



STAY AWAKE!

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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First Sunday of Advent – “B”
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December 3, 2023
100th year of service

Events for the week:

**Sun., 12/3/23 – I Sunday of Advent
“B”**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for
+August & Anna Elsavaga., of. by Mrs.
Sandra Elsavage.



Confession.



Benediction and Litany to the
Most Blessed Sacrament.



Collection for missions.

**Mon., 12/4/23 – Commemoration – St.
Barbara, *Virgin & Martyr***
8:45AM – Holy Mass

Tue., 12/5/23 – *Advent Weekday*
Requiem Holy Mass for Deceased
members of the family, of. by the Pastor’s
family.

The coming of the Messiah to save the world, so longed for and anticipated by the prophets, has been fulfilled by the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7

II Reading: I Corinthians I:3-9

GOSPEL: Mark I3:33-37

Jesus said to His disciples: ‘Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!’

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Organist, Mrs. Janina for cleaning and decorating the church, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

Upcoming events:

- Sunday, December 17 – **Advent Penitential Service** before the Mass.
- Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent, and Christmas Eve; Holy Masses: **10:00AM, Christmas Vigil Mass – 4:00PM; Mass of Shepherds – 10:00PM.**
- December 25 – Christmas Day Mass at **11:00AM.**

Wed., 12/6/23 – Commemoration – St. Nicholas, *Bishop*
8:30AM – **Rorate Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.
6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

Thu., 12/7/23 – *Advent Weekday* - First Thursday of the month
8:40AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Clergy of the PNCC asking God’s blessing and gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Fri., 12/8/23 – Solemnity – Conception of the MVM
9:00AM – **Holy Mass**

Next Sunday, December 10: II Sunday of Lent
10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention for: +James Dean.

Next Sunday’s Mass intentions: Dec. 10: +James Dean; Dec. 17: +John David’s family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 7 – Cindy Eickhoff; December 8 – Jolene Johnston.

PNA Council 30I, formerly PNU District I, will be holding their annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 7, 2023, at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish Hall, 212 Wyoming Ave., Dupont, PA at 6:00 pm in conjunction with the quarterly meeting. The cost per person is **\$20.00**. A buffet dinner will be provided. Please make your reservations with Julie at 570-842-1603 by November 28, 2023. Payment for the dinner is also requested by that date. All members and their families are welcome to attend this evening of holiday fun and fellowship.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023 – is scheduled for **Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 12:00Noon** in Fountain Springs Country Inn at 52 Country Club Rd., Ashland, PA. *Everyone will order from a menu and pay for an own dinner.* Everyone are welcome! Deadline to sign names is **December 10**.

ADVENT – The Ecclesiastical Year begins on the first Sunday of Advent and ends on the Saturday following the last Sunday after Pentecost. Advent is composed of four weeks, during which with the patriarchs and prophets, we prepare to celebrate the first coming of our Lord in a Bethlehem stable. During Advent the approved liturgical colors are **blue, rose or violet**, unless otherwise indicated by the feast of the day. If violet vestments are used rose is recommended color for the Third Sunday in Advent. This is in keeping with the theme of joy. **The “Gloria” is omitted from the Mass liturgy.** It is a Polish custom from antiquity that a special votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated in the parish Church once a week (usually on a Wednesday). It is called “*Rorate*” Mass, from the first words of the Latin Introit “*rorate caeli*”. This unique Polish custom, first celebrated at the Wawel Cathedral in Krakow in 1545 dictates that seven candles are lighted and placed on the St. Mary’s Altar. The seventh candle is much taller than the rest and is decorated with a green branch tied with a white ribbon. This symbolizes the Old Testament prophecy fulfilled; the Messiah stemming from the “*Root of Jesse*”.

It is also customary, in some parishes, to prepare an Advent Wreath consisting of four candles in a circular wreath with a larger candle (the Christ candle) in the center. The Advent Wreath serves as a reminder of the four thousand years of expectation for the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ, born on Christmas Day. **Solemn Marriage ceremonies are forbidden without the explicit permission of the Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese.** (from “*Rites and Ritual*” – a liturgical handbook for the PNCC).

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for - James Panco – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause - Shawn Matz. *H & R Center Tremont: Dolores Halaburda. Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski. *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen

Our Party Menu

All entrees are served with bread, a house salad, potato, and a vegetable.

New York Strip Steak - \$20

Club Crab Cakes - \$15

Broiled Haddock - \$15

Crab Stuffed Haddock - \$19

Chicken Parmesan - \$15

Dessert - \$5 – *Homemade Cheesecake, Triple Chocolate Cake*

"An undisciplined child is a disgrace to its father; if it be a daughter, she brings him to poverty. A thoughtful daughter obtains a husband of her own; a shameless one is her father's grief. A hussy shames her father and her husband; she is despised by both". (Sirach 22:3-5)