

St. Mary's

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The First Sunday of Advent



Sunday November 29, 2020

9am Mass: Adolph & Helen Kasperczyk of. by son John & family

Readings: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7, 1Cor 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

Lector – Greeters – Collectors –

- Advent Wreath Blessed to open Mass
- First Advent Candle is lit
- To-go coffee hour follows 9am Holy Mass

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, November 30th

9am: Holy Mass of the Day- St. Andrew, Apostle

TUESDAY, December 1st

WEDNESDAY, December 2nd

4pm – Weekly Food Ministry provided

THURSDAY, December 3rd

10am – Thanksgiving Day Mass

FRIDAY, December 4th

SATURDAY, December 5th

8pm – Saturday AA Meets in the Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY, December 6, 2020 –The Second Sunday of Advent

9am Mass: Jack & Stella White of. by daughter Patty

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11, 2Peter 3:8-14, Mark 1:1-18

Lector – Greeters – Collectors –

- Second Advent Candle is lighted
- To-go coffee hour follows 9am Holy Mass
- Parish Meeting takes place in church immediately following the conclusion of 9am Mass

Announcements

NEW LITURGICAL CYCLE – The First Sunday in Advent brings about many changes – different vestments, a wreath, a time to collect thoughts in a penitential season. It also brings about “Liturgical New Year,” that is, the readings are of a prophetic nature, the gospel begins in a new point of history (preparing for the coming of Christ), and the gospel is from (mainly) St. Mark after hearing from St. Matthew for the past year. Any questions about this, please see Fr. Jason.

MASS BOOKS – Do you miss having a Mass Book to use and reference during Holy Mass? We will be

UPCOMING

Nov 29 – Advent Wreath Blessed
Dec 6 – Parish Meeting
Dec 8 – Advent Retreat
Dec 13 – Parish Comm. Meets
Dec 20 – Pickups for Kolaczki
Dec 23 – Pickups for Wilia meals

“granting” Mass Books as an option this Sunday and next, having you sign it out (so we know you have it). It will be yours to keep, and you may bring it back and forth from your home to church for worship.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER—Today, we use the 4th Eucharistic Prayer, the Dutch Old Catholic Canon. Starting next week, we use the 5th Eucharistic prayer for all of December.

NOMINATING – St. Mary’s continues to seek nominations for the Parish Committee (board), Seniorate Representative, and Parish Tribunal. Please contact Fr. Jason, Patty Temesi, or Elaine Ploskonka. We will announce those who have accepted nomination before the meeting. Please consider! The meeting will take place, socially distanced, inside the church proper (note, not in the hall) following 9am Mass on December 6.

HOLIDAY KOLACZKI – Wow! What a response to our Thanksgiving kolaczki sale! Every morsel of kolaczki was sold-out, with the people clamoring for more! Orders are now being taken for Christmas Kolaczki—they will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 20 from 11am-1pm.

TO-GO COFFEE HOUR- Please continue to support our to-go coffee hours at church. They are sponsored by the Love of God Sodality.

CLOTHING DRIVE—The National United YMSofR once again is holding a clothing drive across the entirety of the PNCC. Parishes will collect all sorts of new and previously-loved clothing and tabulate what was collected at the end of the drive. Clothing will be donated locally – a collection box has been set up and will be oft-emptied to allow for your wonderful donations!

ADVENT RETREAT – St. Mary’s and the Northeast Seniorate will be offering an Advent Reflection Retreat on December on Tuesday, December 8. It will be dual format: in-person and online. More info to come in next week’s bulletin.

KIELBASA – Unfortunately, for myriad reasons, the choir will not be selling their famous fresh kielbasa for the Christmas season. We hope and pray that the world will allow for the sale to come back and reappear before Easter.

DO YOU SHOP AT ACME? – St. Mary’s recently signed up for Acme’s Community Cash back program. From now until December 26, please place any receipt from ACME that includes any ACME brands in the parish collection bin – we will receive 5% back from each item purchased! A “tiny-effort” fundraiser for our parish. It applies to any local ACME.

