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Worship Schedule

Saturday Vigil
4:00PM

Sunday
10:00AM and 5:00PM

Monday thru Friday
12:10PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Anytime by appointment

Eucharistic Holy Hour
Wednesday 6:00PM

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The Second Sunday of Advent
Weekend of December 4 & 5, 2021

Order of Worship

Gathering Song

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,
4. O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
From ev'ry foe deliver them
In ancient times once gave the law,
That trust your mighty power to save,
In cloud, and majesty, and awe,
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Isra-el.

Sign of the Cross and Greeting

The response to the Greeting is: **And with your spirit.**

Priest: Brothers and sisters, Let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: 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 in 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.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

First Reading

Baruch 5: 1-9

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.
 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Refrain

For you. O Lord, my soul in still - ness
 waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

Second Reading

Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11

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.
 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor, then all:

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Gospel

Luke 3: 1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Profession of Faith

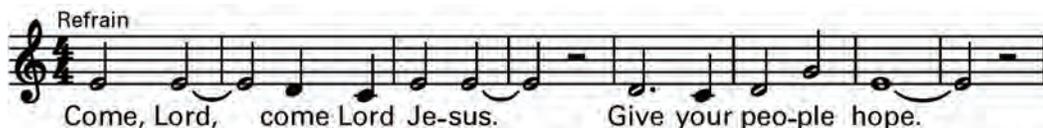
*I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Fa-
 ther; 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.*

General Intercessions

Preparation of the Gifts

Maranatha

Refrain



Come, Lord, come Lord Je-sus. Give your peo-ple hope.

Last time to Coda \oplus
 Fine



Come, Lord, come Lord Je-sus, and lead your peo-ple home.

Verses



1. O Lord of Light, fill the night. Man - y ____
 2. O King of Kings, love you bring. The world ____
 3. O Com-fort - er, res-cue us. De - stroy ____
 4. Em-man - u - el, Em-man - u - el, prom-ised ____

1. ___ have lost their way. O Ris - ing Dawn, _____
 2. ___ is made a - new. O Prince of Peace, _____
 3. ___ our sin - ful - ness. O Coun - sel - lor, _____
 4. ___ so long a - go. Em - man - u - el, _____ Em -
 to Refrain

1. shine up - on, dark - ness shall be no more.
 2. make us free, jus - tice for hu - man - kind.
 3. might - y Lord, teach us what we must know.
 4. man - u - el, God is with us at last.

**Prayer over the Gifts
 Preface Acclamation**

Mass of Creation

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
 hosts. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

Mass of Creation

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur -
 rec - tion un - til you come a - gain, un - til you come a - gain.

Doxology Acclamation

Mass of Creation

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The Lord's Prayer
Lamb of God

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the
Assembly: world, have mer - cy on us.
Last time world, grant us peace.

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: *Lord, I am not worth that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Song During Communion

Now in this Banquet

Refrain
 *1. God of our jour - neys, day - break to night;
 2. Lead us to jus - tice and light.
 Grant us com - pas - sion, strength for the day,
 Wis - dom to walk in your way.

Verses 1, 2
 1. You who have touched us and graced us with love,
 2. Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;

D.C.
 make us your peo - ple of good - ness and light.
 o - pen our eyes to the glo - ry of God.

Verse 3
 3. God who makes the blind to see, God who makes the

lame to walk, bring us danc - ing in - to day,
 lead your peo - ple in your way. **D.C.**

Verse 4

4. Hope for the hope-less, light for the blind, **D.C.**

“Strong” is your name, Lord, “Gen-tle” and “Kind.”

Divine Mercy Parish Toy Collection

In partnership with Friends of the Poor and Catholic Social Services we are once again asking everyone to donate an unwrapped toy for distribution to kids at Christmas.

While gifts for young children are greatly appreciated and they would love to have them, we have been asked if you would think of kids 12-14 in your giving this year.

Some suggestions would be:

Nail polish sets, make up sets, plushies, nerf items, board games.

Please place your donation in the Christmas boxes in the vestibule before December 20.



Oplatki is on sale in the Parish Office \$3 for one or \$5 for two. Oplatki can be purchased during normal business hours.

