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YEAR OF THE FAMILY

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT MASS

OPENING HYMN

Bulletin

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

Entrance Hymn

Malachi 3: 1-2a

P: Lo, I am sending My messenger to prepare the way before Me;
and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord Whom you
seek.

R: And the messenger of the covenant Who you desire, yes, He is
coming, says the Lord of hosts.

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

Baruch 5: 1-9

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 126

R: The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.

Second Reading

Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Gospel Acclamations.

Luke 3: 4,5

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths; all flesh
shall see the salvation of God.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36

SACRAMENT OF THE WORD

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

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CLOSING HYMN

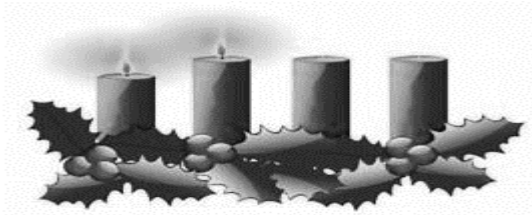
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Opening Hymn: “On Jordan’s Bank”

PNCC Hymnal # 20

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.
Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for
God within, and let each heart prepare a home where such a
mighty Guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord, our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away like flow'rs that wither and
decay. To heal the sick stretch out Thine hand and bid the fallen
sinner stand; shine forth and let thy light restore earth's own true
loveliness once more.



Closing

Hymn:

“There’s a Voice in the Wilderness”

PNCC Hymnal #24

There’s a voice in the wilderness crying,
A call from the ways untrod: prepare in the desert a highway,
A highway for our God! The valleys shall be exalted,
The lofty hills brought low; make straight all the crooked places,
Where the Lord our God may go!

O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and
sing! Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King. Like the flowers
of the field they perish, the works of men decay,
The power and pomp of nations Shall pass like a dream away.

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony
Second Sunday-Hope for God's Peace

Responsive Litany

In this season of Advent, we pray for God's peace.

Christ is our light and source of our peace.

We witness the hostility between nations and neighbors.

Christ is our light and source of our peace.

We see a world full of fractured relationships and unforgiving hearts.

Christ is our light and source of our peace.

We seek relief from our own inner turmoil and restlessness.

Christ is our light and source of our peace.

Candle Lighting

This morning we light two candles, the candle of hope and the candle of peace. This candle reminds us that Christ came into our world to restore peace, and that only through trust in God's word and His promises can we find our own inner peace. We remember that Christ is the Prince of Peace who taught us that through simple acts of love and forgiveness peace is spread throughout the world.

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.

Prayer

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we thank You for sending the Prince of Peace into a world filled with unrest and strife. We ask that You quiet our restless hearts and instill in each of us the calm assurance that tells us You are in control, so we need not worry. Give us the tools we need to serve as You would have us serve and make us willing instruments of Your peace. Amen.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 9, 2018

Advent 2

Confessions

8:30 A.M.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+ **Dorothy Gibala** Int. Ted and Janis Gibala; + **Tom**

Piotrowski Int. Anthony & Jean Chepanoske;

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

SAMBS Monthly Meeting

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, December 12, 2018

Adult Bible Class

6:00 P.M.

Chopin Choir Rehearsal

7:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 15, 2018

Parish Wigilia

4:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Advent 3

Confessions

8:30 A.M.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+ **Josephine Tarli** Int. Cindy, Robert, Diane & Archie

+ **Alphonse LoBue** Int. Penny & Ken Claudio

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

SAMBS Monthly Meeting

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias Sale

Envelopes for the Christmas Flowers are in the vestibule. The price has remained the same as last year at \$12.00. Please make check out to Holy Family

Church Christmas Decorating

Come and help to decorate the Church for Christmas on Saturday, December 22nd. We will begin at 9:00 A.M. A special request is being made to the youth of our parish to help. Many of us are getting old. It's your parish too you know and the more help we have, the less time it will take to decorate.

