



Advent

~ a time for preparation ~



ADVENT PARISH MISSION

Amazing Grace

DECEMBER 6, 7, 8 - 7 PM

MON- 7:00 - Fr. Scott
TUE - 4:30 Confessions
6:00 Mass
7:00 Fr. Scott
WED - 7:00 Mass w/ Extended
Homily by Fr. Scott



FR. SCOTT SEETHALER

SANTA BAGS



Our Appalachia Santa Bags will be available to pick-up starting November 20th. Each bag is designated for a particular gender/age child. Fill it chock full with gifts you select. A list of suggestions will be included with each stocking in case you need ideas. **FILL THEM FULL and RETURN BY DEC. 5TH**. Everything must fit in the stockings.

BE PREPARED

Be prepared. It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

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Hello all. I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Just a quick reminder to please submit your suggestions for a new name for our new parish that will be formed in July of next year. As you will remember, each church building will retain its own name but our new combined parish community will need a name. Please visit our parish website to take the survey. Also you will find there the criteria for making your suggestions.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, Nov 29. All submissions will be reviewed by the parish councils and the clergy team. After prayerful discernment, twenty suggested names will be sent to the Bishop in January. He will review our suggestions and send them back to us.

In the spring, we will send out another survey, asking for your help to prioritize and choose, from the list of names we received back from the Bishop, our top five suggestions for our new name.

Thank you for all your help with this part of our On Mission process. Fr. Tim

RCIA - QUESTIONS FOR US?

Anyone who has questions about our Catholic Faith & traditions is especially invited to give us a call. What are the things you wonder about as we come together to worship? How do you see your journey with the Lord? Please consider asking & we'll try to come together to explore the answers with you. The door is open for RCIA Inquiry. Call Lale on ext. 22.

Is it really you, Lord?

Wednesday, December 1st
7:00 PM
Bovard Hall

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Dec. 2, 9, and 16
Youth Room at Assumption



You're Invited to our Christmas Party
Youth Night on Sunday, Dec 5!

Text 'ENCOUNTER' to 84576 to receive text updates!

WOMEN'S GUILD CHRISTMAS DINNER

All women of the parish are invited to join us on **Thursday, December 9th at 6:30 pm** in Bovard Hall. The Women's Guild is having their annual Christmas dinner catered by Remos Catering. Please R.S.V.P. to Marlene at meyokim@hotmail.com or call her 412-366-8840. Cost is \$25.00 and checks can be made payable to St. John Neumann Women's Guild and dropped off or mailed to St. John Neumann Church (attention Womens Guild) 2230 Rochester Rd Pittsburgh 15237. **Deadline to RSVP is December 2.**



PRAYER FOR ADVENT'S "TOO BUSY TIME"

Heavenly Father, help me to consider that the jerk who cut us off in traffic may be a single mother who just worked nine hours and is rushing home to cook dinner, help with homework, begin the laundry and spend some precious time with her children. Let us be slow to judge and quick to forgive, show patience, empathy and love. Amen.

A WARM NOTE TO SAY

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With your help we collected enough food to gift a large box of food and three overstuffed grocery bags to 14 families!

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Wednesday | December 1st
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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ADVENT MATERIALS – HE COMES!



Prepare your hearts and homes to welcome Jesus our Lord. **The First Sunday of Advent is Nov. 28th.** Please look at the tables near Bovard Hall for materials for reflection and Advent candles and calendars. Prepare to welcome Jesus our greatest gift by perusing the materials we have for sale in the lobby. What you do as a family to reflect on Advent, then celebrate our faith in Christ as Infant King shapes your children's faith for all time. Advent is the New Year of the Church. Make a New Church Year resolution and make this a holy Advent for you and your family! Perhaps, send some materials to your grandchildren, nieces and nephews - spread our faith! If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Lale on ext. 22 or email lvirostek@sjnpittsburgh.org. God bless your Advent! YOU will make the difference!



SHARING TREE

For over 30 years, SJN has been "Sharing our Love and Giving Hope" to those less fortunate so they may have a truly blessed Christmas. Through numerous agencies, a variety of children and adults have requested our help. Please select a tag, (tip: take a picture of it with your phone), and purchase a gift. The return sticker asks either to gift bag or wrap it, firmly affix the tag and return them to SJN before 12:30 (after the 11:30 Mass) on **Sunday, December 12th. Questions?** If you are unable to shop but would like to make a donation toward a gift, reach out to the parish office at ext. 10 or cathy.vollmer@gmail.com.

