


St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Fourth Sunday of Advent - "A"
Czwarta Niedziela Adwentu
December 18, 2022
99th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 12/18/22 – IV Sunday of Advent
10:00AM – **Advent Penitential Service**
prior to the Holy Mass, for +John David's
family, of. by Ms. Barbara David.

 Decorating the church for
Christmas.

Wed., 12/21/22 – Feast – **St. Thomas,**
Apostle – 8:55AM - Holy Mass

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

Sat., 12/24/22 – Vigil of the Lord's
Nativity

4:00PM – Vigil Mass

10:00PM – Mass of Shepherds, for all
Parishioners.

**Next Sunday, Dec. 25: Nativity of our
Lord**

10:00AM – Holy Mass for all
Parishioners.

We come here today to listen to the Good News – of God with us – just as those who went before us heard the Good News, and to be thankful for the Lord's continuing presence, and to take Him out to the world.

I Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

II Reading: Romans 1:1-7

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honor and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a Son and you must name Him Jesus, because He is the one who is to save His people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a Son and they will call Him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

Thank you very much to Everyone, who participated at our Christmas Party last Sunday, and thank you to Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck for decorating our hall! May God Bless Us!

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

Upcoming Mass intentions: Dec. 25: for Parishioners; **Jan. 1, 2023:** +John David's family; Jan. 8: +Michael & Sophia Stetts; Jan. 15: +James Dean; Jan. 22: +Edmund & Marcia Hessert.

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

- Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.

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.