



## St. John the Baptist Parish

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### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Druga Niedziela Zwyczajła – “B” January 17, 2021

#### Events for the week:

**Sun., 1/17/21 – 10:00AM** - Holy Mass  
intention: for Sp. **Joanne Plaxa**, of. by  
Sandra & Angela Elsavage.

**Mon., 1/18/21 – 8:00AM** – Holy Mass  
intention: for all Parishioners.

**Thursday, 1/21/21 – 8:00AM** – Holy  
Mass for Rev. Adam Piekarczywski, his  
family and parishioners.

**Fri., 1/22/21 – 8:00AM** – Holy Mass  
for Christian Unity and Litany to the  
Holy Spirit.

**Sat., 1/23/21 – 8:45AM** – Holy Mass  
and Litany to the BVM.

**Next Sunday, Jan. 24 – Holy Mass** for Sp.  
John David's family.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER for:** - Father  
Adam Piekarczywski, his family and  
parishioners of St. John the Baptist parish  
in Manchester, CT.

*In today's Gospel, Jesus invites Andrew and his companion to come to his home and spend time with him. We gather today also in response to His invitation to be with Him and to deepen our relationship with Him.*

**I Reading:** I Samuel 3:3-10.19

**II Reading:** I Corinthians 6:13-15.17-20

**GOSPEL:** John 1:35-42

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and you will see.” So, they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas” (which means Peter).

#### 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.
- **February 17 – Ash Wednesday**
- **March 7 – Annual Parish meeting** after the Mass.
- **Friday, March 26 – Halushki sale;** pre-order till **March 19** - \$7.00 per quart.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: January 21 – Lucas Tokarczyk.

**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).

**FUTURE MASS INTENTIONS:** Jan. 24: Sp. John David's family; Jan. 31: Sp. Joanne Plaxa; Feb. 7: Sp. Michael & Sophia Stetts; Feb. 14: Sp. James Dean; Feb. 21: Sp. John David's family; Feb. 28: Sp. Julian Bednarek Sr.; March 7: Sp. Joanne Plaxa; March 14: for our Congregation; March 21: Sp. James Dean; March 28: Sp. John David's family.

**PNCC SPIRITUAL RETREAT** - the upcoming P.N.C.C. Spiritual Retreat "We Will Trust in You" hosted by the P.N.C.C. Future Direction Committee on **Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.** We hope that you will be able to join in this Zoom event for this 2021 Discipleship Reflection. Email [pbmikovsky@pncc.org](mailto:pbmikovsky@pncc.org) or [robnem21@aol.com](mailto:robnem21@aol.com) by **January 18, 2021** to receive the Zoom link.

**PNCC 2021 Future Direction Plan Committee** – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> General Synods.

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through **2021: *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 2021 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.***

#### **JANUARY – DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN**

**Reflection and Action Item:** Daniel was raised to high office by King Darius. His jealous rival trick the King to decree that no prayers should be addressed to anyone but the King. Daniel continued to be steadfast in his prayer to God. Thus, he was thrown into the lion's den and as we know God protected and saved him because of his great faith. As Daniel said *"My God sent His angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in His sight."* (Daniel 6:22). This story teaches us that no one or nothing is a match for the True God and that God provides for those who are faithful and devoted to Him. So even in the midst of difficult and challenging times such as this ongoing pandemic – let us continue to put our faith and trust in God. Be steadfast in your **daily** prayer and encourage others to put their faith and trust in God, who will guide us through this storm. Do not lose heart but be strong in your faith and encourage others to do the same.