

# Holy Family Parish

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Advent 4

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**YEAR OF THE FAMILY**

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT MASS

OPENING HYMN

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Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

Entrance Hymn

Psalm 85: 6-7; 90: 14

P: 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.

P: 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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OPENING PRAYER

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Micah 5: 1-4a

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 80

R: Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel Acclamations.

Luke 1: 38

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to Your word.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 1: 39-45

### SACRAMENT OF THE WORD

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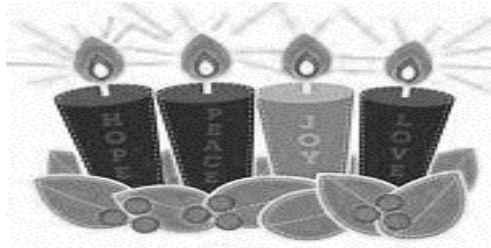
**Opening Hymn: “Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”**

PNCC Hymnal #25 verses 1, 2, & 3

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding!  
"Christ is nigh!" it seems to say;  
"Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!"

Startled at the solemn warning,  
Let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,  
Shines upon the morning skies.

Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,  
Comes with pardon down from heaven.  
Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
One and all, to be forgiven,



**Closing Hymn: “Mother Dear We Greet Thee”**

PNCC Hymnal 19

Hail, O blessed Mary, Heaven’s beauteous lily,  
For our God has favored you, Mother of all mercy,  
Through the birth of your dear Son, Who would bring redemption.

Mary, you were favored, Graced beyond the angels,  
Maid above all maidens, Holiest of women.  
Pray for us, O blessed one, Mother of God’s own true Son.

Mother, you were chosen, blest among all women,  
By the God of heaven, author of salvation  
Hope of all who on you call, Pray, O Mother for us all.

**Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday-Hope for God's Love**  
*Responsive Litany*

*During Advent we see God's love for us embodied in our Savior's birth.*

***Christ is our light and source of everlasting love.***

*Advent calls us to love others with patience and kindness.*

***Christ is our light and source of everlasting love.***

*Advent calls us to be slow to anger and quick to forgive.*

***Christ is our light and source of everlasting love.***

*Advent reminds us that Christ commanded us to love as He loved.*

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**Candle Lighting**

We light our fourth candle, the candle of love joining the candles of hope, peace and joy. This candle reminds us that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have life everlasting. Today, we celebrate God's gift of love and remember that we have been commanded to love others as God loves us.

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O come, O come, Em - man - u -  
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring  
hope to the world, bring peace to the  
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

The image shows a musical score for a litany. It consists of four staves of music in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a dashed line above it. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many notes beamed together.

**Prayer**

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we are reminded that Love came down at Christmas-love amazing, love divine. You loved the world enough to send Your Son and now it's up to us to love others as You loved us. Remind us that Christ is our light and the true source of infinite, everlasting, pure love. Amen.

**THIS WEEK**

**Sunday, December 23, 2018**

**Advent 4**

Confessions

8:30 A.M.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**Warren Albeck** Int. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Contrella & Family; +**Joseph Zurovcik** Int. Bill & Janice Griffith & Family

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

**Monday, December 24, 2018**

**Vigil of the Nativity**

Christmas Concert

10:00 P.M.

Shepherd's Mass/ Pasterka following concert

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018**

**Christmas Day**

Mass of the Nativity

10:00 A.M.

**Thursday, December 27, 2018**

**St. John the Apostle**

Blessing of Wine

+**John, Mary, Kenneth & Thomas Zaucha**; +**Nicholas Fioravanti** Int. Antoinette Fioravanti

**Saturday, December 29, 2018**

**Solemnity-Holy Family**

Holy Mass

10:00 A.M.

**Sunday, December 30, 2018**

**Humble Shepherds**

**Collection Savonarola Seminary**

Confessions

8:30 A.M.

