

PARISH OF ST. VALENTINE
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MASS SCHEDULE:

SUN. DEC. 9, 2012 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOLY MASS - 10:45AM
+Josphine Moskal (15th anniv.) and +Frank Moskal (46th anniv.) by the Kapuscinski Family

WED. DEC. 12, 2012 - **MASS OF THANKSGIVING** (OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE)
25th ANNIVERSARY of ORDINATION - FR. GREGORY MIKULA
7:00 PM PARISH CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR, LAWRENCEVILLE, N.J.
LIGHT RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN RECTORY HALL

SUN. DEC. 16, 2012 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HOLY MASS - 10:45 AM
CANDLELIGHT ADVENT SERVICE/WIGILIA DINNER - 4:00PM

ENTRANCE RITES:

LITANY - pg. 64 in the Mass Booklets

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN - O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

SUNG MASS IN THE CONTEMPORARY RITE - pg. 63 in the Mass Booklets

TODAY'S READINGS

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET BARUCH

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.

READER; THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

PSALM RESPONSE: THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY!

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

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.

READER: THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD! PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

+ A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE+

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.’

PRIEST: THIS IS THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD!

PEOPLE: PRAISE BE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OLPATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS) are available on the table at the entryway of the church. A minimum 2.00 dollars per pack donation is requested to offset their cost. Bog załapc!

THE ANNUAL ADVENT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE and PARISH WIGILIA DINNER will be held on SUNDAY DEC. 16, 2012 beginning at 4:00PM in the church. Please mark your calendar for these very special events.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING (Catechism) MEETS TODAY IN THE RECTORY.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS will take place following the Mass on Dec.23rd.

Lastly you are cordially invited to participate in a SOLEMN MASS OF THANKSGIVING celebrating my 25th Ordination to the Holy Priesthood. It will be held this coming Wed. December 12th at 7:00PM here in our parish church. A light reception will follow in the Rectory meeting rooms. No gifts please ...just the honor of your presence.

Sincerely,
Fr. Gregory Mikula

+PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE STRAIGHT HIS PATHS!+