ALL SOULS – Thank you to all who gave an offering as we remembered the souls of our loved ones in prayer throughout November. It is a wonderful Catholic tradition that still takes place here at St. Mary’s

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE – Food Ministry is prepared to continue on a weekly basis throughout the entire month of December. As indoor gatherings are still limited in Ohio, it will remain a parking lot food ministry. Blessings to all involved!

TAKE-HOME WIGILIA/WILIA – At the suggestion of the parish committee, YMSofR Branch #29 will be sponsoring a take-home Wigilia/Wilia dinner for Christmas Eve, 2020. Not everyone has a family to be with, and not everyone has the time to cook. A care package, featuring meatless homemade and church-made favorites such as pierogi, mushroom soup, pickled beets, sauerkraut & peas, and more will be available in single-serving and family portions. The meal will be prepared, but purchased cold – heating instructions for each item will be provided. A flyer has been prepared.

FOOD COLLECTION – During Advent, we will have a guided food collection. There will be a collection table placed in the church, with non-perishable items needed to fill it! For next Sunday, December 6, the Second Sunday of Advent, please bring packaged proteins: jerky, beans, peanut butter, nuts, tuna, etc.

PHONES IN CHURCH – As we are still in the midst of this pandemic and adjusting to these temporary rules, please feel free, if comfortable, to use your phone to follow along with Mass at church. Much of the prayers, readings, etc. are sent out before Sunday Mass, giving you the option to print or read from your phone.

Prayer List

Please pray for these St. Mary's parishioners, family and friends:

Barbara Baranowski	Patti Dotson	John Spilka
Bill Kastak	Marty Bengela	Ralph & June Zaun
Johanna Markiewicz	Anna Dawidziuk	Barb & Jim Lukas
Bill & Pat Glatzer	Mary Ann Loschelder	Tom Petrie
Helen Budney	Polly Gajda	Len Pryer
Chester & Ann Warzala	Tom Putynski	Louise Cygan
Craig Atherton	Millie Dominik	Amy Dreger
Jack Spilka	Carol Hreha	Elaine Repede
John Radon	Steve Wisniewski	David Micka
Wanda Clark	Beth Chihill	Keith Reynolds
Helen Cummings	Jane Hunter	Paul S.
Jay Grabowsky	Pam Chesar	Jan Sobolewski
Ed Kidd	Emma Freshwater	Jennifer Kmitt
Laina Dachtal	Nina Braquet	Paulette Lilli
Cherise Pacanovsky	Bp. John Swantek	Cecelia Hall
Jeremy Steinbreck	Chris Minch	Ricky Koehler
Richard & Edna Samelson	Cathy Pieciak	Daniel Morgan
Wanda Heffner	Bryson Dzurhoff	Jim Giles
Rich Dombrowski	Linda Duffy	Diane Black
Patrick Kmitt	John Michalczyk	Renee Lucas
Mark Magda	Caroline O'Connor	Linda Marks
Marcus Vaughn Jr.	Marilyn Girard	Jennifer Kless
Stephanie Milla	Baby Parker	Mary Cawley
George & Linda Makovicka	Shannon Alberino	Kim Penney
Loretta Baldwin	Julia Badarzynski	Kate Stallbaum
Wendy Andrzejewski	Kenny Mach	Baby Layla
James & Bobbi Moss		

ALL WHO ARE IN NURSING HOMES OR ASSISTED LIVING
ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED CLERGY NEEDING HEALING
ALL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Bless them, O Lord. Pobłogosław im, O Boże

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT November 29, 2020

THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH *(At 9am Mass)*

HYMN FOR BLESSING/LIGHTING OF THE 1ST CANDLE

Light the Advent candle, one: now the waiting has begun; we have started on our way, time to think of Christmas day. Candle, candle, burning bright, shining in the cold winter night; candle, candle, burning bright, fill our hearts with Christmas light.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

C: Lord hear our prayer. **R: And let our cry come to you.**

C: The Lord be with you. **R: And also with you.**

C: O God, bless + our wreath and be with us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. As we light these candles each week, representing HOPE, PEACE, JOY, LOVE, AND CHRIST, help us to keep our own hearts burning with Your love, for You live and reign forever and ever.

