

# LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**
- **11:00 AM Parish Christmas Dinner**

Monday, December 17, 2018 – **Advent Weekday**

Tuesday, December 18, 2018 – **Advent Weekday**

Wednesday, December 19, 2018 – **Advent Weekday**

Thursday, December 20, 2018 – **Advent Weekday**

Friday, December 21, 2018 – **Feast – St. Thomas, Apostle**

Saturday, December 22 2018 – **Advent Weekday**

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## FAITH SHARING

The central theme of today’s readings is the command “Rejoice!” We are to do so mainly by realizing the presence of Jesus in our midst and by receiving him into our lives through our repentance, our renewal of life and our doing of God’s will. Today is called “Gaudete” Sunday because today’s Mass begins with the opening antiphon, “*Gaudete in Domino semper*” (“Rejoice in the Lord always”). Today we light the rose candle of the Advent wreath, and the priest is wearing rose vestments,

to express our communal joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior. We rejoice because a) we are celebrating the day of Christ’s birth, b) we recognize his daily presence in our midst, and c) we wait for his return in glory.

## CHRISTMAS LETTER

If you have received the 2018 Christmas letter already, please respond to it. Please return your donations and your request for Christmas Mass to the Parish Office. There are three envelopes inside. Christmas donation is for St. Valentine’s Parish only, it helps us to pay our bills. Christmas flowers envelope is as usually for the Holy Mass on Christmas Day offered in memory of our beloved dead. The third envelope is for church heating system. Thank you for your donations. We can’t run our Parish without your help.



## OPLATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)

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

## 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.

### 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 Oplátky 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!



### MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you for your donated items for our Mini Christmas Bazaar. Please support our Parish by purchasing some of those items.

### 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.

Pick up dates for those who pre-ordered them are as follows:

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> after 9:30AM Mass in Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> 4:00PM – 7:00PM

Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 9:00AM – 2:00PM

Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> after 9:30AM Mass in Parish Hall

Still available will be potato&cheese and sauerkraut&mushrooms pierogies. Please use the order form. All orders must be pre-paid.

### 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.

### 2019 MASS OFFERINGS ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2019 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 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.



### 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.



### 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.*

# ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)

## CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve

Monday, December 24, 2018

- 10:00 PM The Traditional Shepherds' Mass – *Pasterka*

### Christmas Day

Tuesday, December 25, 2018 – Nativity of our Lord

- 9:30 AM Christmas Mass

### New Year

Sunday, December 30, 2018 – Solemnities – Holy Family and Humble Shepherds

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass

Sunday, January 6, 2019 – Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk

Sunday, January 13, 2019 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass



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

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**December 16, 2018**