

**St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church**

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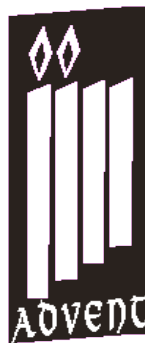
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Second Sunday of Advent - "A"

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December 4, 2016

O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people to God and to the Church.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, December 4th – II Sunday of Advent

Today John the Baptist calls us to repentance. He preaches judgment so that we may be saved and find Christ.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Eugenia Tyrrell**, of. by Mr. James Abicunas & Ms. Elizabeth Greenman.

- ✦ Confession.
- ✦ Collection for missions.
- ✦ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26; **Tue.**, Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14; **Wed.**, Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30; **Thu.**, Genesis 3:9-15.20; Ephesians 1:3-6.11-12; Luke 1:26-38; **Fri.**, Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew

11:16-19; **Sat.**, Sirach 48:1-4.9-11; Matthew 17:9a.10-13

MONDAY, December 5th – *Advent Weekday*

7:25AM – Holy Mass, intention: for health of **Jan Fryś**.

TUESDAY, December 6th – *Advent Weekday*

6:00PM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention for: Sp. **Edward, Elizabeth Halaburda...**(All Souls).

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

WEDNESDAY, December 7th – *Advent Weekday*

7:25AM - Rorate Mass, intention: for all **Deceased**.

THURSDAY, December 8th – Solemnity – Conception of the BVM – *Holy day of obligation*

9:00AM - Holy Mass – intention: for all **Parishioners**.

FRIDAY, December 9th – *Advent Weekday*

7:25AM – Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. **Bishop Casimir Grotnik**.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 11th – III Sunday of Advent

Advent Penitential Service

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Susan Berto-Bednarek**, of, by **Mr. Julian Bednarek**.

♣ Christmas Party after the Mass.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (John 1:6-8)

V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

R. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

I Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

The messianic rule of justice overflows into a vision of a peace amidst the animal creation.

GRADUAL (Jeremiah 23:5-6)

V. Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David; As king He shall reign and govern wisely, He shall do what is just and right in the land.

R. In His days Judah shall be saved, Israel shall dwell in security. This is the name they give Him: “The Lord our justice”.

II Reading: Romans 15:4-9

Scripture gives us examples of tolerance and hope, which we are invited to follow.

ALLELUIA (Sirach 2:18)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Let us fall into the hands of the Lord and not into the hands of men, for equal to His majesty is the mercy that He shows.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-12

St. John the Baptist preaches repentance and challenges those who are complacent with the coming judgment of God.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

May you be filled with the grace of repentance, and know the merciful love of the Lord in your lives in this Advent season.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 6:00PM)

Dec. 11 – Cover Dish Christmas Party

Dec. 17 – First Holy Communion Catechism Class (9:30AM)

Dec. 18 – Decorating the church for Christmas

Dec. 24 – Christmas Vigil Mass – 4:00PM; Christmas Eve Mass – 10:00PM

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass – 10:00AM – Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** and to the Choir members;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

DIOCESAN CHURCH DUES – has been increased to **\$25.00**; therefore beginning **January 2017**, our church dues will be **\$137.00** per adult member.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS – are available in the vestibule. Free will offerings are for our organist, Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016 – covered dish, will take place on **Sunday, December 11 after the Mass** in the hall.

Everyone are welcome! If you decide to join us at this celebration, please sign up the list in the vestibule and

what kind of food you would like to bring for the party. Please, bring one inexpensive gift also.

Parents and guardians are responsible to provide gifts for their children.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Rev. Cpt Joseph Kolek** (US Army Chaplain Corps) and his family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 8 – Jolene Johnston.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Raymond Drada - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik. At **Nursing Homes: NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. **Frackville Nursing Home** – John Etcho (303). **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda.



HOSPITAL VISIT. If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.


DEATH NOTICE – **Mrs. Hildegard M. Tomczyk** (Maciejewski) born in Albany, NY (Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa PNCC, Latham, NY) – the wife of Father Edward Tomczyk – passed away on December 1,

2016 at her apartment. She was a daughter of the late John F. and Barbara Ann (Jablonski) Maciejewski. Mrs. Tomczyk will be buried at our cemetery on Saturday, **December 17** at **11:00AM**.

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, o Lord...

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Dec. 11** – Sp. Susan Berto-Bednarek; **Dec. 18** – Sp. James Dean.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

 **WELCOME OUR VISITORS** – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. **WELCOME!** You are always welcome to join us in worship. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend.**

PNCC Future Direction Message - If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

Giving Meaningful Gifts to Those You Love This Christmas

The PNU has many meaningful gift ideas for your children and grandchildren this Christmas...Gifts that will provide significant benefits for many years. Give the gift of an endowment or life insurance policy and your child/grandchild not only has financial security but also becomes eligible for PNU benefits like college stipends, membership in the Spojnia Credit Union, branch and district activities and much, much more. Contact your Branch Secretary or call the PNU Home Office at 1-800-724-6352 for more information.