R: Amen

C: "So be on the watch. Pray constantly for the strength to...stand secure before the Son of Man."

Reader: *In the First Week of Advent*, we prepare ourselves for the Lord's coming into our world and into our lives. We ask, "In what area of my life do I stand at a distance from God?" We look at our relationships with family, friends, classmates, and neighbors. Is our faith reflected in our HOPE for our brothers and sisters? Is love of God and neighbor our HOPE in everything we do? *(Light the first blue candle)*

C: Almighty and loving God, we have searched our hearts and reviewed our love for Your people. Some relationships overflow with love while others have been found wanting. Yet it is our desire that You be a part of every human experience. We beg You now to fill our hearts with Your love and sharpen our awareness of Your Presence in every moment so that wherever we go and whatever we do, we will always stand secure before You.

R: Amen.

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THE PENITENTIAL RITE

I confess to almighty God, in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault (*striking the breast three times and continuing*) in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

THE INTROIT (*Psalm 130:5-6, Lam 3:25-26*)

C: 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.** 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 shall be, world without end. Amen.**

There is no "Gloria" during the Advent Season

THE OPENING PRAYER

LET US PRAY... Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as our Savior and Redeemer. May we be His true and faithful followers so that when He comes again He may find us awake and performing our assigned tasks. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *the Book of the Prophet Isaiah* (*63:16-17,19;64:2-7*)

You, Lord, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the

mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O Lord, you are our father, we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*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.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse your power, and come to save us.

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

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

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

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

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

THE SECOND LESSON- *the first letter of St. Paul to the
Corinthians (1:3-9)*

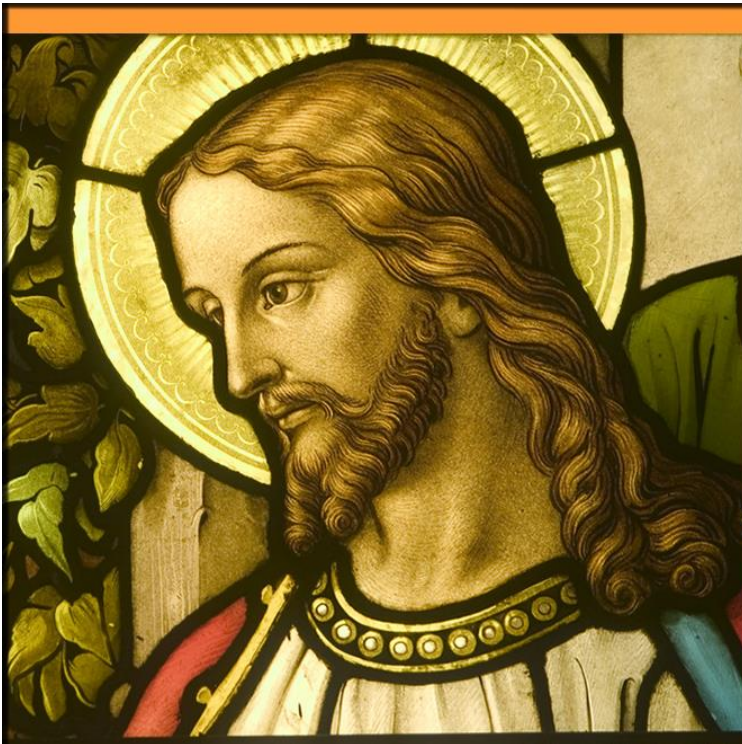
Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual

gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Please Stand: THE ALLELUIA (Psalm 62:2)

C: Alleluia, alleluia. **R: Alleluia, alleluia.** C: My soul rests in God alone, from Whom comes my salvation. **R: Alleluia, alleluia.**



**“Be watchful!
Be alert!”
Jesus tells his disciples.
“You do not know
when the time will come.”
Mark 13: 33-37**

THE GOSPEL - according to St. 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. **R. PRAISE BE TO YOU...**

THE HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the Living God, fall fresh on me.

