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Third Sunday of Advent

December 12, 2021



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12 noon
Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection: Third Sunday of Advent

Today, the third Sunday of Advent, God's word introduces us to Jesus Christ's precursor: Saint John the Baptist. God the Father is preparing the arrival, or the Advent, of His Son, born of the Virgin Mary, in many different ways. As the beginning of the Letter to the Hebrews says: Patriarchs, Prophets and Kings prepared Jesus' arrival. We see both genealogies in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels, Jesus Christ as son of Abraham and son of David. Moses, Isaiah and Jeremiah announced His Advent and described the features of His Ministry. But Saint John the Baptist would be the one to point Him out to the world, and the privilege of baptizing our Lord went to him. His was to be the very last testimony before Jesus' arrival. And he gave it with his life, with his death and with his word.

John's birth was also announced, like that of Jesus, and was prepared, as seen in Luke's Gospel (chapters 1 and 2). And his death as a martyr, victim of a king's weakness and of a wicked woman's hatred, also prepared the way for that of Jesus. This is why he receives the most extraordinary praise from Jesus himself, which can be read in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels, "I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John." John, who would have known of all this praise, is however an example of humility: he tells us today, "I am not worthy to untie his sandal" (Lk 3:16). And, according to Saint John, "He must increase while I must decrease." Let us listen today to his word, exhorting us to share what we have and to respect the justice and dignity everybody deserves. Thus, we shall be preparing ourselves to receive He who is coming to save us and will come again to "judge the living and the dead."

Readings for next Sunday,
December 19, 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Micah 5:1-4a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45



Saint of the Week ... St. Lucy

The name Lucy means "light." Ironically, St Lucy's history is shrouded in darkness: all that is really known is that she was a martyr in Syracuse, Italy during Diocletian's persecutions of A.D. 304. Her veneration spread to Rome, so that by the 6th century the whole Church recognized her courage in defense of the faith.

Lucy's Roman father died when she was young, leaving her and her mother without a protecting guardian. Her mother, Eutychia, had suffered for years with intestinal problems. Lucy, having heard about St. Agatha the patroness of Catania, prayed with her mother at St. Agatha's tomb. They stayed up all night praying until they fell asleep exhausted. St. Agatha appeared in a vision to Lucy and said, "Soon you shall be the glory of Syracuse, as I am of Catania." At that instant, Eutychia was cured.

Eutychia had arranged a marriage for Lucy with a pagan bridegroom, but Lucy urged that the dowry be spent on alms so that she might retain her virginity. Her betrothed heard that the patrimony and jewels were being distributed and that Lucy had found a nobler bridegroom. He denounced Lucy as a Christian to the magistrate Paschasius who sentenced her to be defiled in a brothel. According to legend, when the guards came to take her away they found her so filled with the Holy Spirit that she was stiff and heavy as a mountain; they could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. Even with a dagger through her throat she prophesied against her persecutor. As final torture, her eyes were gouged out. She was miraculously still able to see without her eyes. In paintings and statues, St. Lucy is frequently shown holding her eyes on a golden plate.

St. Lucy's feast day is December 13. She is the patron saint of the blind.

Source: stlucychurch.org



Feast Day:
December 13

*Cry out with joy and gladness,
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.* ISAIAH 12

Advent Penance Service

Wednesday,
December 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.
Led by Fr. Giles

Remember to Register For Christmas Masses!

Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m.

Online

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Paul Thomas Miller

Born into Life
June 19, 1963

Born into Eternal Life
December 3, 2021

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him. May Paul's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at our church on Saturday, December 11.



We will gather on Friday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall to celebrate Fr. Thomas' birthday and the anniversary of his ordination. More details will be shared soon!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, December 11	4:00 p.m.	Souls of Ginny & Tim Newlin	Kelley & Jeff Kuhn
		Soul of James DeMasi	Dena Turner
		Soul of Elaine Miller	Mary Lambert
Sunday, December 12	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Mildred Willis	Mary Balassone
		Intentions of Beverley & Robert Iser	The Harber Family
Monday, December 13	No Mass		
Tuesday, December 14	No Mass		
Wednesday, December 15	6:00 p.m.	Advent Penance Service	
Thursday, December 16	12 noon	Soul of Jennie Ebner	Assumption Parish
		Intentions of Jean Harber	Mary Shannon
Friday, December 17	9:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Alt, Cobb & Kuh families	Dean Alt
		Soul of Richard Gibson and the Intentions of Kathleen Gibson	Kathleen Gibson
Saturday, December 18	4:00 p.m.	The Harber Family	The Harber Family
Sunday, December 19	8:30 a.m.	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Cindy & Jim Alt

Parish Prayer List

Please pray for: Patricia Ansel, Jennifer Boling, Kista Crites, Bobby Dorsey, Barbara Gratto, Beth Grayson, Sue Greco, Barbara Grubbs*, Eddie Halterman, Larry Hinkle*, Helen Holder*, Kathy Jenkins, Pam Launi, Craig Leibig, Esther Shockey, Sue Spotts, Bill Stine, Scott Tasker and Maleigha Taylor.

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Earlier this year, Pope Francis announced a worldwide synod to focus on the life and mission of the Church as we move forward together. The theme for

this synod is, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."

Rather than simply a meeting of bishops, Pope Francis has asked us, the People of God, to take part in the synod—to "journey together" with our brothers and sisters in Christ along the path of renewal, guided by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Father has asked that every parish participate in this synod in order to listen to the living voice of the entire People of God.

Our parish will conduct synodal listening sessions on Thursday, January 6, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall as part of the synod. This session will provide an opportunity for every member of our parish community to share our thoughts and feelings, but more importantly to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us in our journey together. Please join us for this important event.

Collections & Attendance

December 4-5, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes	\$2,580
Loose Donations	\$621
Holiday Flowers	\$701
Total	\$3,902

Attendance

Saturday 12/4	63
Sunday 12/5	86
Total	149

Diocesan Collection

A collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious is taking place this weekend. Thank you for your generosity to this important fund which supports our elderly priests and religious people!

November Balance Sheet

Income	\$21,601
Expenses	\$10,028
Balance	\$11,573

Thank You

Christmas Flower Offerings

Offerings for Christmas flowers in memory of your loved ones will be accepted through next Sunday, December 19. All memorial names will appear in our Christmas bulletin. If you use offertory envelopes, be sure to include on the envelope who your donation is in memory or honor of. If you do not use offertory envelopes but would like to make a memorial donation, simply use any envelope and include a note with your intentions.

Remembrance Tree

The Keyser Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a Remembrance Tree for loved ones lost in the last two years (for any reason). Ornaments will be placed on the tree for the entire community to enjoy. If you would like to remember someone in this way, forms are available in the vestibule. Completed forms can be returned to Queens Point Coffee, Reed's Drug Store, The Candlewyck or to the parish office.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, December 18

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: James & Tess Maybury
EM: Jean Harber
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler

Sunday, December 19

Lector: Mike Landis
Servers: Tina & Derek Stephen
EM: Kelley Kuhn
Cantor: Nancy Starcher
Greeters: Mike & Sonja Stanislawczyk

Sunday, December 26

Lector: Pam Williams
Servers: Mike & Rosie Landis, Nick McKenzie
EM: Mike Landis
Cantor: Anita Tetreault
Greeter: Nancy Starcher

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I shall say it again:

Rejoice!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4