



**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
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**Third Sunday of Advent - "C"**  
Trzecia Niedziela Adwentu  
**December 12, 2021**

### Events for the week:

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

➤ Covered dish Christmas Party.

**Mon., 12/13/21 – Solemnity - Our Lady of Guadalupe - 7:50AM – Holy Mass** and Litany to the BVM.

**Tue., 12/14/21 – 7:50AM – Rorate Mass**

**Fri., 12/17/21 – 11am – 5:pm – Halushkie sale**

**Holy Mass** for God's blessing for Veronica on her Birthday.

**Sat., 12/18/21 – 11:00 – Memorial Mass** for +Joanne Plaxa.

**Next Sunday, Dec. 19: IV Sunday of Advent – Advent Penitential Service before the Mass**

**10:00AM - Holy Mass** for +James Dean.

➤ Decorating the church for Christmas, after the Mass.

On this Gaudete Sunday, we rejoice in the promise of the incarnation of our Savior, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. He alone can give us true happiness.

**I Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18**

**II Reading: Philippians 4:4-7**

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18**

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics, he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptize you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in His hand to clear His threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

### 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. 19 – Advent Penitential Service (before the Mass)** and Decorating church for Christmas.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** to: Dec. 14 – Angela Elsavage; Dec. 18 – Veronica Plichta.

**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. 19: +James Dean; Dec. 26: +John David's family.

**THANK YOU** very much to Ladies, Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society for purchasing the rose chasuble! *Bóg Zapłać!*

**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.

**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.