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First Sunday in Advent December 1, 2019

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Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony First Sunday-Hope for those who wait!

L: Advent is a time for the human heart to wait, while trusting God's eternal time.

R: How long, O Lord, how long?

L: For those waiting for answered prayer.

R: Grant Your steadfast patience.

L: for those waiting in the face of uncertainty.

R: Grant unshakable confidence in your sovereign provision.

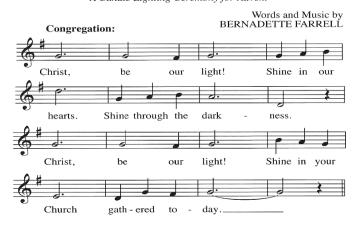
L: For those waiting for justice and mercy to reign

R: Grant a glimpse of your glory in our wounded world.

L: For all of us waiting for God's kingdom to come.

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



L: This morning we light the first candle which reminds us that throughout history, God's people have spent time waiting, wandering, and wondering about the timing of God's eternal plan. Like the people of old, we long for God's presence to illumine the area of life where we are called to wait. This morning we echo the words of the psalmist, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" Psalm 27:14

Light Candle

Closing Prayer: God of all creation, we declare that you are the Eternal One. We confess to you, O Lord, that we easily grow impatient, when you word to us is to wait. Ignite within us a new and everlasting hope. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

ADVENT 1 MASS LITURGY

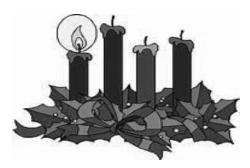
| OPENING HYMN | Bulletin |
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| PENITENTIAL RITE | Page 66 |
| ENTRANCE HYMN | Psalm 25: 1-3 |
| C: I wait for You, O Lord; I lift my soul to my | God. In You I |
| trust; do not let me be disgraced; do not let i | ny enemies gloat |
| over me. | |
| R: No one is disgraced who waits for You, but of | only those who |
| lightly break faith. | |
| 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 | |
| without end. Amen. | |
| KYRIE | Page 67 |
| OPENING PRAYER | |
| LITURGY OF THE WORI | D |
| First Reading | Isaiah 2: 1-5 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 122 |
| R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lor | d. |
| Second Reading | Romans 13: 11-14 |
| Gospel Acclamations. | Psalm 85: 8 |
| L: Alleluia, Alleluia. | |
| R: Show us Lord Your love, grant us Your salv | vation. |
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| 1 | Matthew 24: 37-44 |
| SACRAMENT OF THE WO | |
| LITURGY OF THE FAITHF | |
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| GENERAL INTERCESSION | |
| R: Lord, Hear our Prayer | |
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Opening Hymn: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus" PNCC Hymnal #29

Come Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free. From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art, Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious Kingdom bring.
Be Thine own eternal Spirit, rule in all our hearts alone,
By Thine all sufficient merit, raise us to Thy glorious Throne.

Amen.



<u>Closing Hymn:</u> "Watchmen, tell us of the Night" PNCC Hymnal #31

Watchman tell us of the night, what its signs of promise are.

Traveler, o'er you mountain's height, see that glory beaming star.

Watchman, doth its beauteous ray Aught of joy or hope foretell?

Traveler, yes—it brings the day, Promised day of Israel.

Watchman, tell us of the night; Higher yet that star ascends. Traveler, blessedness and light, Peace and truth its course portends. Watchman, will its beams alone Gild the spot that gave them birth? Traveler, ages are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

Watchman, tell us of the night, For the morning seems to dawn. Traveler, darkness takes its flight, Doubt and terror are withdrawn. Watchman, let thy wanderings cease; Hie thee to thy quiet home. Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace, Lo! the Son of God is come!

