

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 9, 2018 – **Second Sunday of Advent**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**

+ Genowefa Plawecka (rocznica śmierci) – requested by Janusz Plawecki

Monday, December 10, 2018 – **Advent Weekday**

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 – **Advent Weekday**

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – **Advent Weekday**

Thursday, December 13, 2018 – **Advent Weekday**

Friday, December 14, 2018 – **Advent Weekday**

Saturday, December 15, 2018 – **Advent Weekday**

Sunday, December 16, 2018 – **Third Sunday of Advent**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**

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- **11:00 AM Parish Christmas Dinner**



FAITH SHARING

The Second Sunday of Advent challenges us to prepare a royal highway in our hearts for Jesus so that we may receive Him as our saving God during Christmas. We should also be prepared for Christ's daily coming into our lives in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible and in the praying community. Finally, we are asked to be ready to meet Jesus as our Judge on His *Second Coming*, at the end of our lives and at the end of the world.

CHRISTMAS LETTER

Christmas letter it's on the way or you have received it already. Please return your donations and your request for Christmas Mass to the Parish Office.



OPŁATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)

Opłatki for your Christmas table are blessed and available. Please make sure you have one. In every Polish family we share Opłatki with each other before Wigilia (Christmas Eve Supper).
\$2.00 donation to St. Valentine's PNCC.

FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS DINNER AT ST. VALENTINE'S



On Third Sunday of Advent, **December 16**, 2018 I'd like to invite all Parishioners and Friends with your Families to Annual Christmas Parish Dinner. This will help us to raise money for our broken heating.

Your donations and your help in this event is needed. Please let me know if you can help me and my wife in cooking, church hall decorating, etc.

CHURCH GUTTERS CLEANING

Our church building gutters were clogged for last few years after church roof replacement. Little pieces of the old roof, shingles and debris blocked the way for rain water. Our neighbors complained about ice on the sidewalk and rain water spraying like fountains during storms from our gutters. All six lines (church and church hall) have been jetted last Friday. Two lines on Melrose St. side are still partially blocked. Plumbers were able to make some way for rain water to go to the city sewage system, however it might still need work with heavier equipment in the future.

Clogged gutters caused a roof damage in our church hall on Melrose St. side. It needs to be fix as soon as possible before snowy days.

GAS LEAK IN OUR CHURCH HALL FIXED

We could all smell gas in our church hall during broken heating work. This gas pipe damage due to its age has been repaired already last week. Another problem is fixed. God is gracious to us.

BROKEN HEATING – UPDATE

Few sensors and meters were replaced already in our heating system. It seems to be working properly right now, but there is no guarantee that it still will if temperature outside will drop when winter comes. Furnace has to work longer and heavier then.

Plumbers were considering a replacement only the burner/blower but it is impossible. There were discontinued 17 years ago. There is no chance to get one like this. The similar to it won't fit the boiler. There is still one more part (~\$700) which maybe need to be replaced in the power burner.

In case of another failure the only option is a replacement of the whole system, boiler and burner. This might cost us \$31,500.00 (parts and labor).

We need your help. Sunday offerings are not enough to cover our bills. Only few families and individuals pay parish dues. There are many parishioners who did not support St. Valentine's for decades. Shame to say, but recently we got more support from our friends and sympathizers than from registered parishioners. If you can make some donations, please be as generous as possible. Every dollar makes a difference. Your donations will be highly appreciated.

DONATIONS

May God bless you for donations you have made already for repairing our church heating system. Few families and individuals sent us checks for this project. If you need a receipt for your taxes, please let us know.

However, those donations can't cover the cost of repair or replacement yet. We ask **ALL** our Parishioners and Friends to be responsible for your church. Only together we can do it.

SPECIAL PARISH MEETING

Special Parish Meeting is necessary to make few decisions about our Parish. We have to pray together and talk to each other about few possible ways our Parish should go. The date will be announced soon. Before that meeting few delegates from our Parish will meet with Bishop of Central Diocese to talk about St. Valentine's future.

PIEROGI SALE

If you want to help St. Valentine's Parish to resolve our financial problems, please consider to buy homemade pierogies for your Christmas table. Available will be potato&cheese, potato&onion, saurkraut and sauerkraut&mushrooms pierogies beginning next Sunday, Dec 16. Please use the order form. All orders must be pre-paid.

MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Due to broken, unstable heating I was not sure if we can organize mini Christmas Bazaar. But honestly speaking, we have no choice. Instead of counting on donations only, or wealthy sponsor, or some miracle we have to get to work. Years of negligence in maintaining our church hall must result in serious rain water damages in the basement and on second floor as well as underneath the church building. Moreover, the boiler working on the edge of safety, force us to stand up and say loudly and seriously **"I am responsible for my church!"** or **"I don't care, don't bother me!"**.

Each one of us has to make a choice and stand on this or that side. There is no middle ground. If you still love your church, say it. If you don't, say it as well. Then I will know whom I can ask for help, with whom I can work, with whom I can continue St. Valentine's rescue mission. We don't need any bystanders, doubters, or cynic laughers! We need here serious people who think wisely, who are not childish and upset or whispering behind my back.

Rise, famous St. Valentine's Parish, and help me to rebuild this community and the property! It's not too late yet.

Please make donations for our Bazaar of new and used, only Christmas related items. Although we have very short time, I am sure that you can help. As usually.

HOLY MASS INTENTION – THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Shopping, shopping, shopping... At this time of the year our minds are full of wonders what we can give to our beloved for Christmas. However, we usually think of those around us. We get some presents for them only.

Let me be a voice of those who passed away, those who can't seat at your Christmas table any more. Please don't forget about them in your prayers, because they never forget to pray for you.

And yes, they deserved to get some gift from you for Christmas. The Eucharist, the Holy Mass offered for them will be your perfect gift for your beloved dead. There is nothing better than that if you offer the Mass for somebody. Masses are available in our parish calendar every Sunday and every day of the week. Just let me know. I'm here to serve, and I will say Holy Mass whenever you ask me.



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2nd Sunday of Advent

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