



St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Second Sunday of Advent - "C"
Druga Niedziela Adwentu
December 5, 2021

Events for the week:

Sun., 12/5/21 – 10:00AM - Holy Mass,
intention: for all Parishioners.

- Collection for Missions.
- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Litany.

Mon., 12/6/21 – 8:00AM – Holy Mass,
intention: for Vocation to the Priesthood.

Tue., 12/7/21 – 8:00AM – *Rorate* Mass

**Wed., 12/8/21 – Solemnity –
Conception of the BVM; 9:00AM – Holy
Mass,** intention: for Protection of Life.

Fri., 12/10/21 – 8:00AM - Holy Mass
and Litany to the HNoFJ (Holy Name of
Jesus)

Sat., 12/11/21 – 8:45AM Holy Mass
and Litany to the BVM.

**Next Sunday, Dec. 12: III Sunday of
Advent – 10:00AM - Holy Mass** for all
Parishioners.

- Covered dish Christmas Party.

The key to all our success stories is to be found in the preparations we make for them. Today we are invited to prepare a way for the Lord.

I Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

II Reading: Philippians 1:4-6.8-II

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

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.
- **Dec. 12** – Covered dish Christmas Party after the Mass.
- **Dec. 17** – Halushkie sale; preparation begins Dec. 16.
- **Dec. 19** – **Advent Penitential Service (before the Mass)** and Decorating church for Christmas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to: Dec. 7 – Cindy Eickhoff; Dec. 8 – Jolene Johnstone.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Father Richard Wosiak – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Monika Dudek – Elaine Antalosky. *H & R Center Tremont Dolores Halaburda (309); Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski (223), *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen (272).

FUTURE MASS INTENTIONS: Dec. 12: all Parishioners; Dec. 19: +James Dean; Dec. 26: +John David's family.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2021**. 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.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2021 – covered dish, will be held in our church hall on **Sunday, December 12** 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. The deadline to sign up is **December 5**.

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

DECEMBER – OUR BLESSED MOTHER AND ST. JOSEPH

Reflection and Action item: The Holy Family of Nazareth is the chosen instrument by which the Savior entered into human history. The Blessed Mother and St. Joseph are the first group of disciples – indeed, the first domestic Church – for they heard and believed the Good News and then together responded in humble obedience to the will of the Father, even when things were not easy. They sacrificially put Jesus first and show us what we can become if we will do the same. Their family life is the first, greatest and clearest example of the kind of cooperation that we too are called to give to God's grace as He seeks to make Jesus present in the world through us.