

"Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel"

St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Third Sunday of Advent – "C"
Trzecia Niedziela Adwentu
December 15, 2024
101st year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 12/15/24 – III Sunday of Advent

10:00AM – Advent Penitential Service before the Mass

Holy Mass, intention: for +John David's family, of. by Ms. Barbara David

➤ *Decorating the church for Christmas.*

Mon., 12/16/24 – Advent Weekday

8:15AM – Requiem Holy Mass for +Leszek & Barbara Kowalczyk.

6:00PM – Choir practice for Christmas

Mon., 12/17/24 – Advent Weekday

Holy Mass ...

Wed., 12/18/24 – Advent Weekday

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

We are reminded by Saint Paul that "The Lord is very near". As pilgrims, hopefully awaiting His coming in the incarnation, we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, praying that the peace of God will guard our hearts in Christ Jesus.

I Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18

II Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptize you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

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 our Parishioners for preparing Halushki sale last Friday!

Sat., 12/21/24 – Feast – St. Thomas, Apostle
Holy Mass

Next Sunday, December 22: IV Sunday of Advent

10:00AM - Holy Mass, intention: for +Peggy Hartz.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are extended to: December 18 – Veronica (18th); December 19 – Rosemary Savitsky, George Tokarczyk.



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-I4).

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

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. 22: +Peggy Hartz; Dec. 29: +Peggy Hartz.