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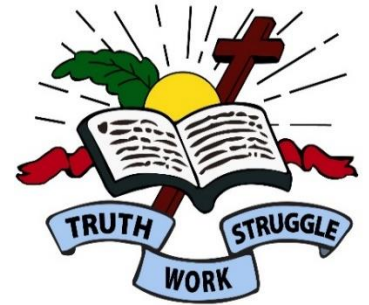
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The First Sunday of Advent

A Sabbath Thought

Again we prepare for God's coming. Even as we wait for God's Spirit to transform us, we can celebrate the gifts we have already received. In this Advent season, the signs of God's presence are all about us.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7

Isaiah acknowledges the people's guilt but still calls upon God to return, to show his face, to refashion his people just as a potter lovingly molds his clay.

Responsorial Psalm: 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

God has faithfully provided us with many gifts to be used in building the kingdom. We praise the Lord for these countless blessings.

MARK 13:33-37

The Master has left us servants in charge until he returns. Be alert for God's coming. Watch for God's presence wherever you are, in whomever you meet.

ENTRANCE RITE – PSALM 130:5-6; Lam. 3:25-26

V. I wait 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.

THE GOSPEL – MARK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know when the time will come.

It is like a man traveling abroad.

He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work,

and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch.

Watch, therefore;

you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight,

or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping.

What I say to you, I say to all: "Watch!"

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Dec. 3rd

First Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament following the Mass

SUNDAY – Dec. 10th

Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Parrish Committee Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Parrish Committee will be held today after Mass in the Fellowship Hall. I hope that all committee members will be able to attend.

Cleaning the Church for Christmas

The Ladies of the ANS will be cleaning the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 23rd. If you are willing and able to help, please talk to Loretta Mikovsky to volunteer.

ANS Christmas Luncheon

The Ladies Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (ANS) will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 12:00 Noon at Villa Mannino Restaurant. Details are on the poster in the Narthex. Please see Loretta Mikovsky if you are interested in attending.

Christmas Food Drive

Our Thanksgiving Food drive was a success and the donated items have been delivered to those less blessed in our community. Since some donations were received after we delivered the food, we decided to roll this over into a Christmas Food Drive. So 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. 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 Jules Nagy, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Berne Bloom, Joan Mainzer, Bob Agans, Victor McAlanis, Tom Goff, June Didun, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Johnny Mularczyk, Bishop Thaddeus Peplowski, Andrew Czarnetski and Kayne Finley. For the repose of the soul of Jim Flanagan. **Our Father...**

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Today's Hymns

First Sunday of Advent

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

Please, join with the Choir in making a joyous noise unto the Lord!

Silence is much worse than singing off key!

Opening Hymn

#32 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Verses 1 & 2)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#16 – Send Forth, O Heavens

Post Communion Hymn

#26 – Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

Recessional Hymn

#30 – Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus