

**"The Lord has done  
great things for us; we  
are filled with joy"**

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**Second Sunday of Advent – "C"**  
Druga Niedziela Adwentu  
**December 8, 2024**  
*101<sup>st</sup> year of service*

**Events for the week:**

**Sun., 12/8/24 – II Sunday of Advent**

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for  
+James Dean, of. by wife, Marjorie.

➤ *Confirmation Class.*

**Mon., 12/9/24 – Solemnity –  
Conception of the BVM**

8:30AM – Holy Mass for all  
Parishioners.

**Tue., 12/10/24 – Advent Weekday**

8:15AM – Requiem Holy Mass, for  
+Joseph & Aniela Plichta.

**Wed., 12/11/24 – Advent Weekday**

8:15AM – Rorate Holy Mass, intention:  
for all Parishioners.

**Thu., 12/12/24 – Solemnity – Our  
Lady of Guadalupe**

1:00PM – Halushki Sale preparation  
5:15PM – Holy Mass

The theme running through today's readings is that of joy, the joy we find in God's redeeming love, the joy we are called to share in the community of His Church. Let us open our hearts to this great gift.

**I Reading:** Baruch 5:1-9

**II Reading:** Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

**GOSPEL:** Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make His paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**THANK YOU very much** to **Mr. Kenneth Payne** and his associates for cleaning our parking lot from the snow!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**December 15** – Advent Penitential Service

**Fri., 12/13/24** – *Advent Weekday*  
11:00AM – 4:00PM – Halushki Sale

**Sat., 12/14/24** – *Advent Weekday*  
Votive Holy Mass of the BVM in Advent

**Next Sunday, December 15: III Sunday of Advent**

Advent Penitential Service prior the Mass

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

- *Decoration of the church for Christmas.*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 14 – Angela Elsavage.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

– especially for: Jean Keim – Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause. *H & R Center Tremont*: Dolores Halaburda. *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen. *Shenandoah Manor* – Betty Brazausky (A-14).

**December 29** – Covered dish brunch in the hall, after the Mass.

**PLANNED FUNDRAISERS:**

- Halushki sale – Friday, December 13; preparation work Dec. 12.

**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. **WARNING** – If someone would like to come to the rectory in the wintertime during bad weather conditions, please use the front porch entrance; the back porch could be full of ice all the time.



**CHRISTMAS PARTY 2024** – will be held at **La Dolce Casa** 16 W Broad St. in Tamaqua, PA on **Thursday, December 19 at 4:00PM**. Everyone are welcome, and each participant will be responsible to pay for a meal individually. The deadline to sign up list is Sunday, December 15.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS** – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.

**KINDLY REMINDER** – We would like to remind our Parishioners that all financial books for this year would be closed on **December 31, 2024**. 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.

**Next Sunday's Mass intentions:** Dec. 15: +John David's family; Dec. 22: +Peggy Hartz; Dec. 29: +Peggy Hartz.