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

Prayers for the Year End

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

Prayers for the Year End

## Christmas Memorial Poinsettias Sale

Envelopes are still available for this year's Christmas Flowers. Please make check out to Holy Family

### Today's Sunday Ministry

**9:00 A.M.**

Greeters: C. Trumpe

Lectors: Red Team

Ushers: S. Tadajski & D. Crouch

**11:00 A.M.**

A. Fioravanti

L. Zaucha

J. Wagner

### Christmas Eve

Greeters: C. Trumpe & M. Sleczkowski

Lectors:

Ushers: All Ushers

### Next Sunday Ministries

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### Advent 4 Gospel Word Search

H	A	E	L	H	A	D	U	J	A	MARY	JUDAH	ZECHARIAH
E	A	T	O	T	M	B	O	W	D	ELIZABETH	CHILD	LEAPT
L	B	I	M	E	O	Y	J	R	E	WOMB	BLESSED	FRUIT
I	L	U	R	B	M	O	W	A	S	MOTHER	JOY	PROMISE
Z	E	R	O	A	L	A	T	H	S			
A	S	F	E	Z	H	E	R	C	E			
B	E	D	L	I	H	C	O	Y	L			
T	P	A	E	L	O	T	E	A	B			
M	O	T	H	E	R	S	O	Z	L			
D	E	S	I	M	O	R	P	M	E			



*The Youth Group of the Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral is inviting our youth to a "Lock In/Sleep Over during the Christmas School break December 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Father Bruce has more Information. Deadline is December 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

### Fair Share Envelopes

The 2019 Fair Share Envelopes are available in the Church Narthex. With your attendance at Mass and financial support, it will keep our parish doors open to serve God and His people. If you cannot find your envelope, please contact Fr. Bruce. Remember, adult parishioners are required to make the mandatory obligations: General Church Fund; Diocesan Development Fund and 6% Fund. All other envelopes are your Fair Share donations. A reminder to our college students, upon graduation you must participate in the Fair Share donations and not rely your parents Fair Share and to take an active role in the parish as well as worship.

### Christmas Eve Procession

It has been a long- standing parish tradition of having our parish youth process with the Nativity figurines on Christmas Eve. We encourage parents to bring their children to participate. SAMBS members are to participate holding candles during the procession.

### Sacristans and Acolytes

All Sacristans and Acolytes are expected to be present for the Pasterka Mass Christmas Eve. Your service enhances our Christmas Eve Mass celebration. Please make every effort.

## Fourth Sunday in Advent

**First Reading:** Zephaniah 3: 14-18a

**Responsorial Psalm:** Isaiah 12: 2-3,4,5-6

**Second Reading:** Philippians 4: 4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3: 10-18



**Key Phrase:** “What should we do then? the crowd asked.”

Luke 3: 10

**Readings:** Our first reading speaks of the restoration of Jerusalem. God would visit the city to protect it. He would bring a great period of rejoicing. Paul wrote to the Philippians to dedicate themselves to only things that are important. God is the center of our lives and there we will find joy. Our Gospel again presents John the Baptist saying the day of judgement is near and we must repent of our sins to receive the anointed One.

**Reflection:** It's only in this last week before Christmas that we begin to hear about the Christmas story itself. For the past weeks we have been preparing ourselves to greet the Lord, when he comes. Now we prepare to remember how he first came, by listening to the prophecies of his coming, and by hearing of the events before his birth. We meet the woman, Mary, who herself had been prepared for the coming of the Messiah. She has received the angel's greeting, and his strange news, and has accepted her role in God's plan. Now she hurries to her cousin, Elizabeth, who herself bears John the Baptist in her womb. John, just as we heard last week, alerts us to the presence of the Lord, as he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. His joy is that God has kept his promise and is with his people.

**Praying:** Eternal Father, keep us constantly aware of Your saving presence, help us understand that all barriers to this awareness are of our making and grant us the spirit of joy. This we pray through Your son, Christ our Lord.