

I believe in the unseen.



2nd Sunday of Advent II Niedziela Adwentu

December 9, 2012

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Psalm: 126:1-6

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

Epistle: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

Intention: For a spirit of preparation this Advent

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Matins. Lighting of the 2nd Advent Candle
- Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Parish Committee Meeting

3rd Sunday of Advent III Niedziela Adwentu

December 16, 2012

Rite: 8:45am Pew Missal, pg. 63

First reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

Canticle: Isaiah 12:2-6

R. Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Intention: In gratitude for God's forgiveness; sp. Walter & Helen Kupiec

Celebrant at 8:45am: Rev. Rafał Dadiello

Lector: at 8:45am: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at **8:35am** with Matins, Lighting of the 3rd Advent Candle
- Advent Penitential Service followed by Holy Mass at **8:45am**
- School of Christian Living, Confirmation, First Communion classes
- Preparation for Parish Vigil Dinner
- 11:30 Youth Presentation and Vigil Dinner

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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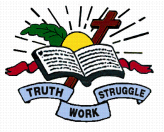
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Upcoming...

- December 9: 2nd Sunday of Advent/Parish Committee Meets
- December 16: 3rd Sunday of Advent/Parish Vigil Dinner and Youth Presentation
- **NOTE: Start Time 8:45AM**
- December 21: Feast – St. Thomas
- December 23: 4th Sunday of Advent/Greening of the Church
- December 24: Vigil of the Nativity
- December 25: Nativity of the Lord Holy Mass at Midnight Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 10:30am
- December 26: Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr
- December 27: Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist - Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 7:30pm with Blessing of Wine

I can't believe it! I guess you didn't not see it...

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."

If we read the caption above, we note the double negative: "didn't not." Writing this, my word-processing program kept pointing to my error.

Word-processing programs are a wonderful invention for someone like me who has terrible spelling skills. Either a red or green underline shows up. Red if the word appears to be misspelled, green if the grammar is incorrect.

Let's think of John the Baptist as God's word-processor. He went out to proclaim a wonderful gift,

that people could renew their lives if they would only repent, make straight their ways. Salvation was theirs if they would take the steps to correct themselves.

Like my word-processing program, John pointed out serious errors, especially of the so-called "leaders" of the day. He put really big red underlines under all sinfulness.

His call to repentance was just like that of the word-processor. The error is obvious, its been pointed out. But now what? We have to recognize that red underline; we have to see it. Then, we have to take action to fix it. We have to correct the spelling and grammar of our lives, bringing them into alignment with God's way.

Whenever we hear John's cry *"Prepare the way... make straight the paths... fill-in the valleys... make low the mountains and hills...make the winding roads straight... the rough ways smooth"* we also begin to think

like construction workers. We laugh, get me a bulldozer and a big crew and we can do it. Construction takes engineering, study, process, and hard work. John wasn't talking about construction! He was shouting about the engineering, study, process, and hard work we have to do to make our lives right before God.

Let us be dedicated to making our lives straight, smooth, and level; getting rid of the red underlines, living lives based on God's desires for us. Doing so, we have the guarantee of finding peace, renewal, and seeing His salvation.

The Jewish people were carried away to captivity and spent generations there. When they were freed they didn't see it coming. We already know Jesus is returning. We do not need to foresee the moment for we know we must prepare. Prepare His way and be ready to rejoice. Stand ready to share in peace and great joy at His Salvation. Come Lord Jesus!

"For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life."

Romans 5:10

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Ephesians 4:32
MONDAY: Matthew 5:23-26
TUESDAY: Colossians 1:20
WEDNESDAY: Luke 23:34
THURSDAY: Hebrews 12:14
FRIDAY: Romans 6:23
SATURDAY: Romans 3:23

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that by Your grace I straighten the path of my life so I may attain Your salvation.

School of Christian Living

We have an active and on-going Confirmation, First Communion and SOCL classes. Thank you to our parents for supporting the program. Sign-ups can be done at any time – it is never too late to learn.

Special Note – Next Sunday

Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out

Third Sunday of Advent and Advent Penitential Service: Next Sunday we will begin with the lighting of the Third Advent Candle at **8:45am**. Our Advent Penitential Service and receipt of the Sacrament of Penance will immediately follow. We are pleased to have Fr. Rafał Dadiello from Holy Spirit Parish in Little Falls join us to administer the Sacrament of Penance and to conduct Holy Mass.

A proper Advent preparation requires that we free ourselves of sin. This is our opportunity in our special service of reconciliation with God. In it we are better able to examine our conscience and put forth our best effort to make things right with God and our neighbor. These **special penitential services occur only twice a year – so it is vitally important that we be here for this service.**

The early start will also allow us to put some last minute touches on our Youth Christmas presentation, and prepare all those wonderful meatless dishes we will share with each other at our Vigil Dinner starting at 11:30am. Please remember our sign-up sheet today.

I respectfully ask that we make the sacrifice to be here early next week to do as the Lord has asked. St. Paul reminds us: *All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.* God gave His Holy Church the power to loose us of our sins – come and be made free once again in the love of God who has reconciled all things to Himself in Christ Jesus.

A time of preparation

Today we enter into the season of Advent, a time of preparation. Rather than lamenting the trends of society, and complaining about the secularization of Jesus' birth, let's resolve instead to do something positive. Let our preparation focus first on prayer – a prayer of hope and anticipation for God's coming among us. Pray for reconciliation and an end to greed.

Let us then also sacrifice for those in need. We will put out a donation basket. Our contributions will be used toward **the purchase of a well** for people in need of fresh water. We will also be **collecting food, gloves, and hats** for those in need in our immediate community. Canned, dried, and non-perishable foods, as well mittens, gloves, and hats are all needed. God bless you for your generosity and sacrifice in preparation for Jesus' coming.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberlan, Stanley Radzysinski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert Nemkovich, George Damouni, Kindlon Family, Carolyn Walker, Cynthia Hume, Chris, James McGrath, Larry Alfred, Brian Soos, Bonesteel Family, Bill VanShufflin

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Holy Name of Jesus Parish, Nanticoke, PA its congregation and pastor Rt. Rev. Anthony Rysz.

Bless them, O Lord!
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is back. Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.