Today's Sunday Ministry

9:00 A.M.

Greeters: C. Trumpe

Lectors: Youth Team

Ushers: J. Lawrence & T. Kleckner

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti

L. Zaucha

J. Wagner

Next Sunday Ministries

9:00 A.M.

Greeters: C. Trumpe

Lectors: Yellow Team

Usher: L. Ruozzi & T. Gibala

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti

L. Zaucha

J. Wagner

Advent 2 Gospel Word Search

E	D	U	J	O	N	H	E	A	E	TIBERIUS
I	O	A	S	N	P	R	E	E	S	PILATE
P	R	S	U	H	J	D	N	L	S	JUDEA
L	E	Y	I	O	U	E	Y	A	A	HEROD
I	H	L	R	J	L	S	N	E	E	PHILIP
H	I	A	E	I	A	N	S	T	A	ITURAEA
P	I	L	B	N	A	N	A	L	R	LYSANIAS
I	S	A	I	A	H	L	N	I	U	ABILENE
E	T	A	T	R	I	U	N	P	T	ANNAS
M	S	A	H	P	A	I	A	C	I	CAIAPHAS
										JOHN
										ISAIAH



Wigilia Dinner

The annual Wigilia Dinner is this Saturday at 4:00 P.M. For tickets contact Kathy Trumpe @412.664.4591 or purchase your ticket after Mass; or any SAMBS member. The prices are: Adults \$20; Youth (under 12) \$10. Please make reservations ASAP.

Oplatki/Christmas Wafers

One of the most beautiful and most revered customs is the "breaking of the oplatek." The use of the Christmas wafer (oplatek) is practiced not only by Slavic people, but by people all over the world. On Christmas eve, the whole family gathers and waits impatiently for the appearance of the first star. With its first gleam, they all approach a table covered with hay and a snow-white table cloth. A vacant chair and a place setting are reserved for the unexpected guest, always provided for in hospitable homes. The father or eldest member of the family reaches for the wafer, breaks it in half and gives one half to the mother. Then each of them breaks a small part of each other's piece and, after a warm kiss, they wish each other long life, good health, joy and happiness, not only for the holiday season, but for the coming year and for many years to come. Now the same ceremony is repeated between father and their children, as well as among the children, then, with the relatives and even strangers, if they happen to be present. The ceremony over, they all sit down to a tasteful, though meatless supper. The significance of the Oplatki Christmas wafer is in that it shadows the Eucharistic meal that National Catholics participate in at each Mass. Just as we share in the Eucharist as one family in Christ and receive Christ's love through the Eucharist, the Oplatki allows for one's immediate family to come together and share the love they have for one another. This symbolism is deepened by the fact that the name of the town where Jesus Christ was born, Bethlehem, means "House of Bread," which makes the Oplatki tradition an especially beautiful way to celebrate the charity and unity so characteristic of the Christmas season.

Second Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5: 1-9

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6



Key Phrase: "All mankind shall see the salvation of God."

Luke 3: 6

Readings: The prophet Baruch consoles the Jewish people in our first reading; and tells them that God will restore glory to Israel one day. In the second reading, Paul urges us to a greater love for one another so that we may be more ready for Christ's coming. The Gospel introduces John the Baptist to us, the Messenger promised to prepare the way for the coming of the Messiah.

Reflection: Again, we hear about the coming "Day of Christ", and meet the character of John the Baptist. Just as once before he "prepared the way" for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. The imagery of this Sunday is particularly rich: the dominant image is of a vast population moving together - the return from exile in the first reading, the going and coming of the sowers in the psalm, the community of the Church preparing together in Paul's letter. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the processional way of the Holy One - flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that "all mankind shall see the salvation of God."

Praying: Eternal Father, we now prepare for Christ coming to us in the Eucharistic meal that our mountains may be leveled, and our rough ways smoothed. This we pray through Christ our Lord.