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Celebrating 101 years of ministry in McKeesport



Advent 1
November 27, 2022

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PRAY FOR UKRAINE

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 27, 2022

Holy Mass

+**Thomas Muse** Int. Michael & Marlene Jobes; +**Edmund**

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SOCL Classes

Holy Mass

Baptism of Dominick Perozich following Mass

Advent 1

9:00 A.M.

10:15 A.M.

11:00 A.M.

Monday, November 28, 2022

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Holy Mass

+**Joseph Korch** Int. Janet Korch; +**Mildred Budziloski** Int. Terry

Allen; +**Alice Demski** (19th Ann.) Int Gary Demski

SOCL Classes

Special SAMBS Meeting

Holy Mass

Advent 2

9:00 A.M.

10:15 A.M.

10:15 A.M.

11:00 AM.

Christmas Flowers

Christmas flower envelopes are available in the Narthex. Take one and remember your loved one by purchasing a poinsettia this year in their memory as we beautify the altars and narthex this Christmas season.





Wigilia

Saturday, December 10th

December 4th is the cut-off date for reservations. Call Kathy Trumpe @412-664-4591 **Menu:** Pierogi, fish, Bobalki, sauerkraut, mushroom soup, rice pudding, potatoes, rye bread, and cookies. Drinks coffee, tea, water, lemonade. Adults \$20, children \$10. Wigilia Luncheon begins at 1:00 P.M.

Angel Tree

Only a few names left for the Angel Tree. Let a child be filled with joy this Christmas from that gift you gave. We will be working with our local Women's Shelter and Salvation Army. Please have the unwrapped gifts available by December 11th. Janice Griffith is working with the Women's Shelter and Rosemary Pociask is handling the Salvation Army Angel Tree names.

YMS of R / WTAE TV Project Bundle-Up

Our Holy Family YMS of R will be collecting monetary donations for the National YMS of R challenge by again supporting the WTAE Bundle-Up program. Today is the last Sunday to donate. Please make all checks out to the YMS of R Holy Family Parish. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Advent Wreath Candles

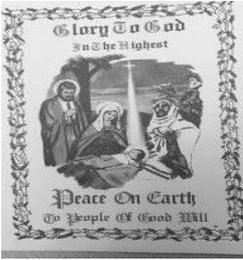
The Advent Candles this year is donated in loving memory of Dennis Burlikowski by his wife Carol. Each candle represents Hope, Joy, Peace and Love in our preparation for the coming of Christ.



2022 Annual Meeting

Last Sunday, our parish gathered for our annual congregational meeting. Unfortunately, we had less participants than last year, but we were able to map out our future direction for the 2023 new year. Reports from all organizations were given. A report on the 26th General synod was also given. Updates on the Cell Tower and improvements made in 2022 were received i.e., parish parking lot and cemetery road sealing. It is encouraging that every organization is working positively for the benefit of our parish both financially and socially. Financially our parish is holding its own, but not all people are meeting their obligations. It is imperative that everyone should meet at least the minimum parish Fair Share, especially the younger adults which Father Bruce pointed out in his report. The past year there were no Baptisms or Marriages. We had one child receive first Holy Communion. Five members of the parish received Confirmation and nine funerals were conducted. The focus for 2023 will be mission. Plans for a Mission Committee is in the works. Volunteers are encouraged to join the Mission Committee. We are encouraging every parishioner to attend parish functions and to invite someone to Mass. There are many unchurched people and many people looking for a true Catholic home to worship. Father pointed out that we should all know more about our faith and how we can give the correct responses to questions asked about the PNCC. It was noted that many people throughout the country visit our parish website. The PNCC has what many people are searching for, but we must get our message out there in the community. This is where every parishioner can help. Mentioned also was the PNU and the benefits that we can receive as members. Father Bruce officially announced his retirement effective July 2, 2023. The 2023 Parish Council was elected: Chairman: Ted Gibala; Vice Chairman: Donald Newcamp; Financial Secretary: Terry Kleckner; Recording Secretary: Janis Gibala; Treasurer: Sharon Kish. Directors: Brian Stahurski, Dr. Edward Goralczyk, Wendy Blotzer Carol Burlikowski, Leonard Guy, David Kost. Alternates: Dee Dee Eagan and Frank Pociask. Auditors: Kristen Korenoski, Kathy Guy and Janet Korch (to replace Marian Sleczkowski next year.)

