

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 23, 2018 – **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**
+ Eleonora Orzechowski (54th Death Anniversary)

Monday, December 24, 2018 – **Vigil of the Nativity**

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

Tuesday, December 25 2018 – **Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord**

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**
For All Our Beloved Dead

Wednesday, December 26, 2018 – **Feast – St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**

Thursday, December 27, 2018 – **Feast – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Friday, December 28, 2018 – **Within the Octave of the Nativity**

Saturday, December 29 2018 – **Solemnity – Holy Family**

Sunday, December 30, 2018 – **Solemnity – Humble Shepherds**
Collection for the Seminary

- **9:30 AM Holy Mass**
For All Who Support St. Valentine's Parish



FAITH SHARING

Today's readings remind us that Jesus is reborn every day in ordinary people living ordinary lives, who have the willingness to respond to God's call and the openness to do God's will. They suggest that Christmas should inspire us to carry out God's word as Mary and Jesus did, in perfect obedience to His will, in cheerful kindness and unselfish generosity.

In the first reading, the prophet Micah insists that God chooses what is humanly insignificant and unpromising to bring about His own loving purposes. Micah gives assurance to the Jews that God is faithful to His promises, and that from the unimportant village of Bethlehem He will send them the long-expected ruler. He will restore order and harmony in the world by teaching and practicing submission to the will of God. *"God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will."*

In the Gospel, Luke tells us how two seemingly insignificant women met to celebrate the kindness and fidelity of God. It shows us how sensitive Mary was to the needs of Elizabeth, her older cousin, who had miraculously become pregnant in her old age. For Luke, discipleship consists in listening to God's word and then carrying it out, and Mary does both, to become the most perfect disciple.

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.

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.



MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Our Mini Christmas Bazaar brought us a little income to the parish account. Thank you for shopping. There are still some items available for sale in our church hall after Mass. Thank you for your donations.

PIEROGI SALE

Thank you all those who ordered pierogi from St. Valentine's Parish. Your purchase will support our church and I can guarantee the taste of Poland on your Christmas table. Those who ordered them and pre-paid, please remember that today is the last day to pick them up. Few dozen pierogi still are available for sale. Please let me know right after Mass today.

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.



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

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4th Sunday of Advent

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December 23, 2018