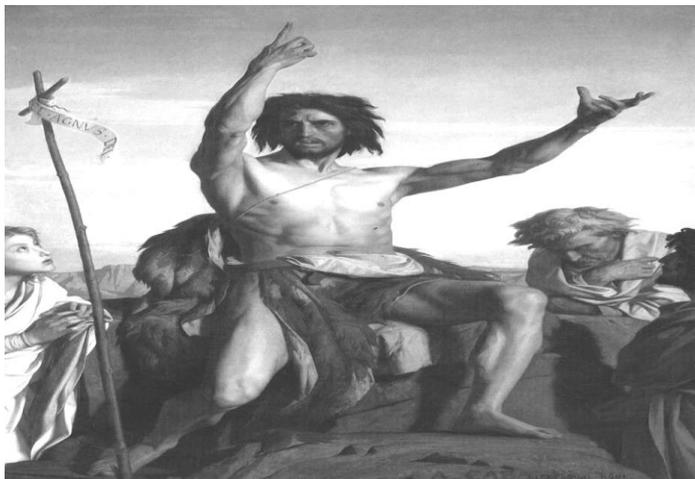


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Advent 2
December 4, 2022

Change of address or phone number, for parish registration, hospital visitations and sacramental needs, baptism and wedding arrangements, please contact the Parish Office by calling 412.276.5562 or 412.678.0566. Office **Hours:** Fridays 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Evenings by appointment. **Bulletin announcements** should be received by Wednesday for Sunday publication either by phone or E-mail at BSleczkowski@aol.com

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PRAY FOR UKRAINE

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 4, 2022

Advent 2

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M. +**Joseph Korch** Int. Janet Korch;
+**Mildred Budziloski** Int. Terry Allen; +**Alice**

Demski (19th Ann.) Int Gary Demski

SOCL Classes

Special SAMBS Meeting

Holy Mass



10:15 A.M.

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11:00 AM.

Monday, December 5, 2022

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 P.M.

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal

6:00 P.M.

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Wigilia Luncheon

1:00 P.M.

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Holy Mass

Advent 3

9:00 A.M.

+**Sophie Bondi** Int. Richard & Susan Shilling +**Doris Coddington**
Int. Frederic Chopin and Annunciation Bell Choirs

SOCL Classes

10:15 A.M.

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

Thank you to all who supported the YMSof R Branch 70 sponsored Project Bundle-Up with WTAE-TV. Our parish was featured on WTAE, December 2nd during their morning braodcast. Collected was \$1500.00.

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 Luncheon Saturday, December 10th 1:00 P.M.

Today is the last day to make 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, etc. Adults \$20, children \$10.

Angel Tree

Through your generosity, all the angel have been taken which will bring joy to the children this Christmas. The gifts will be going to 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.

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.

Amazon Smile

When purchasing Christmas gifts or any purchases throughout the year, click on the Amazon Smile <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/81-1800642>
By doing this, our parish receives a financial donation from your purchase.

Parish Fair Share

The 2023 Parish Envelopes are in the Church Narthex.

Mandatory Offerings

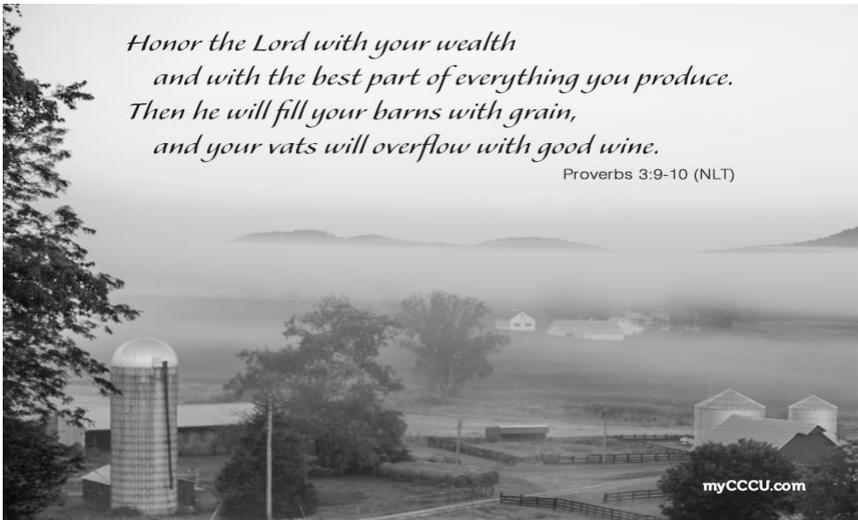
General Church Fund \$100.00

Diocesan Development \$40.00

6% Fund \$25.00

Parish Fair Share Offering: Minimum \$300.00 per adult member.

Keep in mind that our parish Fair Share Offering includes only the funds that remain in our parish (Sunday Donations) and not the special envelopes that go to Special Designations and Feast Days of the Church. If there is no envelope with your name, contact the parish office and one will be issued. Adult membership are those 18 years and working; College students are exempt until graduation. Children are encouraged to make stewardship offering and are exempt from the Fair Share Adult requirements.



Church Christmas Decorating

We will be decorating the Church on Saturday, December 17th beginning at 9:00 A.M. Come and join us.

Always check out our website www.hfpncc.org for schedules and events and our Facebook Page: Holy Family National Catholic Church for updates and information. In case of dangerous weather conditions, cancellation information will be announced on the local TV stations and our website and Facebook pages.

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!

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Tracōnitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

“A voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low. The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth. And all people will see God’s salvation.’”

Again, we hear about the coming “Day of Christ” and meet the character of John the Baptist. Just as once before he “prepared the way” for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. The imagery of this Sunday is particularly rich: the dominant image is of a vast population moving together - the return from exile in the first reading, the going and coming of the sowers in the psalm, the community of the Church preparing together in Paul’s letter. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the “processional way” of the Holy One - flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that “all mankind shall see the salvation of God.” Prepare the coming of the Lord.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned

already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand

Prayer

0 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, 0 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, 0 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. 0 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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