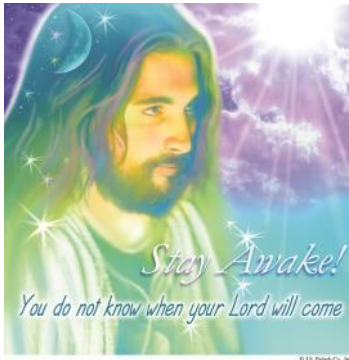


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November 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today's Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD'S house (Isaiah 2:1-5).

PSALM: We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

SECOND READING: It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).

GOSPEL: Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).

LITURGICAL REFLECTION: PEOPLE OF THE LIGHT

We are called to reflect the light of God's love through the ways in which we live our lives. Imagine the impact if each of us took this call to heart, every day, at home, work, or school, in our parish, in the world. "All nations shall stream toward it," toward the love that only comes from God. Yet, we must admit that much of the time we fail to be beacons of God's light. We fall asleep, complacent, preferring to go the easy route, which often leads to darkness rather than the radiance of Christ's light. As we begin the season of Advent, Saint Paul admonishes us to throw off the works of darkness, to awaken to the call of light and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus too tells us to stay awake, to be prepared to greet the Lord of light as people of the light. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS AND ALTAR SERVERS

5:30PM	Saturday, Dec 3rd	9:00 AM	Sunday, Dec 4th
Lector:	Ed Olshefski	Lector:	Linda Lopez

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK -- (Nov 27th -- Dec 4th)

MON	11/28	7:00AM +. Anna Marie Myers - (Dad)
TUES	11/29	7:00AM Joseph Cardinal Zen - (Nadine Golias)
WED	11/30	7:00AM. . . . +. Theresa Luyen Tran - (M/M Thien Tran)
THURS	12/01	NO MASS
FRI	12/02	7:00AM. For Living & Deceased Benefactors of our Franciscan Community
SAT	12/03	5:30PM +. Nicky Fluder - (Pattie Horner)
SUN	12/04	9:00AM. Christian Mothers

November 27, 2022

Stewardship Reflections: Advent is a beautiful season meant for preparing for the celebration of our Savior's birth and the anticipation of His second coming. How can we as Christian stewards get ready for a holy celebration of Jesus' birth on Dec. 25 and for His certain second coming at a date we do not know? We can push back against the world's pressure and scale back on the material kind of gift-giving, the complicated menus, the unessential trappings of the season so that we have more time for the spiritual preparations of the "perfect" Christmas: Confession, weekday Mass, adoration, family prayer time, lighting the Advent wreath, performing acts of kindness.

The intentional and wise use of the gifts of time, talent and treasure is what the Christian steward is called to do, and with even greater intensity during Advent. Stay awake and go climb the Lord's mountain as the prophet Isaiah proclaimed.

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**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS
Nov 19th & 20th, 2022**

Collection:

Weekly	\$ 1,418.40
Catholic Charities	\$ 79.00
Flowers	\$ 20.00

*Thank you for your continued support of St. Anne's Parish!
Please remember in your prayers the deceased parishioners
and benefactors of our parish. God Bless!*

Blessing of the Advent Wreath:

(by laypersons)

**O God, by whose word all things are sanctified,
pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath
and grant that we who use it may prepare our
hearts**

**for the coming of Christ,
and may receive from thee abundant graces.
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen,**

**ADVENT WREATH PRAYER
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



(Light the first purple candle on your wreath)

**Prayer: Stir up thy power, O Lord, and come,
that by thy protection we may be
rescued from the dangers that beset us
through our sins; and be a Redeemer to
deliver us; Who livest and reignest with
God the Father in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, ever one God, world without end.**

All: Amen.

*"Now spend a few moments in silent prayer,
thinking about where in your life you most need the
loving touch of Christ."*



Christian Mothers Mass & Meeting –
will be held **next Sunday, Dec 4th**.
Please mark your calendars. **Everyone
is welcome to stop down and join in
the meeting.**

The Knights of Columbus will hold
their meeting Tuesday, **Dec 6th** at 7PM
in the St Therese Church hall.



Our Catholic Ministries Drive -Forward In Faith-
Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an
immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor,
strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide
leadership development for clergy and laity. 100% of
your gift goes directly to these ministries! As of
October 31st, our parish has pledged **\$5,735 (75%)
towards our goal of \$7,698**. Please consider making
a pledge to the Ministries Drive. You have until
Dec 31st 2022 to pay your pledge in full.



Christmas Oplatki is available in the back of the
church for **\$1 per packet**.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS -- there are
envelopes in your boxes for the
Christmas Flower Collection. There are
also extra envelopes in the back of the
Church. The cost of donating a Poinsettia
Plant in memory of your loved one is

\$6.00. If you wish you may claim a poinsettia and take
it home after the Feast of The Three Kings.



Children's Christmas Party - All children 13 &
younger from St. Therese & St. Anne Parishes are
invited to attend **Breakfast with Santa** on
Saturday, Dec 17th in the **St. Therese Church
Hall**. Doors open at 10:00AM Please complete the
form and drop it in the collection basket. **Forms
are available in the back of church.**
Registration deadline is Dec 11th. Sponsored by
the KOC #10409 & Christian Mothers.



Stocking for Soldiers

St Anne's Christian Mothers will again be participating in "Stocking for Soldiers." Stocking and instructions on how to fill will be available in the back of the church. Filled stocking will be accepted until Dec 11th. Please consider this worthwhile program to let our servicemen & women know how much they are appreciated.



Area Penance Services

Dec 11	St. John Gualbert	2:00 PM
Dec 14	St. Francis of Assisi	5:00 PM
Dec 18	St. Benedict	5:00 PM
Dec 19	Visitation of BVM	5:30 PM
Dec 21	St. Patrick	6:00 PM



Community News & Events

A Food distribution will be held in the Johnstown area for all Veterans and Military families in need at Hiram G Andrews. Dates are as follow: **Nov 28th**, and **Dec 29th** from 12-3PM. For more information, please call 1-844-VLP VETS



The Catholic Daughter of the America
Court of Our Lady #647,
Johnstown, Pa.

Invite Catholic women 18 and older to consider attending one of our meetings.

When: the third Tuesday of the month

Where: St John Gualberts Activity Center

Time: Rosary begins at 5:30PM, meeting at 6PM, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Contacts- Tina Frank – 814-615-3238

Patti Brylsky – 814-619-9692

Winter dates weather permitting!!

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI: Connect with your Creator, Redeemer, and Spiritual Guide in a stress-free environment at the Eucharistic Adoration every First Friday of the month from 9:30AM until 5:30PM at St. Francis of Assisi Church. It is important that each ½ hour or hour have two adorers to adore and protect the Blessed Sacrament. Access to the Church is by ringing the doorbell at the Barron Avenue door for admittance – a matter of safety for the Blessed Sacrament and adorers.

Families and the Gospel

First Sunday of Advent

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being "fearful;" fear cripples! Instead "pray for the strength" to be courageous.

"Open your hearts to life"



ABORTION: "God Creates No Accident!"

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

First Sunday of Advent

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What righteous deeds would I be able to bring with me if Christ returned this week?

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