

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Sunday – Nov 30, 2014**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**9:30–High Mass** in memory of Mary Anthony and Helen Paluszkiwicz by Theresa Hassam, and reading of names of faithful departed through month of November, also Hedwig Kmiec who passed away this week.

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

**Monday – Dec 1, 2014**

**Feast of St Andrew the Apostle**

**Saturday – Dec 6, 2014 Day of St Nicholas Bishop of Myra**

**St Stanislaus PNCC Cathedral in Scranton: 10:00 AM –**

**Holy Mass of Ordination to Priesthood of Rev Deacon James Anthony Konicki by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikowsky**

**Sunday – Dec 7, 2014**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**9:30–High Mass** in memory Josephine and Frank Moskal by Kapuscinski family.

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

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## **Bible Readings for 1st Sunday of Advent – Year B**

**1<sup>st</sup> reading: Book of Isaiah ch 63: vers 16-17,19; ch 64:vers 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.*

### **Responsorial Psalm 80**

**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.

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### **2nd reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians** **chapter 1 verses 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.*

### **Alleluia verse from Psalm 85**

Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

### **Holy Gospel according to St Mark chapter 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!’”

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### **Adult Bible Study for this week:**

**Liturgical Notes for Advent:** Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight. **Advent** begins with First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of the Sunday that falls on or closest to November 30 and it ends before First Vespers (Evening Prayer I) of Christmas. The Sundays of this time of year are named the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays of Advent. The weekdays from December 17 up to and including December 24 are ordered in a more direct way to preparing for the Nativity of the Lord. The liturgical color for Advent is purple, just like Lent—as both are seasons that prepare us for great feast days. Also Advent (like Lent) includes an element of penance in the sense

of preparing, quieting and disciplining our hearts for the full joy of Christmas. This penitential dimension is expressed through the color purple, but also through the restrained manner of decorating the church and altar.

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**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!*

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.

*Happy 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Mrs Betty Trojan! God Bless!!!*

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

**PARISH CALENDAR**

- Dec 20 - Saturday -Parish Bazaar
- Dec 21- Sunday -Wigilia Supper
- Dec 24 – Wed. – Wigilia/Christmas Eve – Pasterka/t Shepherd’s Mass at 12 midnight
- Dec 25 – Thursday - Christmas Day – Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM
- Jan 1- Thursday - New Year

**PARISH DONATIONS** We would like to share heartfelt Thanks to all who donate and help at the Parish. May God bless your for your much needed help!

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