

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday– December 6, 2015 Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 – High Mass in memory of Josephine Moskal on 18th Anniversary & Frank Moskal on 49th Anniversary by Florence Kapuscinski

-Following Mass: Thanksgiving Brunch & Bake Sale, join us in the Parish Hall

Tuesday– December 8, 2015 Solemnity Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday– December 13, 2015 3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30 – High Mass in memory of Wiewiorka and Skowronski

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided, everyone invited

– Pumpkin bread sale at the Parish Hall

Bible Readings for 2nd Sunday of Advent - year C

1st reading from the Book of Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship.

Up, Jerusalem! Stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

Responsorial Psalm 126

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

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Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

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2nd reading: Letter to Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Alleluia verse from Psalm 85:8

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Holy Gospel according to St Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Adult Bible Study for this week:

Please read and reflect on Sunday and Monday readings for Solemnity of Conception Blessed Virgin. Genesis 3:9-15,20; Psalm 98; Ephesians 1:3-6; Gospel St Luke 1:26-38

ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY

Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'"; it is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the

privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church! Our Church is a home for all believers, from all ethnic and national backgrounds. We are one family of Jesus Christ, come and join us!

For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

PRAYER CIRCLE AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr Andrew.

CEMETERY CLEANING We would like to thank all who worked in helping us to keep our Church and Cemetery beautiful! May God bless you for the wonderful job!

PUMPKIN BREAD FUNDRAISER We are having home - made Bake goods and Pies Fundraiser after Holy Mass on Sundays please support our Parish.

FOOD BASKETS American Legion Post 396 has graciously donated food baskets for families in need this holiday season. Please contact Father Bilinski if you know someone who could share these gifts.

DONATIONS

Collections for Mass: \$ 108.00

PARISH CALENDAR

Today - Following Mass: Family fun fundraiser, join us in the Parish Hall

- **December** – Sundays – Bake and Pies Sale after Mass at the Parish Hall
- **December 12** - Polish Christmas Open House 11.00 A.M. to 2.30 P.M.
- **Dec 13** – **Sunday** – Bake Sale after Mass
- **Dec 24** – **Thursday.** – **Wigilia/Christmas Eve – Pasterka/ Shepherd's** Mass at 12 midnight
- **Dec 25** – **Friday - Christmas Day** – Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM
- **Jan 1- Friday - New Year's Day** Mass 9:30 AM
- **Jan 10- Sunday -Wigilia Supper** with Breaking of Oplatek after Mass



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