING HYMN	“The First Noel”, verses 1, 5, & 6	Hymn 64
INTRODUCTORY RITE		Page 63
INTROIT		Psalm 147:1-3
P: How good to celebrate our God in song; how sweet to give fitting praise. The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, gathers the dispersed of Israel.		
<b>R: Heal the brokenhearted, binds up their wounds.</b>		
P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.		
<b>R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</b>		
THE KYRIE		Page 67
GLORIA		Page 68
OPENING PRAYER		
LITURGY OF THE WORD		
First Reading	Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10	
Responsorial Psalm		Psalm 12
<b>L: Cry out with joy and gladness for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.</b>		
<b>R: Cry out with joy and gladness for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.</b>		
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 12:12-30	
Gospel Acclamations.		
C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
<b>R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.</b>		
C: The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.		
<b>R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!</b>		
Gospel		Luke 1:1-4
HOMILY		
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GENERAL INTERCESSION		
<b>R: Lord, Hear our Prayer</b>		
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS		
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING		
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BLESSING		Page 100
CLOSING HYMN	“Hark the Herald Angels Sing” verses 1 & 3	Hymn 62

“The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises us those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous”  
Psalm 146:8



## Disaster Relief Organizations

Again, the poor country of Haiti was devastated by a second earthquake and many fraudulent scams have surfaced at the expense of the people living through this disaster. Our National Church encourages our members to work with the listed organizations printed in our bulletin because of their service and integrity. Below are three legitimate organizations heading up disaster relief programs for the country of Haiti. You can call their local offices for information to send your donations. As always, please offer prayers for the Haitian people during these days.

- Salvation Army: The Salvation Army is currently mobilizing personnel and supplies to assist in the relief effort in Haiti, following the severe earthquake that struck Tuesday. The Salvation Army has already dedicated \$50,000 in direct aid to the country, and it is in need of additional donations.
- Habitat for Humanity: Habitat for Humanity International is addressing shelter solutions for low-income families affected by the earthquake. Habitat’s ability to respond effectively to this disaster will require support from donors, volunteers, corporate partners and other community organizations.
- American Red Cross: The American Red Cross has pledged an initial \$200,000 to assist communities impacted by the earthquake in Haiti, and is prepared to take further action as local responders assess the situation.

## Address Update and Church Mailings

It has come to the attention of the parish office that some parishioners have stopped receiving the diocesan newsletter, “The Acts.” Please contact the parish office to correct the situation. All parish members should be receiving the God’s Field and “The Acts.”



Wonder why the Church does things? Come and learn by attending the Bible and Apologetic Class on Tuesday Evenings. You would be surprised what you don’t know. How can one intelligently defend our faith and point to the differences between our church and other religious and non religious organizations without the background knowledge. This is part of mission and evangelism and learning the tools necessary to explain who we are is essential. The class is casual, informative and interesting. It is never too late to participate.



Music Scholarship Sunday  
January 31, 2010



The last Sunday of January has been set aside by Synodical Resolution as Music Scholarship Sunday. It is a Sunday which choirs, organists, musicians and music directors are recognized for their music ministry in the church. It is a Sunday where we look to the future with a scholarship program. This important ministry helps aspiring music students develop their talent. The National United Choirs Music Scholarship Program has a number of endowments and awards for members of our church, whether the talent is in voice or any instrument with no age limits for qualification. Holy Family has been the recipient of the many talents through the past years with scholarship winners, most recently Kelcy Blotzer and Hannah Jobses who have enhanced our worship many times during Mass. To continue this wonderful program, a special envelope is included in our envelope system. Your financial support and your prayers are asked.

For scholarship application/information, please contact Cathy Bilinski 4051 Washington Crescent Drive, Troy, Michigan 48085. Email address is [nucscholarship@aol.com](mailto:nucscholarship@aol.com)

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

A world observance since 1894, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes to an end tomorrow. These prayers strengthen the cause of ecumenism by gathering ordinary Christians of different denominations for common action through prayer. As Christ prayed on the night before He died, "that we all be one", it is our obligation that we continue His prayer. I asked everyone to say the following prayer to fulfill Jesus' prayer.

*Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, who said to Your Apostles: Peace I leave you, My peace I give to you; regard not our sins, but the faith of our Church, and grant to her that peace and unity which are acceptable and agreeable to Your Will; Who live and reigns forever, one God, world without end. Amen.*



THEME-Each one of us is Special

We heard in the Book of Nehemiah how the returning exiles were disheartened by a staggering task ahead of them. The task being the rebuilding of their ruined temple. The priest Ezra encouraged them by proclaiming God's word and the people raised their hands and shouted, "Amen, Amen!" When they learned how they has forsaken God's word, they bowed low, prostrated themselves and wept. But Ezra told them not to mourn, "Eat and drink," he urged, "for today is holy."

Paul reminded the early Church that in baptism we are gathered by Christ into one Body and given to drink of the one Spirit. The gifts God gives must be shared for the benefit of all.

As Jesus taught God's word in the assembly, all were loud in His praise. But when He came to His hometown, the tongues grew silent. When Jesus read aloud from the book of Isaiah, His words made the people uneasy. God anointed Jesus to bring glad tidings to the poor and suffering and to announce God's favor to all men, women and children. Today, these words must be fulfilled by us. In the world is so much turmoil and unrest, we each have been given a special gift. We must use these individual gifts together to encourage the downtrodden of the world with God's words, His words for action benefiting others. This is the Church and we take our direction from Him who called us into being and share it with those who struggle daily. Once we recognize this and act upon it, we will be blessed more than we can imagine. As I always remind Holy Family, we must continue Jesus' mission.

**Sunday Ministry Schedules**

<u>This Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	J. Gibala	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	W. Albeck & R. Bongiorno	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	B. Kijowski	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	W. Griffith & G. Jobses	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Server

**This Week**

**Sunday, January 24, 2010**

Holy Mass  
+*Anthony Davelli Int Mr. & Mrs. T. Kleckner*  
Nursery School  
School of Christian Living  
Fellowship Hour  
Holy Mass

**3 Ordinary Time**

9:00 A.M.  
  
9:00 A.M.  
10:15 A.M.  
10:15 A.M.  
11:00 A.M.

**Monday, January 25, 2010**

Annunciation Bell Choir 7:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, January 26, 2010**

Bible & Apologetic Class 7:00 P.M.

**Wednesday, January 27, 2010**

Lenten Banner Making 6:00 P.M.  
Chopin Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M.

**Sunday, January 31, 2010**

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.  
+*Dorothy Donahue Int Holy Family Parish*  
Nursery School 9:00 A.M.  
School of Christian Living 10:15 A.M.  
Fellowship Hour 10:15 A.M.  
YMSR Meeting 10:15 A.M.  
Holy Mass 11:00 A.M.

**4 Ordinary Time**

**Pierogi News**

We will be making Pierogi during the week of Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>.  
Wednesday evening at 6 PM for initial prep; Thursday and Friday at  
7 AM. Call Steffi @ 412.672.5403 for information and to volunteer.

**Epiphany Visitations**

If you would like your home blessed during the  
Epiphany Season, please call Fr. Bruce at 412.276.5562  
or email him at BSleczkowski@aol.com to schedule  
the Epiphany blessings. Also, located in the narthex are  
the blessed chalk, charcoal, incense and ritual for home blessings.

**Looking Ahead**

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Presentation of the Lord  
February 13<sup>th</sup> Night at the Races  
February 17<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday  
March 6<sup>th</sup> PNU District Meeting  
March 14<sup>th</sup> Institution of PNCC  
March 30<sup>th</sup> Mass of Chrism-Holy Family  
April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup> Mission & Evangelism  
July 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Youth Retreat  
July 26<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 2010 National Youth Convocation  
August 7<sup>th</sup> District 5 PNU Family Picnic-Idlewild  
October 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> General Synod



**Night at the Races**

Saturday, February 13, 2010  
Holy Family Parish Auditorium  
1921 Eden Park Boulevard McKeesport, Pa.

Doors open at 6 P.M.  
Post Time at 7:00 P.M.

Tickets \$10.00

Soda and Beer Included - BYOB and/or sr  
Food will be available at reasonable prices

Chinese Auction

Reservations call Ted Gibala @ 412.678.7347

Makes reservations early, limited tickets will be sold.

This is a Church Event. Chinese Auction Baskets or other gifts will  
be appreciated, please contact Janis Gibala.



**ESCAPE**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through  
Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Acts 13:38 NW