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I Baptize With Water
But One Mightier
Is Coming

Advent 3

December 16, 2018

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YEAR OF THE FAMILY

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT MASS

OPENING HYMN

Bulletin

Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

Entrance Hymn

Psalm 85: 6-7; 90: 14

P: Will You be angry with us forever, drag out Your anger for all generations? Please give us life again, that Your people may rejoice in You.

R: Fill us at daybreak with Your love, that all our days we may sing for joy.

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

Zephaniah 3: 14-18a

Responsorial Psalm

Isaiah 12: 2-3; 4, 5-6

R: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading

Philippians 4: 4-7

Gospel Acclamations.

Isaiah 61: 1

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3: 10-18

SACRAMENT OF THE WORD

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

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CLOSING HYMN

Bulletin

Opening Hymn: “O Come, Divine Messiah”

PNCC Hymnal 28, verses 1 & 2

Refrain:

Sweet Savior haste; Come, come to earth, Dispel the night and show Thy face, and bid us hail the dawn of grace. O come, divine Messiah! The world in silence waits the day. When hope shall sing its triumph and sadness flee away.

O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph,
And sadness flee away. **R:**

O Thou, whom nations sigh for,
Whom priests and prophets long foretold,
Wilt break the captive fetters;
Redeem the long-lost fold. **R:**



Closing Hymn: “Baptized in Water”

Tune: “Morning Has Broken”

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King.
Heirs of salvation, trusting His promise,
Faithfully now God’s praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King.
One with His rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God’s praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King.
Born of one Father, we are His children,
Joyfully now God’s praise we sing.

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

Responsive Litany

In this season of Advent, we celebrate with joyful hearts.

Christ is our light and source of our joy.

We count our blessings and give thanks for God's goodness and grace.

Christ is our light and source of our joy.

We strive to search for the good in neighbors near and far.

Christ is our light and source of our joy

We remember that God has promised us full and joyful lives.

Christ is our light and source of our joy.

Candle Lighting

We light our third candle, the candle of hope, peace and today joy.

This candle reminds us that we have reason to be joyful, even in the midst of strife. We remember that the angel proclaimed Christ's birth as "Good news of great joy to all people. We celebrate today with joyful hearts and commit ourselves to spreading that joy to the world around us.

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 ask that You open our eyes to the beauty and goodness around us and fill our hearts with grateful joy. Remind us that Christ is our light and the source of all joy, and that we are here to serve You and to spread that joy to others. Amen.

THIS WEEK

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.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Adult Bible Class

6:00 P.M.

Chopin Choir Rehearsal

7:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Parish Council Meeting

7:30 P.M.

Saturday, December 22, 2018

Church Christmas Decorating

9:00 A.M.

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.

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 next 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: M. Sleczkowski
 Lectors: Yellow Team
 Ushers: L. Ruoizzi & T. Gibala

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti
 L. Zaucha
 J. Wagner

Next Sunday Ministries

9:00 A.M.

Greeters: C. Trumpe
 Lectors: Red Team
 Usher: S. Tadajski & D. Crouch

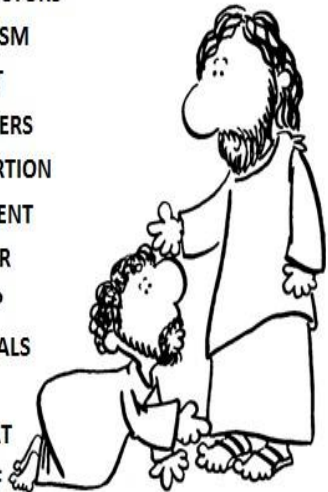
11:00 A.M.

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Advent 3 Gospel Word Search

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- COLLECTORS
- BAPTISM
- EXACT
- SOLDIERS
- EXTORTION
- CONTENT
- WATER
- STRAP
- SANDALS
- FIRE
- WHEAT
- CHAFF



Congratulations to Winners of the Education and Youth Commission Raffle drawn December 6th.

First Prize \$400.00-Gary Kott, Toledo Ohio

Second Prize -Fitbit Charge 2-Sandra Dobrovolskis, Chicago Ill.

Third Prize -Google Home Speaker-Debbie Parknavy White Oak, PA
The Education and Youth Commission gives out college stipends as part of the fraternal activities of the PNU

Thank you to all who bought raffle tickets.

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 29th-30th. Father Bruce has more Information. Deadline is December 23rd.

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.

Third 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: This Sunday is called “Gaudete Sunday-Rejoice Sunday”. This comes from the readings we hear today, and it underlines an important point. In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist telling different groups what to do - they must repent and change their lives. We might think of this as a rather joyless thing - something which is hard and unrewarding. The message of this Sunday is that repentance and changing our lives to welcome Jesus is something richly joyful. When we are planning to welcome anyone, we love to our homes, we set about cleaning and preparing for their visit with enthusiasm - nothing is too much trouble for someone we care for greatly. Even scrubbing the bath or polishing the furniture can be a happy and joyful thing! The message of this Sunday is that preparing to welcome the Lord - even though it may involve hard work - is something utterly joyful, because of our love for Him, and His love for us.:

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.