



St. John the Baptist Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

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Third Sunday of Advent - "A"

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December 11, 2022

99th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 12/11/22 – III Sunday of Advent
10:00AM – Holy Mass, for +James Dean, of. by wife, Marjorie.

 Christmas Party

Mon., 12/12/22 – Solemnity – Our Lady of Guadalupe – 8:55AM - Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

Tue., 12/13/22 — *Advent Weekday* – 8:55AM – Requiem Holy Mass for +Wojciech Janiec.

Wed., 12/14/22 – *Advent Weekday* – 8:55AM - Rorate Holy Mass

Thu., 12/15/22 – *Advent Weekday* – 8:55AM – Requiem Holy Mass for +Teresa Zaguła.

Next Sunday, Dec. 18: IV Sunday of Advent

Advent Penitential Service (*before the Mass*)

On the third Sunday of Advent we light the pink candle on the Advent wreath. On this "Gaudete" Sunday we focus on expectancy and celebration, "gaudete" being a Latin word commanding us to rejoice. We celebrate together in the hope we have because, despite the evils in the world, Christ is with us.

I Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6,10

II Reading: James 5:7-10

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask Him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: 'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. 'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

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.

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



Decorating the church for Christmas.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: Dec. 14 – Angela Elsavege.

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

Upcoming Mass intentions: Dec. 18: +John David's family.

**PRAY FOR
UKRAINE,
AND FOR THE PEACE OF THE
WORLD**

December 18 – Advent Penitential Service, before the Mass; Decorating the church for Christmas.

Sat., Dec. 24 – Christmas Vigil Mass – 4:00PM; Mass of Shepherds – 10:00PM. **Sun., Dec. 25** – 10:00AM.

KINDLY REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2022**. 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.

SNOW and ICE ALERT – During winter days, please remember that we do not cancel our Worship Services. In the case of unfavorable travel conditions, please make appropriate decisions about venturing forth.

HOLY DAYS of OBLIGATION (*days when Catholics should worship our Lord, by attending the Mass*) – a) Sundays throughout the year; b) Christmas Day – December 25th; c) The Circumcision of our Lord – January 1st; d) Ascension of the Lord; e) Dormition/Assumption of the BVM – August 15th; f) All Saints – November 1st; g) Conception of the BVM – December 8th.