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1 Sunday of Advent December 3, 2023

MARANATHA
Come LORD Jesus!

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OPENING HYMN

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus – PNCC #29

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 130:5-6; Lam. 3:25-26)

C. I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word. My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak.

R. Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

C. 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.

Reading 1

IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.
The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse your power,
and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,

and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Reading 2

1 COR 1:3-9

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia

PS 85:8

Show us Lord, your love,
and grant us your salvation.

Gospel

MK 13:33-37

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Hudson Tutko, Chelsea Manetta, Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Darren Geyer, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Johanna Pardoe, Allan Soltez, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Ewa Nowak, Zofia Mularczyk, Dave Calabria, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Rosalie Clark, Katarzyna Dryfik, Lucille Davelli, Joan Kotulsky.

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.

CLOSING HYMN

From Heaven a Voice (verses 1 and 5) – PNCC #15

FAITH SHARING

The central theme of today's readings is Jesus' warning to us to be alert, watchful and prepared because Christ's Second Coming, coinciding with the end of the world, can occur at any time.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah prays for God's active presence so that the Jewish community, returned from Babylonian exile, may remain faithful to their God.

In the second reading, St. Paul prays for the reconversion of Christians in Corinth who have misused their gifts and charisms and remain ill-prepared for Christ's Second Coming.

In today's Gospel, using the short parable of the servants and gatekeeper of an absentee master who could return at any time, Jesus instructs his followers to be



alert and watchful while doing their Christian duties with sincerity. The gatekeeper and the household servants are expected to be ever vigilant because their master is sure to return. Although the time of his return is uncertain, the reward or punishment is sure and certain.

LIFE MESSAGE

The message of today's Scripture is that we should live in the living presence of Jesus every day waiting for his Second Coming. We can experience Christ's living presence in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in the worshipping community of our parish, in our family, in our own souls, and in everyone around us. The early Christians experienced the living presence and coming of Jesus with absolute certainty. So their mutual greeting was not "Hi!" or "Good Morning!" but the Aramaic, "*Maranatha*" which means "Come, Lord Jesus." This greeting acknowledged Jesus present in each of them and about to return. May God bless you, and keep you ever prepared for Christ's second coming.

NO MUSIC TODAY

Wendy, our organist, got very sick and cannot play the organ today. There was no substitute available. We apologize for this inconvenience. Please keep Wendy in your prayers.

SAMBS MEETINGS AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Dec 3, 2023; Jan 14, 2024; Feb 11, 2024; Mar 10, 2024; Apr 7, 2024; May 12, 2024

OPLATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS) AVAILABLE

Oplatki are available. Your free will offerings for Oplatki will support our choir and music in our church.



SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

Sunday Offering envelopes are available in the vestibule. Please take yours and help us to deliver them to your relatives and others who live in your neighborhood.

ANGEL TREE

Today is the **LAST DAY FOR DONATIONS**. Your gift for a child is greatly appreciated. All gifts collected will be picked up on Thursday.



WIGILIA – CHRISTMAS DINNER

Please make reservations for our Christmas Dinner on **Saturday, December 9, 2023**.

Cut off date – December 3.

Price \$20 Adult, \$10 Children under 12 years old.



PROJECT BUNDLE UP

Holy Family Parish was recognized on Friday WTAE TV News.

Our men collected and donated \$1,500.00 to Project Bundle UP. Thank you!

COOKIES FOR THE HOMELESS

The Light of Life Rescue Mission is asking for cookies for the homeless. They would like those willing to donate cookies; place 4-5 cookies in each baggie. If you are willing to bake cookies, please bring them to church on Sunday, December 10, and Wendy Blotzer will take them after mass and deliver them to the Light of Life Mission in Pittsburgh. Please make sure that they are in baggies. Thank you.... *When I was hungry, you fed me. (Matthew 25:35)*



BULLETIN BY EMAIL

If you wish to receive our weekly bulletin by email, please simply send an empy email with the title BULLETIN to pastor@hfpncc.org.

CHRISTMAS LETTER

Christmas letter will be mailed soon to all Parishioners. The Masses on Christmas Eve (Pasterka) and Christmas Day will be offered for our Deceased Relatives and Parishioners. A special form for those Masses will be mailed to you as well and it will be attached to each week bulletin during Advent.



POINSETTIAS DONATION

Donate poinsettia in memory of your beloved ones.
The form is in the Vestibule.

PNA – POLISH NATIONAL ALLIANCE

Polish National Alliance is now here to help protect you and your family's future. Many great plans available: whole life insurance, term insurance, annuities (2yr – 5yr @ 3.00 - 5.00%). Check the PNA board in the auditorium. Contact Henrietta Kleckner for more information (724-863-6715).



THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLES

The Advent Wreath Candles have been sponsored this year by Carol Burlikowski. Thank you for this gift, Carol.



CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating the Church on Saturday, December 16th beginning at 9:00 AM. Come and join us.

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EPIPHANY HOME BLESSINGS

Contact Father Mariusz (cell 412-330-8286, office 412-678-0566) or email pastor@hfpncc.org if you would like your home blessed during the 2024 Epiphany Season where time and date arrangements can be made.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 3, 2023 – 1 Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Joseph Korch (20th Anniversary) – requested by Janet Korch

† Alice Demski (20th Anniversary) – requested by Gary Demski

Monday, December 4, 2023 – Weekday

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 – Weekday

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 – Weekday

Thursday, December 7, 2023 – Weekday

Friday, December 8, 2023 – Solemnity – Immaculate Conception of the BVM

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Laura Adamek – requested by Jozef Turcan

Saturday, December 9, 2023 – Weekday

Sunday, December 10, 2023 – 2 Sunday of Advent

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Mildred Kotulsky – requested by Andrew (Butch) Stolinski

12/17/23 Su 10:00 AM 3 Sunday of Advent

† Richard Contrella – requested by Adamel, Muse & Foster Family

12/24/23 Su 10:00 AM 4 Sunday of Advent

† Kenneth Kost – requested by David & Sandy Kost

12/24/23 Su 10:00 PM Shepherd Mass (Pasterka)

For All Our Beloved Departed (special Mass form will be available)

12/25/23 Mo 10:00 AM Solemnity – Christmas

For All Our Beloved Departed (special Mass form will be available)

12/26/23 Tu 10:00 AM Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr

OPEN

12/27/23 We 10:00 AM Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Mass with the blessing of wine (BYO Bottle for blessing)

12/30/23 St 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Family

For All Parishioners of the Holy Family Parish

12/31/23 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

OPEN

1/1/24 Mo 10:00 AM Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

OPEN

1/2/24 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

OPEN

1/6/24 St 10:00 AM Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

OPEN

1/7/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

OPEN

1/14/24 Su 10:00 AM 2 Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

1/21/24 Su 10:00 AM 3 Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

1/28/24 Su 10:00 AM 4 Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

!! Please return this form before Thursday, Dec 21, 2023 !!

**Holy Mass at the Holy Family PNCC, McKeesport
Sunday, Dec 24, 2023 – Vigil of the Nativity, 10:00 PM
Monday, Dec 25, 2023 – Christmas Day, 10:00 AM**

Father, please include my loved ones who passed away in those Masses:

* Please list the departed below. Please print their names. These names will be read during all Masses.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

Please use the other side if needed.

Mass requested by _____

My donation for Mass stipend \$ _____

* The check for the **Mass** please issue to **Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk**.

Other checks with your Christmas donations for the Parish go to **Holy Family PNCC**. Thank you!