

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

December 23, 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 23rd - IV Sunday of Advent

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Carolyn Boychak**, of. by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

MONDAY, December 24th – Vigil of the Nativity

4:00PM – Christmas Vigil Mass

10:00PM – Solemn Christmas Mass of the Shepherds (Pasterka), intention: for all **Parishioners**.

TUESDAY, December 25th – Nativity of our Lord

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEDNESDAY, December 26th – Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr

10:00AM – Holy Mass

THURSDAY, December 27th – Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

6:00PM – Holy Mass

FRIDAY, December 28th – Holy Innocents

9:00AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SATURDAY, December 29th – Solemnity – Holy Family

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

NEXT SUNDAY, December 30th – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

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

- Collection for the Seminary.

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.

THE **FOURTH** SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Prayer of Intercession

Prayer:

P. Prince of Peace and Lord, Jesus Christ, Father of the world to come, You will return with power and glory on the clouds of heaven. Now You dwell among us in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, not as our judge, but as our Brother who wishes to share with us the riches of His inheritance. Hear we ask You, the petitions of Your people!

R. Have mercy, o Lord, have mercy.

P. Prepare our hearts for a fervent celebration of Your Nativity.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Lead all those who doubt and disbelieve to acknowledge Your Divine Glory.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Help the poor, console the afflicted, and deliver the oppressed.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Banish from our midst all quarrels and wars, lies, treachery and injustice; and make us all one in You.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Grant that, amidst the joys and sorrows of this life, we may always long for Your coming.

R. We ask You, hear us.

P. Have mercy on us in the day of judgment and lead us all to the glory of eternal life.

R. We ask You, hear us.

Let us pray: For You are He who is to come in the splendor of the heavenly armies. You gather Your people at the Eucharistic Table, as You will one day gather them from all times and all nations to the wedding feast in Your Kingdom, where You live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in all eternity.

R. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Micah 5:1)

V. But you, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah,

R. From you shall come forth for Me one who is to be ruler in Israel; Whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.

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: Micah 5:1-5

GRADUAL (Micah 5:3)

V. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the Lord, in the majestic name of the Lord, his God.

R. And they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth.

II Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

ALLELUIA (James 5:8)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. You too must be patient. Make your heart firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

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.

THANK YOU to our **Parishioners** and **Friends** for decorating the church for Christmas last Sunday. Thank you so much to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** for her work in the church during this week! We will remove these decorations on Sunday, **January 13**, after the Mass.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...**\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00** each additional hour, and **\$50.00** returnable deposit.
- **Upcoming liturgy events: Dec. 24 at 4:00PM – Christmas Vigil Mass; 10:00PM – Christmas Eve Mass (Pasterka); December 25 – 11:00AM Mass; Feb. 24, 2019 – Annual Parish Meeting** after the Mass.



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 - Thomas Justen; **H & R Center Tremont**: Dolores Halaburda (309).

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.