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3rd Sunday of Advent

FAITH SHARING

We are preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest is wearing rose vestments. The common theme of the day's Scripture readings is one of joy and encouragement. The readings urge us to make the preparations required of us as we await the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives. Holy Scripture reminds us that the coming of Jesus, past, present, and future, is the reason for our rejoicing.

IS 61:1-2A, 10-11

The Prophet Isaiah, in the first reading, encourages the Jewish exiles returning from Babylon to rejoice because their God, Yahweh, is their strong Guide, Provider and Protector.

Responsorial Psalm

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

1 THES 5:16-24

St. Paul, in the second reading, advises the Thessalonian Christians to "rejoice always" by leading blameless, holy and thankful lives guided by the Holy Spirit, because Christ's second coming is near, and he is faithful in his promise to reward them.

JN 1:6-8, 19-28

Today's Gospel tells us that John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus as the Light of the world. The Baptizer wants all the Jews to rejoice because the long-expected Messiah, as the light of the world, will remove the darkness of sin from the world.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Philippians 4:4-5; Psalm 119:151,162)

V. Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near.

R. You are near, O Lord; by Your edict give me life. I rejoice at Your promise, as one who has found rich spoil.

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.

Gospel

JN 1:6-8, 19-28

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John.

When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?"

And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?"

John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas wafers are in sale now at Our Saviours. \$2.00 a pack. Ask Peggy for details.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

#1 Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#32 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Communion Hymn

#26 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Recessional Hymn

#21 On Jordan's Bank

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, December 13

3 Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, December 20

4 Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Thursday, December 24

Vigil of the Nativity

12:00 Midnight – Holy Mass

Friday, December 25

Solemnity – Nativity of the Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, December 27

Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Jan Cherneski, Sally Bisch, Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Joseph Seliga, Fr. Donald Wunderlich, Walter Papp.

DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Ladies plan to decorate our church for Christmas on Sunday, December 20, 2020 after Mass. Please stay with us to help a little.

CHURCHES EXCLUDED FROM THE LIMITS IN PUBLIC GATHERINGS

All public gatherings in the State of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware are limited to 10 persons inside and 50 outside.

Churches, synagogues, mosques, temples and other houses of worship were excluded from the indoor gathering limits, but state officials "strongly encouraged" them to avoid congregating inside. Faith leaders should "carefully weigh the health risks to their congregants given the immense amount of community spread of COVID-19," the state's statement said.

2020 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT ST. VALENTINE'S AND OUR SAVIOUR'S

Thursday, December 24, 2020

- St. Valentine's 9:00 PM
- Our Saviour's 12:00 Midnight

Friday, December 25, 2020

- St. Valentine's 9:30 AM
- Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Saturday, December 26, 2020

- St. Valentine's 11:00 AM

Sunday, December 27, 2020

- St. Valentine's 9:30 AM
- Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Monday, December 28, 2020

- St. Valentine's 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 31, 2020

- St. Valentine's 4:00 PM

Friday, January 1, 2021

- St. Valentine's 9:30 AM
- Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Saturday, January 2, 2021

- St. Valentine's 5:00 PM

Sunday, January 3, 2021

- St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

- Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

- Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon
- St. Valentine's 7:00 PM

Sunday, January 10, 2021

- St. Valentine's 9:30 AM

- Our Saviour's 12:00 Noon

* Christmas Eve

Shepherds' Mass – *Pasterka* (available on YouTube and Facebook)

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* Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Christmas Mass

Feast – St. Stephen

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

* Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Holy Mass

Feast – Holy Innocents

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

New Year's Eve

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction (available on YouTube and Facebook)

* Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

Holy Mass

Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)

* Solemnity – Holy Family

Holy Mass with the blessing of families (available on YouTube and Facebook)

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* Solemnity – Epiphany of the Lord

Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk

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(available on YouTube and Facebook)

* Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

Holy Mass with the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises

(available on YouTube and Facebook)

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* – holy day of obligation