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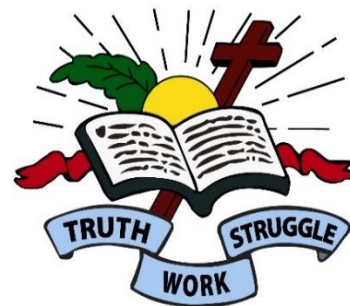
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The Second Sunday of Advent

A Sabbath Thought

Advent is a promise, a time of hope and expectation. The fulfillment of the promise depends on our level of preparation. Therefore, prepare and wait. Do not lose heart.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 11:1-10

The prophet inspires our preparation. There will come a day when God's holy kingdom will be a place of peace and justice. Be patient in waiting for that day.

Responsorial Psalm: 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

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

ROMANS 15:4-9

Because Jesus is the hope of every race and tongue, Paul prays that we may all live in harmony with one another.

MATTHEW 3:1-12

The Saviour's Advent is not to be taken lightly. We must purify our lives and prepare our hearts. Our conversion will help straighten the world's crooked ways.

ENTRANCE RITE – John 1:6-8

V. 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.

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.

THE GOSPEL – MATTHEW 3:1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Dec. 4th

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

*Adoration of the Most Blessed
Sacrament following the Mass*

*Intentions for the repose of the soul
of Frank R. Lonska*

SUNDAY – Dec. 11th

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

New Candles

The project to replace the altar candles with new, clean burning liquid candles continues. Thanks go out to Peggy Kowalik for donating the two candles used on the Altar of Sacrifice in memory of her husband Joseph Kowalik, Jr. We also have a pledge from Nancy Eaton to donate the six candles on the Mary Altar in memory of her parents, Robert and Irene Eaton. Others have donated and we are continuing to accept pledges hoping to complete this replacement before Christmas. Thanks to all who found it in the goodness of their hearts to bless our parish with their kindness.

Christmas Flower Memorials

If you would like to make a donation of flowers to adorn the altars for Christmas, envelopes are on the table in the narthex. These make a lovely memorial of departed loved ones.

The Sanctuary Lights

We are still waiting on information about the LED replacement lamps for the Sanctuary. Hopefully this will be in next week and we can try to have these installed by Christmas as well.

Christmas Bake Sale

The Annual Christmas Bake will take place after Mass today, December 4th. Please donate or buy to help our parish.

ANS Christmas Luncheon

The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (ANS) will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 12:00 Noon at Palermo's Restaurant in Trenton. Flyers with details are on the table in the Narthex.

Christmas Food Drive

If you have any donations of non-perishable food items that you might care to donate to help make Christmas a little brighter for someone in need, please leave them in the narthex and we will see to it that they are given to those most needful in this season of hope and joy.

Christmas Wafers – Oplatki

The Oplatki have arrived! If you are interested in obtaining them for your Christmas Dinner celebration, please see Peggy Kowalik. They are \$2.00 apiece. This is a beautiful tradition to maintain at your Christmas table.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Tim Dulin, Jules Nagy, Raymond Priester, Bob Rush, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, David Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Erica Franta, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Marty Ruane, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Tim Fischer, Dennis Fagan, Bernice Biroscak, Kathy Glaus, Walter Schilling, Douglas Lipton, Patrick Toner and Chris White. **Our Father...**

Today's Hymns

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Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord!

The Hymns below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books.

Opening Hymn

#32 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verses 3 & 4)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#21 – On Jordan's Bank

Post Communion Hymn

#15 – From Heav'n A Voice

Recessional Hymn

#29 – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Christmas Worship Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

Choir Presentation at 8:30 PM

Shepherd's Mass, Pasterka at 9:00 PM

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, Mass at 9:00 AM

Please encourage all you know, family, friends and neighbors to join us as we celebrate the birth of Our Lord.