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Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2019

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ADVENT 2 MASS LITURGY

OPENING HYMN Bulletin
Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony

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ENTRANCE HYMN John 1: 6-8

C: A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through Him.

R: He was not the light but came to testify to the light.

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.

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OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Isaiah 11: 1-10

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 72

R: Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever.

Second Reading Romans 15: 4-9

Gospel Acclamations. Luke 3: 4,6

L: Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

R: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 3: 1-12

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CLOSING HYMN Bulletin

Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony

Second Sunday-Hope for those who are weary!

L: The Light shines in the darkness

R: But the darkness has not overcome it.

L: During Advent our weary souls seek God's daily strength.

R: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

L: We grow weary when fear overshadows faith.

R: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

L: We grow weary when destructive actions erupt in the world.

R: The Lord gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

L: For all of us feeling weary this Advent season.

R: Grant that we might have the peace of Christ as we wait, the love of Christ as we act and the grace of Christ as we speak.

Christ, Be Our Light!

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

Words and Music by
BERNADETTE FARRELL

Congregation:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our
hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your
Church gath - ered to - day.

L: Today we light two candles. The first candle illuminates our patience in the areas of our lives where God has called us to wait. The second candle extends the promise of strength to all who feel weary and weak in the shadows of this world. As we continue our Advent journey, may our hope be kindled as the light grows brighter.

Light Candles

Closing Prayer: God of mercy and compassion, scripture says that if we draw near to you, you will draw near to us. In a shadowy world where human weakness and weariness reside, we ask for you to draw near and dispel the darkness around us. May the light of this season illuminate our hope, strength, and steadfast endurance as we await the coming savior. We pray this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

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: "Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming"

PNCC Hymnal #81

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as men of old have sung.
It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter;
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we beheld it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, she bore to them a Savior,
When half spent was the night.

This Week

Sunday, December 8, 2019

Advent 2

Mission Collection

Confession	8:30 A.M.
Advent Wreath Lighting	
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+Irene Jugan Int. David & Sandy Kost; +Mildred Budziloski Int. Terry Allen	
SOCL Classes	10:15 A.M.
SAMBS Meeting	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

Bible Class	6:00 P.M.
Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 12, 2019

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:30 P.M.
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Saturday, December 14, 2019

Church Christmas Decorating 9:00 A.M.
(will need help Friday morning @ 10 A.M. to bring decorations up to the worship center so not to interfere with the Breakfast with Santa in the parish hall)

Sunday, December 15, 2019

Advent 3

Confession	8:30 A.M.
Advent Wreath Lighting	
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
+Dorothy Gibala Int. Ted & Janis Gibala; +Edmund Adamek Int. Brian & Neil Stahurski	
SOCL Classes	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.

Today's Sunday Ministry

9:00 A.M.

Greeter: C. Trumpe

Lectors: Youth Team

Ushers: S. Tadajski & D. Crouch

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti

B. & L. Zaucha

J. Wagner

Next Sunday Ministries

9:00 A.M.

Greeter: M. Sleczkowski

Lectors: Yellow Team

Ushers: L. Guy & J. Bagshaw

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti

B. Zaucha

J. Wagner

Winter Clothes-less Clothes Drive

The United YMSR is conducting clothes drives throughout our national Church asking all parishes to help in this winter clothes drive ending January 20th. Holy Family YMSR Branch 70 is participating. Since our local organizations no longer accept bulk used clothing, it was decided to have a clothes-less clothes drive giving the proceeds to McKeesport charities, the Intersection and Salvation Army where they can use the money for what they need. Located in the back of the Church will be boxes designated for financial donations. All checks are to be made out to the Holy Family YMSR Branch 70.

Christmas Poinsettias

Envelopes are available to purchase your Memorial Christmas Poinsettias for the Church. Price still the same as last year, \$12.00.



Angel Tree

All Gifts should be under the Angel Tree today. With your generosity, who have made a child happy this Christmas. Thank you to Rosemary Pociask and Ashley Griffiths for their coordination of the Angel Tree.

“At Home with the Word” for 2020 books are available. See Dave Kost or Fr. Bruce to pick up yours. Price \$10.00

“Is Your Heart Prepared for a King”

Our Annunciation Bell Choir along with the Bethesda Chancel Choir will be performing a special Cantata Sunday, Dec. 15th at 11:00 AM in the Bethesda U.P. Church 314 S Third Avenue, Elizabeth, PA. The community is invited and a Social Hour to follow.

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 14, 2019

Holy Family Parish Hall

8:30 AM -12:30 PM

Adults \$8.00 (14 and older) - Children \$5.00
(3 to 13) under 2yrs. Free



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412.377.8929 or Jen Martino@412.280.6119 for registrations.

CHRISTMAS OPLATEK IS AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH NARTHAX

Father would like to take this opportunity to thank those who sent sympathy cards to him upon the recent passing of his sister Maxine Juliano. Father will share the kind words with his family. Again, thank you and God bless.

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 Ladies are also expected to participate in the Christmas Eve Processions

Second Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Responsorial Psalm: 72

Second Reading: Romans 15: 4-9

Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12



KEY VERSE: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

Matthew 3: 2

READING: In the first reading, Isaiah talks about the coming of the Messiah and the two great gifts He would bring, two gifts the world needs, namely justice and peace. Paul talks about the importance of hope in the second reading and how we should treat others in the same friendly way in which Christ has treated us. Once more we hear the voice of John the Baptist in our Gospel. John is telling his contemporaries (and to us) to repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.

REFLECTION: Throughout the first three weeks of Advent our focus is very clearly on the End of Time, and the Second Coming of the Lord - not on the run up to Christmas (that only comes in the last week). If we view Advent as a Season preparing for Christmas these readings will make little sense - and neither will the figure of John the Baptist who appears today: if it was about the preparation for Christmas, then John the Baptist, preaching after Jesus was born, becomes a confusing figure: his role is to preach to us, as he did of old, and to prepare us for the (second) coming of the Lord. Everything gets more specific today: what is being preached is not an event, but a person: Isaiah promises him, John welcomes him, Paul invites us to imitate him. We have here a thumbnail portrait of the Messiah – useful to refer to when we get to Christmas and he is revealed as a child in a manger!

PRAYING: Heavenly Father, clear a pathway in our hearts and in our world so that Your Son can come to us, and the Good News may reach all Your sons and daughters. We pray this through Christ our Lord.