This Week

| Sunday, December 1, 2019 | Advent 1 | |
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| Confession | 8:30 A.M. | |
| Advent Wreath Lighting | | |
| Holy Mass | 9:00 A.M. | |
| +Joseph Korch Int. Janet Korch; +Alice Demski (16 th | | |
| Ann.) Int. Gary Demski; + Lepha Davis (25 th Ann.) Int | | |
| Shawn & Valerie Davis | | |
| SOCL Classes | 10:15 A.M. | |
| Fellowship Hour | 10:15 A.M. | |
| Holy Mass | 11:00 A.M. | |
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| Wednesday, December 4, 2019 | | |
| Bible Class | 6:00 P.M. | |
| Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 P.M. | |
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| Thursday, December 5, 2019 | | |
| Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal | 6:30 P.M. | |
| Saturday December 7 2010 | | |
| Saturday, December 7, 2019 | 4.00 D M | |
| Parish Wigilia Dinner | 4:00 P.M. | |
| Sunday, December 8, 2019 | Advent 2 | |
| Confession | 8:30 A.M. | |
| Advent Wreath Lighting | 0.3011.111. | |
| Holy Mass | 9:00 A.M. | |
| +Irene Jugan Int. David & Sandy Kost; +Mildred | | |
| Budziloski Int. Terry Allen | | |
| SOCL Classes | 10:15 A.M. | |
| Fellowship Hour | 10:15 A.M. | |
| Holy Mass | 11:00 A.M. | |
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Church Christmas Decorating Saturday Morning December 14th at 9:00 A.M. Help needed.

Today's Sunday Ministry 11:00 A.M.

Greeter: M. Sleczkowski A. Fioravanti Lectors: Yellow Team B. & L. Zaucha

Ushers: L. Ruozzi & T. Gibala J. Wagner

Next Sunday Ministries

9:00 A.M.
Greeter: C. Trumpe
Lectors: Youth Team
Ushers: S. Tadajski & D. Crouch

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

We ask that all the gifts to be under the tree by Dec. 8th. This will ensure Christmas deliveries. Take an Angel and make a needy child happy this year Christmas Day. Do not wrap your gift please.

Parish Wigilia-Vigil Dinner

Sponsored by the Society of the Most Blessed Sacrament Saturday, December 7, 2019 4:00 P.M.

Parish Hall 1921 Eden Park Boulevard Adults \$20.00; Children under 12- \$10.00 Call Kathy Trumpe @ 412.664.4591 to make reservations. Santa will make a scheduled visit for the children. **Tickets must be purchased Today**

SOCL Sarris Christmas Candy Sale

Today all orders should be in for the Candy Sale to assure delivery before Christmas. Checks can be made out to Holy Family Parish. Order sheets are in the vestibule and give to Fr. Bruce.

At Home with the Word for 2020 Books are available. Price \$10. See Dave Kost or Fr. Bruce to pick up yours.

"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 2 Free



Sponsored by McKeesport High School Tiger Band, Orchestra and Guard Boosters

Call Jen Wos@ 412.377.8929 or Jen Martino@412.280.6119 for registrations.

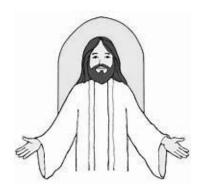
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First Sunday in Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5 Responsorial Psalm: 122

Second Reading: Romans 13: 11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24: 37-44



KEY VERSE: "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come." Matthew 24: 42

READING: In the first reading, the vision of universal peace, is surely one of the most inspiring in the Bible. But it also challenges Christians to work for this new world which was inaugurated by Christ. Paul urges the Romans (and us) to wake up; to turn away from the darkness of evil, and to walk in the light of Christ. This message was inspired by today's Gospel urging us to stay awake because we do not know the day or the hour when Christ will return.

REFLECTION: Advent opens with a great promise: "In the days to come..." the hope of a people who need God. "...The master is coming" is also a promise, not a threat to breed fear, but to answer our cry. So, Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to stay awake and treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with mercy. Nevertheless, we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!

PRAYING: Lord, as we begin this new year, help us to see You more clearly, to love you more dearly, and following You more nearly. We ask this through Jesus who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirt forever and ever.