THE HOMILY

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary AND BECAME MAN. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

1st Sunday of Advent, Year B 2020 – Prayers of Faithful

Celebrant: As Advent begins, we hear our Lord challenging us to be alert and ready for him. The prayers we offer for others express a faith that is attentive and alive.

*Lector: As we celebrate Mass in memory of Adolph & Helen Kasperczyk: that their memory may be loving, eternal, and well-kept by all, (pause) we pray to the Lord, **Lord...***

Lector: That the holy Catholic Church may be united in fidelity to our leadership: our Prime Bishop, diocesan bishops and all clergy, We pray to the Lord, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lector: For God's guidance in keeping our souls clean as we have taken our time to inspect ourselves of fault, (*pause*) we pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For symbols of Advent found in our wreath- that the Hope of the coming Lord may be our strength during this four week season, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: That people who live life distracted by worldly pleasures may return to the saving Grace of the Spirit, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: That we may be reminded to reach out to others during this upcoming holiday season, always keeping the less-fortunate in our prayers and actions, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For God's help, strength, and assistance for brothers and sisters in need, especially Richard & Edna Samelson, Shannon Alberino, Jeremy Steinbreck, Mary Cawley, Eugene Beggin, Diane Black, Len Pryer, Emma Freshwater, Jennifer Kless, Jack Spilka, John Radon, Jim Giles, Tom Slomka, Kim Penney, Nina Braquet, Tammy Teubl, Jan Sobolewski, Linda Duffy, Alison Suarez, Halina Dreger, Ben Soltis _____, for all on our prayer list, for all friends and family members, for parishioners of St. Mary's, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: That those who have died will be with the Lord in heaven forever, especially for Adolph & Helen Kasperczyk, Josephine Matis, _____, for all departed parishioners, friends and family members (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Celebrant: Hear our prayers, loving Father, as we prepare for the return of your Son, by hearing his word and offering his sacrifice. We pray this all through that same Christ, our Lord.

R: Amen!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY VERSE (*1 Cor 16:13*)

Be on your guard, stand firm in the faith, be courageous, be strong.

OFFERTORY HYMN – *Choir Selection*

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, You have set aside this season to nourish our hope and our trust. You gathered us in expectation around Your Holy Altar. Transform our gifts and return them to us that we may lack no spiritual gift as we await the coming of our Lord Jesus. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

THE ADVENT PREFACE AND THE SANCTUS (Spoken)

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER #4 –DUTCH OLD CATHOLIC CANON

Immediately after the Consecration, spoken together:

Your death, Lord Jesus, we proclaim!

Your resurrection we celebrate!

Your return in glory we await!

Spoken together after the Celebrant places his hands above the elements in prayer:

Holy Spirit, come to us. Fill us with Your gift of grace.

LORD’S PRAYER: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

R. Because there is one bread we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one Bread.

C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life. **R. Amen.**

C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give you. Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where You live for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

C. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **R: And also with you.**

C. Let us pray together the second Communion Prayer:

May the partaking of Your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus, not be cause for my judgment or condemnation. Though I am unworthy to receive this great Sacrament, through Your loving kindness may it become my safeguard and healing remedy. My saving Master, awaken in me a living faith, fervent love, worship, adoration and a holy longing. Through this Communion, make me Your willing servant, zealous to fulfill Your holy will. May it, at last, unite me entirely with You, my Lord and my God.



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. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN - Solo

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN – Choir Selection

THE COMMUNION VERSE (Rev 3:11)

C: I am coming quickly. Hold fast to what you have,

R: so that no one may take your crown.

***Please Stand:* THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

LET US PRAY... Lord Jesus, through Your coming to us in Word and the Eucharist may we be prepared to face You at the final hour; For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, and cause us in her ways to go. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, Desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!