Parish Tribunal: Wanda Korenoski, Bonita Zaucha, Kathy Trumpe and Fr. Bruce Sleczkowski. Those leaving the Parish Board and we thank them for their dedicated services are Helen Mulac, Janice Griffiths, Patricia Bagshaw and Rosalie Clark.



Oplatki[Christmas Wafers are available in the Parish Vestibule. All donations this year will go to our parish choirs for the purchase of music, since their Coffee Hour fundraiser has been eliminated due to the lack of after Mass fellowship. Please be generous with your donations.

The Word This Week

Advent opens with a great promise: “In the days to come” the hope of a people who need God. “...The master is coming” is also a promise, not a threat to breed fear, but to answer our cry. So Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to stay awake and treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with mercy. Nevertheless, we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord’s coming, we must remember that it might be today!



Advent Home Penitential Liturgy

Let us pray! Dear Lord, stir up your power and watch over us. Save us from the harmful dangers of our sins. We ask this through Your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord who live and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

The season of Advent is marked particularly by the feeling of anticipation: the child anticipates their Christmas joy; the adult, no less than the child, anticipates the same; the pious individual, however, anticipates the birth of the Christ Child in his heart, once again at this time of the anniversary of Jesus' nativity. Advent helps us in our anticipation and preparation for that all important inner rebirth. The pious person welcomes the three aspects of Advent an aid in making this season of preparation for the coming of Jesus more fulfilling and meaningful. Advent speaks of waiting for the Messiah's birth, forgiveness of sin, which is the Christmas gift to us from Emmanuel, the Child Messiah. These considerations can be emphasizing as we begin this religious service with the age-old anthem of anticipation, "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus."

The prophecies of Isaiah foretold the coming of Emmanuel, the Messiah, the One who would deliver all people from their lonely exile of sin and error.

Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son. And shall call His name Emmanuel, which means "God with us". For unto us a child is born, unto us a child is given. To bear the symbol of dominion over His shoulders; And He shall be called wonderful, in battle God-like, Father for all time, Prince of Peace. Great shall the dominion be and boundless. The peace bestowed on David's throne and on His kingdom. To establish it and sustain it with justice and righteous from now and forevermore. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, a spirit of wisdom and understanding. A spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord. He shall not judge the poor by what He sees, nor decide by what He hears. He shall judge the poor with justice and defend the humble in the land with equity. Comfort, my people, completely; it is the voice of your God; speak tenderly to Jerusalem and tell her this: That she has fulfilled her term of bondage, that her guilt is forgiven; she has received at the Lord's hand double measure for

all her sins. There is a voice crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, clear a highway across the desert for our God.” “Every valley shall be lifted up, every mountain and hill brought down;” “Rugged places shall be made smooth and mountain ranges become a plain.” Then shall the glory of the Lord be revealed, and all mankind together shall see it; for the Lord Himself has spoken. You, who bring Zion good news, up with you to the mountaintop; lift up your voice and shout; you who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift it up fearlessly. Cry to the cities of Judah, Your God is here. Here is the Lord God coming in might, coming to rule with His right arm. His recompense comes with Him; He carries His reward with Him. He will tend His flock like a shepherd and gather them together with His arm. He will carry the Lamb in His bosom and lead the ewes to water.

Prayer

O merciful God, I thank you that you did not summon me out of this world burdened with mortal sins, but that you prevailed upon me to repent and change my life. Assist me, O God in the performance of this important task, that my confession may truly be the means of cleansing myself of sin and the beginning of a new spiritual life. Before you, O God, I desire to make a confession of all my sins, but I realize that I cannot do this of myself; therefore, I invoke Your divine help. O Holy Spirit, enlighten my mind with heavenly light that I may see all my sins. Kindle my heart with true contrition that I may sorrow sincerely over my sins, and confess them with deep humility before my God, my confessor and my Church.

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