...Brittain Banull DRE

Thanks to the children and families of Divine Mercy Parish for their wonderful generosity. Our program collected over 200 food items. The donations will be available to those who utilize the food pantry at Divine Mercy Parish. **Reminder:** There is still Religious Education Classes this weekend for the Thanksgiving weekend.

Religious Education Help Needed!!!

Our Religious Education program needs teachers and aides. Religious Education Classes for grades 1 to 4 are on Sundays from 9:00 AM to 9:50 AM, for grades 5 to 8 are from 11:00 AM to 11:50 AM. The following classes need teachers and aides:

Grade 6: 1 aide

Confirmation: 2 aides

If you are interested in one of these teacher or aide positions, please contact Brittain Banull at the Parish Office 570-344-1724.



Divine Mercy Parish will hold a temporary food pantry on WEEKDAYS from 10AM-1PM in our Parish Hall. It is first come, first serve. No proof of income is required. Please share for anyone who may be in need!

An advertisement for "Leadership Lackawanna Holiday Photos with Santa". At the top, it says "LEADERSHIP LACKAWANNA" in blue and green, with "Affiliate of The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce" in smaller text below. The main title "HOLIDAY PHOTOS with Santa" is in large green and red letters. Below that, it says "Sunday, December 5, 2021 • 11am to 4pm" and "Mercatili Segilia Park • 4046 Birney Avenue, Moosic". A paragraph follows: "This Leadership Lackawanna-run event is a fundraiser benefitting the refurbishment of Mercatili Segilia Park." To the left, it says "\$10 SESSION CASH ONLY" in blue. To the right, it says "Each session includes one professional photo digitally sent to your email. Pets welcome! All pets must be on a leash, in a carrier or held by the owner at all times." The central image shows Santa Claus in a red suit with a white beard, sitting on a reindeer. Two other reindeer are on either side, and two small elves in red and green outfits are standing in the snow. At the bottom, the website "leadershiplackawanna.com/projects" is written in green.

Minooka Lions Club Drive through Christmas with Santa will be held on December 11 at the YMSofR from 12PM-2PM.
Call Joy at 570-241-7528 with any questions!

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Gospel Today

Second Sunday of Advent | Luke 3:1-6

As written in Isaiah, John the Baptist proclaimed, "Prepare the way of the Lord."

Luke 3:4

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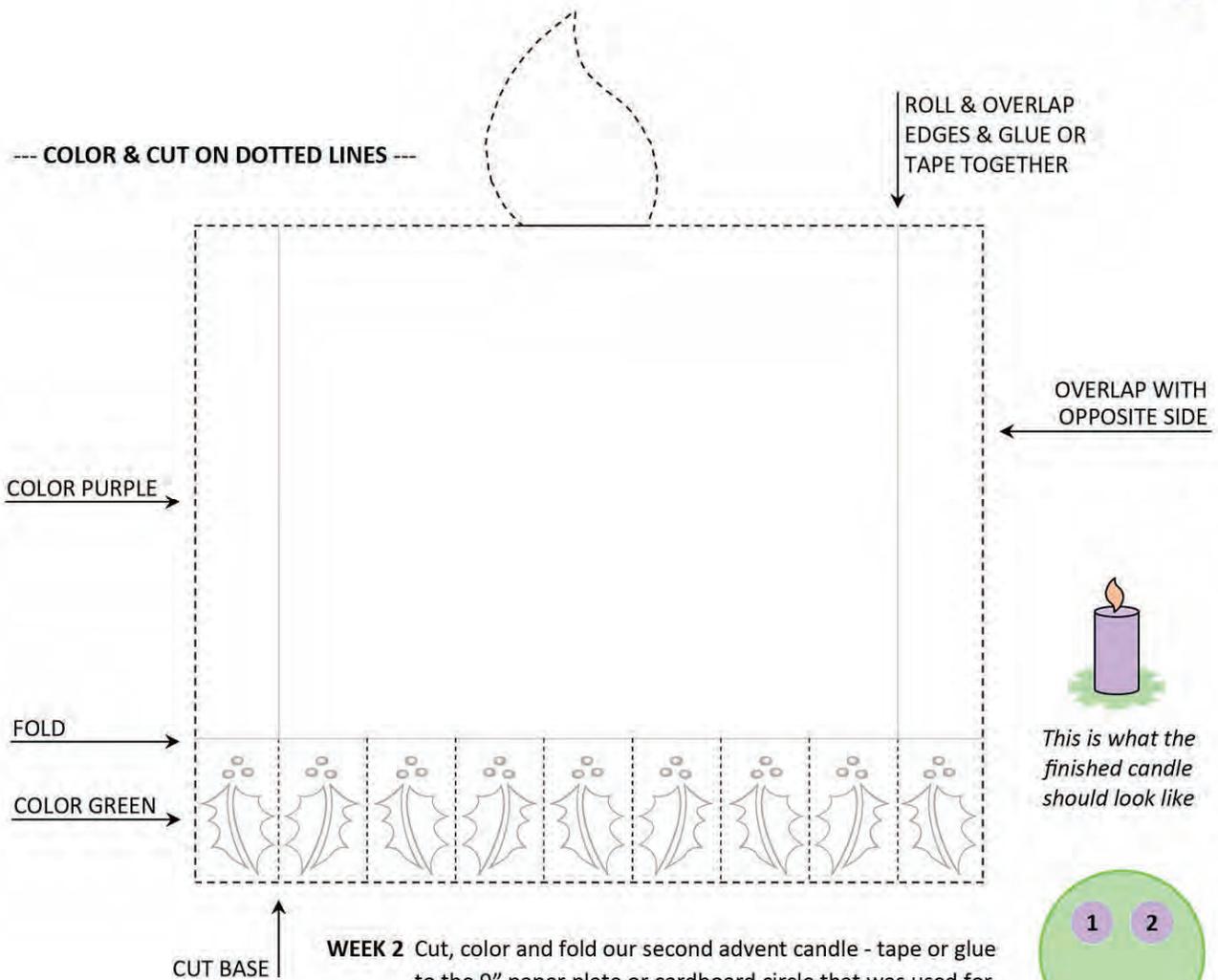
WEEK 2, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

