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First Sunday of Advent - "B"
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November 29, 2020

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Contemporary liturgy in English, p. 63

Following the rules – the Country and the Church – faithful attend services on their own responsibility. Red phase: 10 people (no more!) could be in the church; yellow phase – 25, keep at least 6 feet social distance, you have to wear the face mask, use sanitizers; **Holy Communion will be distributed to those who would like to receive the Sacrament.**

Today, November 29th – I Sunday of Advent

Holy Mass with the reading of the Memorial List; intention: for all Parishioners.

MONDAY, November 30th – Feast – St. Andrew, Apostle

8:00AM - Holy Mass, intention for: Father Paul Lukaszewicz, his family and parishioners of Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish in Chicopee, MA.

THURSDAY, December 3rd – Advent Weekday

7:50AM – Rorate Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Helena and Edward Zaborowski.

FRIDAY, December 4th – First Friday of the month

7:50AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SATURDAY, December 5th – Advent Weekday

8:45AM - Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary

NEXT SUNDAY, December 6th – II Sunday of Advent

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for: all Parishioners.

- Collection for missions.

Today's liturgy

As we begin the season of Advent, we ask God to prepare us for change in our lives so that we may be ready to greet the child Jesus when He comes in Bethlehem at Christmas.

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalm 130:5-6; Lamentations 3:25-26)

V. I trust 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.

V. 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.

I Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

Responsorial Psalm: **Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved.**

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

ALLELUIA (Psalm 85:8)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Show us, Lord, Your love; and grant us Your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

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GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Let us turn to God our Father and put our needs before Him.

- We pray for the Church: that she may bear witness to God's presence in Advent so that we may be ready to greet Jesus at Christmas. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our families and communities: that we may find space in our lives to watch and pray for Christ's coming. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all those that are suffering through poverty and injustice: that the Lord may give them hope and strength in this Advent season. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are sick and for those who care for them: that the Lord may give them healing and courage. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the **President** of the **U.S.** and for the entire **Government**: may they succeed in their mission to lead our nation wisely. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for those who fight coronavirus in these days, may God bless all efforts to take away from us this sickness. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving Father, hear all these our prayers and what we ask in faith may You grant through Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **R. Amen.**

Act of Spiritual Communion

(To be used at the time of communion when not receiving the sacrament or anytime we wish to be united with our Lord)

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...**\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00** each additional hour, and **\$50.00** returnable deposit.
- **December 24 at 4:00PM** – Christmas Vigil Mass; **10:00PM** – **Mass of Shepherds** (Pasterka).
- **December 25** – **Holy Mass at 11:00AM.**

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - Father Paul Lukaszewicz, his family and parishioners of Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish in Chicopee, MA.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (Oplatki) – are available in the vestibule. Free will offerings will go to our organist, **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff.**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Jaden Leiby - Marjorie Dean. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda (309); **Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA** – Marie Demnitski (223).



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **the Pastor.** He will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME! You are always welcome to join us in worship. Come as a Guest – **Leave as a Friend.**

RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2020**. Therefore, please, be responsible for your own church and fulfill your obligation to the Parish before that date. **THANK YOU**. A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (**\$137.00**), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the Parish Cemetery.

PNCC Future Direction Message - If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

PNCC 2020 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods.

Continue to develop Discipleship through 2020: Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord Jesus Christ. During 2020 we will examine the lives of some of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship virtues to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living.

DECEMBER – ST. JOSEPH – PROTECTOR OF THE LORD: OBEDIENCE, TRUST, PATIENCE

Reflection Question: St. Joseph was obedient to the will of the Father even when asked to do some very difficult things. Have you struggled to embrace God's will for your life in the past? How can you spiritually prepare to more fully surrender your life as a disciple of Jesus?

A PRAYER in OUR TIME of the CORONAVIRUS

(adapted from the monthly publication, America)

O Jesus Christ, my Savior and healer, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help, who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. **Amen.**



WATCH!

“Happy New Year! The Church's calendar begins today. The word "Advent" means "coming". Be ready and watch for the coming of Jesus. This can be understood in three ways.

First, we anticipate Christ's advent on Christmas. We transcend the materialism of the modern world by a focus on the real meaning of the feast: God enters human existence in a totally personal way.

Second, we look forward to Jesus' arrival in our lives through the blossoming of our faith. We bring His body into the world through our union with Him in the communion of saints.

Finally, we speculate on the end of this universe at the conclusion of time. The universe is not self-sustaining. Eventually it will terminate in some sort of extinction. Time is finite. It will reach a culmination either in a vast cataclysm or total dissolution. Then the real universe will begin in God.”

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him, o God, we humbly pray, and you, o Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen.