

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

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First Sunday of Advent - "B"

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December 3, 2017

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 3rd - I Sunday of Advent



At the beginning of Advent, God calls us to a new level of spiritual attentiveness. Let us rejoice that we are called to be members of Christ's Church, shaped by God's own hands.

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

- ⤴ Confession.
- ⤴ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⤴ Collection for Missions.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 2:1-5; or Isaiah 4:2-6; Matthew 8:5-11; **Tue.**, Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24; **Wed.**, Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37; **Thu.**, Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21.24-27; **Fri.**, Genesis 3:9-15.20; Ephesians 1:3-6.11-

12; Luke 1:26-38; Sat. Isaiah 30:19-21.23-26; Matthew 9:35 – 10:1.5a.6-8

WEDNESDAY, December 6th – *Advent Weekday*

6:30AM - Rorate Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

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

THURSDAY, December 5th – *Advent Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, December 8th - Solemnity – Conception of the BVM

9:00AM - Holy Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, December 10th – II Sunday of Advent

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean, of. by wife, Marjorie.

▲ Christmas Party in the hall.

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 (Psalm 130:5-6; Lamentations 3:25-26)

V. I trust with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word. My soul looks for the Lord more than sentinels for daybreak.

R. Good is the Lord to one who waits for Him, to the soul that seeks Him. It is good to hope in silence for the saving help of the Lord.

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 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

A wayward people cry out in despair for God's presence, knowing that God is their God.

GRADUAL (Luke 12:37a.38; 1 Thessalonians 5:6)

V. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. And should he come in the second watch or the third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants.

R. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

St. Paul gives thanks for all the graces bestowed upon us in Christ, who is faithful for ever.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 62:1)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. My soul rests in God alone, from Whom comes my salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

Jesus reminds us of the need to be vigilant for we do not know when He will return.

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 our loving Father, the divine potter, keep you alert and attentive throughout this Advent season.

COMING EVENTS

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

Dec. 10 – Covered Dish Christmas Party.

Dec. 17 – Advent Penitential Service begins before the Mass. Decorating the church for Christmas, after the Mass.

Dec. 24 – Sunday Mass – 10:00AM; Christmas Vigil Mass – 4:00PM; Christmas Mass (Pasterka) – 10:00PM.

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Mass – 11:00AM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

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



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017 – covered dish, will be held in our church hall on **Sunday, December 10, 2017** after the Mass. 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 would you like to bring for the party. Please, bring one inexpensive gift also. Parents and guardians are responsible to provide gifts for their children. The deadline to sign up is December 3.

2018 HOME BLESSINGS – will start on after January 6. If anyone would like your home to be blessed, please sign up your name on the list at the vestibule; the deadline is December 3.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Bishop Paul Sobiechowski**, his family, and Parishioners of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester, NH.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (Oplatki) – are available in the vestibule. Free will offering are for our Organist, Mrs. Cindy. Thank you.



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 Janusz Lucarz - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim – Al Gursky. At **Nursing Homes:** NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. **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.

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.

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SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

2017 EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMISSION RAFFLE – As fall is quickly approaching and we are all getting ready for the start of a new school year, the Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is hosting a raffle to benefit our College Stipend Program, which is awarded to those college students based on the rules and regulations of this commission.

The raffle will be held on December 14, 2017 @ the PNU Home Office, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. Donations for these tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00.

First Prize – \$400 cash

Second Prize – Beats Pill + Bluetooth Speaker

Third Prize- Apple TV.

(raffle tickets can be obtained in your parish hall or the PNU Home Office)

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity as we try to encourage our youth to become the future leaders within our parish community and the Polish National Union of America. Monetary donations are also graciously accepted towards the funding for this stipend program, and can be mailed directly to the following address: **Education and Youth Commission, c/o PNU of America, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa 18505 (checks made payable to Education and Youth Commission).** *Thank you, if you have any questions in regards to this program or raffle, please contact Mary Ann Stankowski @ 570-341-0986, or Carol Mikovsky @ 570-344-0916, ,or email EYC@pnu.org.*

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2017.** Therefore, please, be responsible for your own church and fulfill your obligation to the Parish before that date. **THANK YOU.** A member, who fulfills the financial obligation to the Parish, by paying our yearly dues (**\$137.00**), is a financial good standing member of the Church. This means that he/she is a voting member of the Parish, can be elected to the Parish Committee, can be elected as a delegate for Synods and Seniorate Council, can be married in the church, and when time comes could be buried at the Parish Cemetery.

Week 1 of Advent, Hope

Dear Jesus, You are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to Your voice, and focus on what's really