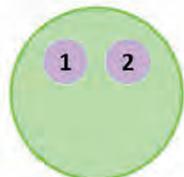
Oldest child lights 2 purple candles.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



This is what the finished candle should look like

WEEK 2 Cut, color and fold our second advent candle - tape or glue to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first candle. Place as shown on the diagram at right.



My Dear Parishioners,

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You have easy access to all of the material on FORMED to support your own faith journey and that of your family members.

Are you hesitant to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after a long absence? Watch *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*.

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My hope and prayer is that the content on FORMED will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith. Please pray for our benefactors who have made a FORMED subscription a reality for our parish. Please pray for the people at the Augustine Institute who create this wonderful and much-needed Catholic content for our people.

May the good Lord bless you and all of your loved ones!

Fr. Francis L Pauselli

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MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 6- DECEMBER 12, 2021

■ Monday 12:10 PM

For souls remembered on the altar

■ Tuesday 4:00 PM

Milford and Elizabeth Lukasiewicz

Requested by: Family

■ Wednesday 12:10 PM

John Maloney

Requested by: Peter Maloney

■ Thursday 12:10 PM

James P. Flannelly

Requested by: family

■ Friday 12:10 PM

Nancy Armstrong

Requested by: Greg Armstrong

■ Saturday 4:00 PM

Helen Lukachko

Requested by: Leona Juba

■ Sunday 10:00 AM

For the people

■ Sunday 5:00 PM

Phillip Ruthkosky

Requested by: Family

Ministry Schedule

December 11: 4:00PM SAT	10:00AM SUN	5:00PM SUN	
Cantor	Terry Deitz	Ned Abrahamsen	Nick Katchur
Lector	Germaine Helcoski	Tiffani Gilchrist	Brian Price
EM	Gerald Phillips	Linda Kavulich	Meg Kelly

Choir

Choir season has begun at Divine Mercy Parish! With COVID-19 cases remaining high, we have made some changes to our routine. The choir will sing every other Sunday at the 10AM Mass for the time being. Our schedule for the next few months will be as follows:

December 5th and 19th

New members are always welcome to join us!



The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Holy Day of Obligation

Mass will be held 4PM December 7th, December 8th
12:10PM



Starting with the First Sunday of Advent, the new Liturgical Year (Saturday, November 27th) the Mass schedule will be as follows:

**Saturday Vigil Mass 4PM.
Sunday 10AM & 5PM.**

Please note the Saturday Mass is changed to 4PM as of Saturday, November 27th.

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