

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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First Sunday of Advent - "C"
Pierwsza Niedziela Adwentu

December 2, 2018

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 2nd - I Sunday of Advent

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

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

MONDAY, December 3rd – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. **Edward Gursky**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

TUESDAY, December 4th - *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. **Ronald Antalosky**...(All Souls).

WEDNESDAY, December 5th – *Advent Weekday*

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

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

THURSDAY, December 6th – *Advent Weekday*

9:00AM – **Requiem Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Patricia Abicunas...(All Souls).

FRIDAY, December 7th – *First Friday of the month*

4:15PM – **Holy Mass** to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

5-6:00PM – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

SATURDAY, December 8th – **Solemnity – Conception of the BVM**

10:00AM – **Holy Mass** and Litany to the **BVM**.

NEXT SUNDAY, December 9th – **II Sunday of Advent**

10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Al and Louise Gursky, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

- Covered dish Christmas Party.

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 Świątemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Prayer:

P. Listen to the voice of one crying in the desert: Make ready the way of the Lord.

R. Make straight His paths!

P. Eternal, only-begotten Son of God, in this Holy Season of Advent, prepare our hearts to celebrate Your birth.

R. Cleanse our hearts through sincere penance * and grant us the spirit of silence which we need to celebrate Your mysteries.

P. O Lord, You give Yourself to all men of good will.

R. Our hearts truly long for You.

P. Come and free us from the slavery of sin.

R. Come and bring us new life.

P. Make our hearts Your worthy dwelling place.

R. Deliver us from being lukewarm or indifferent in Your Service.

P. That we may meet You with confidence.

R. When You will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.

P. Lord, teach us Your ways.

R. Lord, show us Your paths.

Let us Pray. O God, You gladden us year after year with the promise of our redemption; grant we ask You, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that we who now prepare for the coming of the Redeemer may also behold Him without fear when He comes as our judge, our Lord, Jesus Christ, who with You lives and reigns, world without end.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 92:2-3)

V. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to Your name, Most High.

R. To proclaim Your love in the morning and your faithfulness in the night.

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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

GRADUAL (Psalms 89:36-37)

V. By My holiness I swore once for all: I will never be false to David.

R. His dynasty will continue forever, his throne, like the sun before Me.

II Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

ALLELUIA (1 Thessalonians 3:12a,13b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. May the Lord strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His holy ones.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28.34-36

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.
- **December 16 – Advent Penitential Service** before the Mass. We are going to decorate our church for Christmas on **Sunday, Dec. 16** after the Holy Mass. Please, mark your calendar.
- **Upcoming liturgy events: Dec. 24 at 4:00PM – Christmas Vigil Mass; 10:00PM – Christmas Eve Mass (Pasterka); December 25 – 11:00AM Mass.**



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018 – covered dish, will be held in our church hall on **Sunday, December 9, 2018** 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 2.**

2019 HOME BLESSING – will begin after January 6. If anyone would like your home to be blessed, please sign up your name on the list at the vestibule; deadline is **December 2.**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 7 – Cindy Eickhoff; 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 – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross. At **Nursing Home: in Frackville:** Thomas Justen; **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda.

DEATH NOTICE – Sp. **Carolyn Boychak** passed away on Friday, November 30. ***Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her, o Lord...***

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

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.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2018**. 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.

“Dear Heavenly Father, it’s the **first Sunday in Advent**, a season of anticipation and celebration—a time to reflect on every good thing you’ve *already* done for us in Jesus, and the glorious things yet to be realized.

You’ve made promises you alone can keep; you give peace that can be found nowhere else; you’ve pledged a hope you alone can fulfill. We praise you; we bless you; we worship you. As Advent progresses, fill us to overflowing with gratitude, humility and joy.

Father, grant us intense longings—like the ones that filled the heart of the prophets. The promise of grace and the Spirit of Christ *thrilled* them, as they anticipated the era of the Messiah—the time when you would begin to make all things new through Jesus.

And grant us joy-filled intrigue, like that felt by the angels. Your heavenly servants were overwhelmed as they pondered your unfolding story of redemption and restoration, for men *and* creation. *We* are the people the prophets were speaking about. *We* are the people angels envied. Hallelujah, many times over!

Lord Jesus, multiplied “glories” have already come to us, and many, many more will follow, all because of the sufferings you offered on our behalf—once and for all. Indeed, every promise God has made finds its “Yes!” in you. May this entire Advent season bring us back to your manger, back to your cross, back to your empty tomb; and moving forward with you into your new creation story.

Long expected Jesus, you have come and you are coming again. You are the desire of every nation; you are the joy of every longing heart. By your all sufficient merit, you *have* raised us and you will raise us *yet*. So very Amen we pray, with gratitude and anticipation, in your loving and triumphant name.”