PRAYERS OF THE MASS

Penitential Rite

I confess to Almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask Blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with 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, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Music for Mass

Opening: Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn 423

Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Presentation: Maranatha, Come 410

Missa Emmanuel

Holy, Holy 358

We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord 359

Amen 360

Communion: My Soul in Stillness Waits 415

Let Us Be Bread 946

Closing: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns 414

Readings for Mass

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will fulfill the promise
I made to the house of Israel and Judah.
In those days, in that time,
I will raise up for David a just shoot ;
he shall do what is right and just in the land.
In those days Judah shall be safe
and Jerusalem shall dwell secure;
this is what they shall call her:
“The LORD our justice.”

1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love
for one another and for all,
just as we have for you,
so as to strengthen your hearts,
to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father
at the coming of our Lord Jesus
with all his holy ones. Amen.
Finally, brothers and sisters,
we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that,
as you received from us
how you should conduct yourselves to please God
and as you are conducting yourselves
you do so even more.
For you know what instructions we gave you
through the Lord Jesus.

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap.

For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth.

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

A Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,

defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan

and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONERS - October 2021

Thomas & Nicole Anzio & Family

Savannah Grandovic

Elizabeth & Willard Palcic

Patrick & Suzanne Stewart & Family

Kieran & Jacquelyn Vora

ARE YOU NEW TO THE NORTH HILLS?



If you have just moved into the area - Welcome! We're glad you came to worship with us. If you are interested in joining our parish, you can register online or by calling the parish office (412-366-2020, ext. 10) for a short form to complete. We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have!

GIFT CARDS FOR SALE!

Are you looking to buy gift cards for those hard to please friends on your Christmas list? Please check out our selection below. As we are not replenishing our gift card supply, we are hoping to sell what we have remaining.

Please call Joan at the parish office (ext. 10) & I'll be happy to meet you after Mass to pick up your cards. We do not have any Giant Eagle gift cards left.

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The Gift of the Holiday Season

“The most wonderful time of the year,” is coming near. The advent season brings joy and celebration, shared experiences and moments that last a lifetime. As we participate in the celebration of our newborn king, let us consider what it means to truly celebrate the birth of Jesus. We may want to reflect on whether the purchase of items such as toys, electronics, clothes and other goods are the best way to celebrate this holy season. Or does shopping provide a distraction from the real, true experience of Jesus in our life. Instead, we may want to consider giving the gift of our time or an enjoyable experience. Maybe a museum membership or a charitable donation in a loved one's name. Spending quality time with a loved one is the best gift of the holiday season.

“Purchasing is always a moral, and not simply economic act” – Pope Francis

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MASS INTENTIONS & SCRIPTURE READINGS	
Sunday, Nov. 28, 1st Sunday of Advent	
Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36	
8:00.....	Susan Vukson (John)
9:30.....	Dolly Gaertner (Joe & Paulette Bundick)
11:30.....	Don & Karolyn Huber (Lechmanick Family)
Monday, Nov. 29	
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7,8-9; Mt 8:5-11	
9:00.....	For the Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, Nov. 30, St. Andrew, Apostle	
Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 4:18-22	
9:00..	Jim & Alyssa Nabuda Wedding Anniv. (Jan Howard)
Wednesday, Dec. 1	
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37	
9:00.....	Nancy & Richard Frankart (Tom & Family)
Thursday, Dec. 2	
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27	
9:00.....	Charlie Jones (Jennifer Annunziata)
Friday, Dec. 3	
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31	
9:00.....	Martin & Canning Families
Saturday, Dec. 4	
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8	
9:00.....	Dorothy Dorazio (Wayne & Pam Calder)
5:30	For the People of SJN Parish
Sunday, Dec. 5, 2nd Sunday of Advent	
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6	
8:00.....	Andrew Palmisano (Vetere Family)
9:30.....	George O’Friel (John & Maureen Wall)
11:30.....	Theresa McNulty Curry (Susan & Bob Rubino)

JOIN CATHOLICS ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION ON DEC. 1.
 On Dec. 1, the Supreme Court will hear a case that could potentially overturn the Roe V Wade decision of 1973. This would be a big victory for the Pro-Life movement in our country. SJN has Adoration on Dec. 1 from 9:30am to 6:30 pm & Assumption Church will have Adoration from 8 am-6:45 pm on Dec. 1 to pray for the end of abortion, followed by Mass at 7 pm. Please join us for this special day of Adoration.

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Baptism Preparation: Please call Lisa 412.366.5885 x. 12 to register or more information.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays @ 9:30 am, Weds @6pm.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made in person at least six months in advance. Please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a family member is a candidate for the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick due to age, illness, upcoming risky surgery, or hospitalization, please contact our parish office.

Prayer Line: Need prayer for any reason? Call or text at 412.512.1536 or email to sjnprayer@gmail.com. Prayer intentions for the month are listed at <http://bellworthparkpghprayer.blogspot.com>

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