

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 17, 2017 – **3 Sunday of Advent**

- **9:30 AM** Holy Mass: + Frank Dougherty
- **10:30 AM** Christmas Parish Dinner (Lunch)
- Decorating of our church for Christmas after lunch

Monday, December 18, 2017 – **Advent Weekday**

Tuesday, December 19, 2017 – **Advent Weekday**

Wednesday, December 20, 2017 – **Advent Weekday**

Thursday, December 21, 2017 – **Advent Weekday**

Friday, December 22, 2017 – **Advent Weekday**

Saturday, December 23, 2017 – **Advent Weekday**

Sunday, December 24, 2017 – **4 Sunday of Advent**

- **9:30 AM** Holy Mass: + Raymond Taylor
- **10:00 PM** Traditional midnight Mass – *Pasterka*

Monday, December 25, 2017 – **Christmas**

- **9:30 AM** Christmas Mass  
Mass is offered for all our beloved dead.

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### FAITH SHARING

The third Sunday of Advent is called “*Gaudete Sunday*” because the Mass for today (in its original Latin text), begins with the opening antiphon: “*Gaudete in Domino semper*” --“*Rejoice in the Lord always.*” To remind ourselves that we are preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, we light the rose candle, and the priest may wear rose vestments. The common theme of the day’s Scripture readings is one of joy and encouragement. The readings urge us to make the preparations required of us as we await the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives. Holy Scripture reminds us that the coming of Jesus, past, present and future, is the reason for our rejoicing.



### CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Thank you for your Christmas Donations and Christmas Flowers Donations. They are very important for St. Valentine’s Parish. Recently we are facing some financial troubles. And still some costly projects are before us: broken sewage pipe, church and church hall heating system are not working properly neither.

Please be kind and generous for your parish. Thank you.



### WOOD LOGS AVAILABLE



After cutting some trees in our cemetery we have a lot of wood which can be good for fireplace. If you want to take it or maybe you know somebody who is looking for logs please contact Parish Office at 215-535-4978. The logs are located in our park – 875 Mill Rd, Bensalem.

### 2018 MASS OFFERINGS ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2018 Mass offerings envelopes. There are located in the back of the church. Please take them also for your relatives and friends who are not coming regularly for Sunday worship.

In case you can’t pick them up for some reason we can mail them to you. Please call Parish office.

### CHRISTMAS HOUSE BLESSING

If you wish your priest to come and bless your house, please schedule an appointment. He will come to your home at the most convenient time for you. Please call Parish Office at (215) 535-4978.



### CHRISTMAS PARISH DINNER

Today let us celebrate Christmas together as one parish family. Let me invite you for our Annual Christmas Dinner on December 17, 2017 after Mass. Following the Polish tradition let us brake the Oplatki and share it with each other wishing each other all graces and blessings we need.

Delicious mushroom soup, fish, pierogi and other traditional food from Polish Christmas Eve Supper (Wigilia) are waiting for us here.

After it we will decorate our church for Christmas together. Let’s be a family. Let’s have fun together. Let’s do it for our Lord. Christ is a risen for this season!



### OPLATKI FROM POLAND AVAILABLE



If you wish to have on your Christmas table Oplatki (Christmas wafers) made in Poland you can get them in our parish. They just arrived from Poland.

Oplatki are available after each Mass. We can ship them to your house as well. For more information please call Parish Office at (215) 535-4978.

## CHRISTMAS TIME MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Parish Dinner (Lunch this year)

**Sunday, December 17, 2017**

- 9:30 AM 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass
- 10:30 AM Christmas Parish Dinner
- Decorating of our church for Christmas after lunch

### Christmas Eve

**Sunday, December 24, 2017**

- 9:30 AM 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent Mass
- 10:00 PM Traditional midnight Mass – *Pasterka*

### Christmas Day Mass Schedule

**Monday, December 25, 2017**

- 9:30 AM Christmas Mass

### New Year Mass Schedule

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass: Solemnity - Holy Family, Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

**Monday, January 1, 2018**

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass: Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

**Saturday, January 6, 2018**

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass: Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

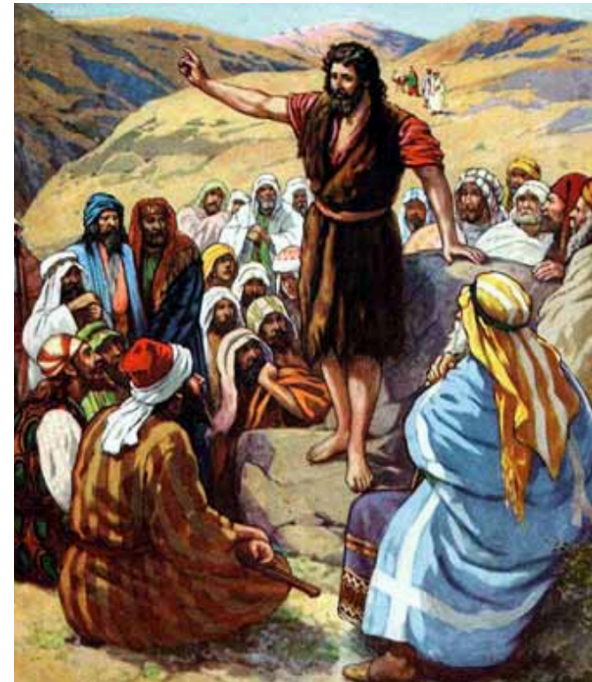
- 9:30 AM Holy Mass: Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**3 Niedziela Adventu**

**December 17, 2017**



### MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail this form and Mass stipend to: St. Valentine's PNCC, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137 or call parish office at (215) 535-4978.*