



St. John the Baptist Parish
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Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord
Uroczystość Bożego Narodzenia
December 25, 2022
99th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 12/25/22 – Nativity of the Lord
10:00AM – Holy Mass, for all Parishioners.

Mon., 12/26/22 – Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr – 10:00AM - Holy Mass

Tue., 12/27/22 – Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist – 9:00AM - Holy Mass

Wed., 12/28/22 – Holy Innocents – 9:00AM - Holy Mass for Children & Youth.

Sat., 12/31/22 – Solemnity – Holy Family, New Year's Eve
10:00AM – Holy Mass

Next Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023: Circumcision of our Lord – New Year's Day
8:30AM – Holy Mass in Middleport, PA
10:00AM – Holy Mass for all +John David's family.

On this day a light dawned on the earth. The Savior of humankind came down from heaven. Let us lift up our hearts and rejoice with the angels at the coming of the Prince of Peace.

I Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

II Reading: Hebrews I:1-6

GOSPEL: John I:1-18

In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things came to be, not one thing had its being but through Him. All that came to be had life in him and that life was the light of men, a light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower. A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. The Word was the true light that enlightens all men; and He was coming into the world. He was in the world that had its being through Him, and the world did not know Him. He came to His own domain and His own people did not accept Him. But to all who did accept Him He gave power to become children of God, to all who believe in the name of him who was born not out of human stock or urge of the flesh or will of man but of God himself. The Word was made flesh, He lived among us, and we saw His glory, the glory that is His as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth. John appears as His witness. He proclaims: 'This is the one of whom I said: He who comes after me ranks before me because He existed before me.' Indeed, from His fullness we have, all of us, received—yes, grace in return for grace, since, though the Law was given through Moses, grace and truth have come through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God; it is the only Son, who is nearest to the Father's heart, who has made Him known.

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*: Dolores Halaburda; *Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski, Carl Guzik; *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.

Upcoming Mass intentions: 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**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thank you very much to **Ms. Barbara David** for buying two angels for our Christmas trees.

Thank you very much to **Mr. Kenneth Payne** and **his workers** for doing us a favor by removing the snow from our parking lot!

- 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.

We wish you and your loved ones: Blessed Christmas!
Świąt Bożego Narodzenia!