



St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Fourth Sunday of Advent - "C"
Czwarta Niedziela Adwentu
December 19, 2021

Events for the week:

Sun., 12/19/21 – Advent Penitential Service with the Sacrament of Penance, before the Mass; **10:00AM - Holy Mass** for +James Dean, of. by wife, Marjorie.

➤ Decorating the church for Christmas, after the Mass.

Mon., 12/20/21 – 7:50AM – Holy Mass; intention: for conversion of our Parishioners

Tue., 12/21/21 – Feast: St. Thomas, Apostle; 7:50AM – Holy Mass

Fri., 12/24/21 – Vigil of the Nativity 4:00PM – Christmas Vigil Mass

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

Sat., 12/25/21 – Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord - 11:00 – Holy Mass, intention: for the peace of the world.

Next Sunday, Dec. 26: Solemnity of Humble Shepherds

10:00AM - Holy Mass for +John David's family.

During Advent we have pondered on the message of Old Testament prophets foretelling the birth of the Messiah. Today we are led to reflect upon Mary, Our Lady, as she prepared to become the mother of the Lord.

I Reading: Micah 5:1-4

II Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honored with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

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.

THANK YOU very much to our **Parishioners** for preparing the Christmas Party last Sunday, and thank you to those, who participated in it!

➤ Collection for Savonarola Seminary.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to: Dec. 19 – Rosemary Savistky, George Tokarczyk.

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. 26: +John David's family.



THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners who took actively part to prepare halushkie sale last Friday; especially to **Mr. Lance Nelson, Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck, and Ms. Elizabeth Greenman.**

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.

