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Advent 1

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YEAR OF THE FAMILY

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT MASS

OPENING HYMN

Bulletin

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

Entrance Hymn

Psalm 92: 2-3

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, Most High.

R: To proclaim Your love in the morning, Your faithfulness in the night.

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

Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25

R: To You, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4: 2

Gospel Acclamations.

Psalm 85: 8

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Show us, Lord, Your love; and grant us Your salvation.

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

Bulletin

Opening Hymn: “Watchmen, tell us of the Night”

PNCC Hymnal #31

Watchman tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.
Traveler, o’er yon mountain’s height, see that glory beaming star.
Watchman, doth its beauteous ray Aught of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes—it brings the day, Promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; Higher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light, Peace and truth its course portends.
Watchman, will its beams alone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own; See, it bursts o’er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, For the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, darkness takes its flight, Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease; Hie thee to thy quiet home.
Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace, Lo! the Son of God is come!



Closing Hymn: “Advent Longing”

PNCC Hymnal 18

In this time of Advent Longing, we await our Savior’s coming,
Filled with hope and expectation, of the coming peace salvation/

Send forth dew from Heav’n on high; for the Savior’s birth is nigh,
May the dew enrich the earth; yield the Righteous One in birth.

In this time of Advent longing, we await the Savior’s coming,
//Let us cleanse both heart and mind, for the birth of Christ
Divine.//

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony
First Sunday-Hope for God's Presence

Responsive Litany

In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

Christ is our light and source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

Christ is our light and source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

Christ is our light and source of our hope.

In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

Christ is our light and source of our hope.

Candle Lighting

This morning we light the first candle, the candle of hope. This candle reminds us that God's promises give us reason to be filled with hope-hope for unity in a world of division, hope for healing in a world of pain, and hope for peace in a world filled with anger and strife. We remember that Christ is our light and the source of all hope.

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 begin our Advent journey, we thank you for the gift of your Son and for sending hope into a world filled with dread. Help us remember that we are your people, and because of your promises we have every reason to be hopeful. Take away our doubt and fear and remind us that Christ is our light and the true source of hope. Amen

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 2, 2018

Advent 1

Confessions

8:30 A.M.

Lighting of Advent Wreath

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+ **Joseph Korch** (15th Ann.) Int. Janet Korch; +**Mildred Budzilowski**. Int. Terry Allen; +**Alice Demski** (15th Ann.) Int. Gary Demski

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

+ **Edward Kustra** (1st Ann.) Int. Eileen Kustra

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Chopin Choir Rehearsal

7:00 P.M.

No Bible Class this week

Thursday, December 6, 2018

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 P.M.

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.

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.

Today's Sunday Ministry

9:00 A.M.

Greeters: M. Sleczkowski

Lectors: Red Team

Ushers: G. Jobs & J. Newcamp

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti

L. Zaucha

J. Wagner

Next Sunday Ministries

9:00 A.M.

Greeters: C. Trumpe

Lectors: Youth Team

Usher: J. Lawrence & T. Kleckner

11:00 A.M.


A. Fioravanti

L. Zaucha

J. Wagner

Advent 1 Gospel Word Search

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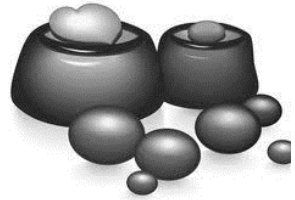
Angel Tree Christmas Gifts

Today is the last day for all the Christmas Gifts are to be received so they can be distributed to the Salvation Army and the Women's Shelter for Christmas Delivery. God bless you all who participated to make Christmas brighter for those children in need by your generosity.

Sarris Christmas Candy Sale

Orders are due today

Orders sheets are to be given to Fr. Bruce to assure Christmas delivery. Checks are to be made to Holy Parish



Lajkoniki Dancers

Our Lajkoniki dancers will be performing today at the annual University of Pittsburgh Christmas Nationality Rooms Open House in the Cathedral of Learning. Performances are at 2:45P.M. & 3:30 PM. Other nationality performances, ethnic foods and crafts will be on display for us all.

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. Please order by Sunday, December 9th.

Wigilia Dinner

The annual Wigilia Dinner will be held Saturday, December 15th 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. Tickets must be purchased by December 5th. Please make reservations early.

Advent

Advent is the time for preparation. Are you prepared to receive the Lord today if He should return to judge the living and the dead?

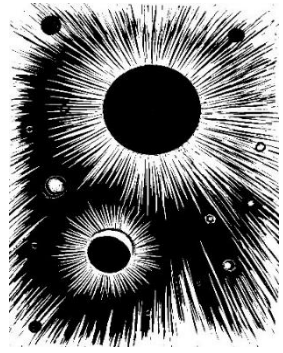
First Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4: 2

Gospel: Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36



Key Phrase: “But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

Luke 21:28

Readings: God has promised that He will raise up a descendant of David to save His people. Jeremiah reminds the people that the time is near. Paul reminds us in our second reading that only holiness based on love can make us ready for Christ when He comes. Luke wrote that Christ will come again with power, to bring our liberation. We should not be afraid, but stay awake, watching and praying.

Reflection: As usual, the great Season of Advent begins, not by talking about Christmas, but about the Second Coming. We’ve had this theme already for the past two weeks, but there is a slight change of emphasis in the Scripture readings offered for this Sunday: here the tone is positive: it is the “promise” of what is to come that we contemplate. Even in the Gospel, though it talks of the dreadful signs that mark the end times, we hear of a promise – “liberation”. For this we should stand erect and hold our heads high. The central theme is that we welcome the coming of a person - Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, and this is what links this Sunday to the coming feast of his birth: we are now preparing to celebrate how he once came: may these preparations also help us to prepare for him when he comes again.

Praying: Eternal Father, as we prepare for Jesus’ coming, may this holy season of Advent prepare us for the liberation which has been promised to us through Christ our Lord.