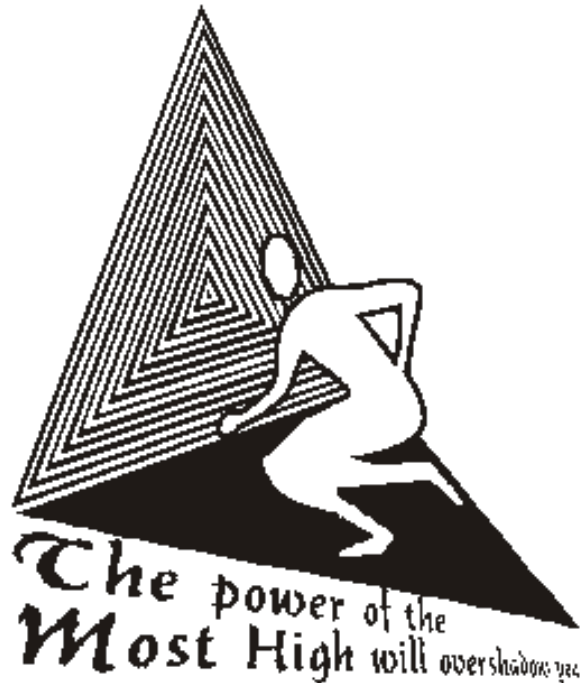


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Fourth Sunday of Advent - "B"
Czwarta Niedziela Adwentu

December 20, 2020

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Following the rules – the Country and the Church – faithful attend services on their own responsibility. Red phase: 10 people (no more!) could be in the church; yellow phase – 25, keep at least 6 feet social distance, you have to wear the face mask, use sanitizers; Holy Communion will be distributed to those who would like to receive the Sacrament.

Today, December 20th – IV Sunday of Advent

Holy Mass; intention: for Sp. Howard Greenman, of. by daughter, Elizabeth.

MONDAY, December 21st – Feast – St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Father Adam Czarnecki, his family, and parishioners of St. Valentine's parish in Northampton, MA.

WEDNESDAY, December 23rd – *Advent Weekday*

8:00AM – Rorate Holy Mass

THURSDAY, December 24th – Vigil of the Nativity

4:00PM – Christmas Vigil Holy Mass

10:00PM – Mass of Shepherds (Pasterka); intention: for all Parishioners.

FRIDAY, December 25th – Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord

11:00AM – Holy Mass

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

10:00AM - Holy Mass for our benefactors.

5:00PM – Holy Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, December 27th – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

10:00AM – Holy Mass; intention: for all Parishioners.

Today's liturgy

Today's readings are examples of seeking wisdom and trying to work out the best thing to do. David wants to know if he should build a magnificent piece of architecture as God's dwelling place, whilst Mary wonders how she can be the one who provides the precious dwelling for the unborn Son of God.

ENTRANCE RITE (Luke 1:28.42; Judith 15:9b)

V. Hail favored one! The Lord is with you. Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb!

R. You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel! You are the splendid boast of our people.

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

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

I Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5.8-12.14.16

GRADUAL (Matthew 1:18; Galatians 4:4)

V. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit.

R. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under the law.

II Reading: Romans 16:25-27

ALLELUIA (Jeremiah 32:27)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. I am the Lord, the God of all mankind! Is anything impossible to Me?

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

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.

Act of Spiritual Communion

(To be used at the time of communion when not receiving the sacrament or anytime we wish to be united with our Lord)

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. 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 24 at 4:00PM** – Christmas Vigil Mass; **10:00PM** – **Mass of Shepherds** (Pasterka).
- **December 25 – Holy Mass at 11:00AM.**

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - Father Adam Czarnecki, his family, and parishioners of St. Valentine's parish in Northampton, MA.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS (Oplatki) – are available in the vestibule; free will offerings are for our organist, **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff**.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Father Richard Wosiak - Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Marjorie Dean - Jaden Leiby. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda (309); **Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA** – Marie Demnitski (223).



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.



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**.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2020**. 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.

PNCC 2020 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods.

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through **2020**: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will give us a better sense of ourselves as the Church. During 2020 we will examine the lives of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship*

to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living. Please, see the monthly Future Direction messages regarding this effort with reflections for living this out daily.

DECEMBER – ST. JOSEPH – PROTECTOR OF THE LORD: OBEDIENCE, TRUST, PATIENCE

Reflection Question: St. Joseph was obedient to the will of the Father even when asked to do some very difficult things. Have you struggled to embrace God's will for your life in the past? How can you spiritually prepare to more fully surrender your life as a disciple of Jesus?

A PRAYER in OUR TIME of the CORONAVIRUS

(adapted from the monthly publication, America)

O Jesus Christ, my Savior and healer, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help, who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. **Amen.**

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him, o God, we humbly pray, and you, o Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen.

