

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 1, 2019 – **1st Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Josephine Moskal (22 anniversary of death) & Frank Moskal (53 anniversary of death) – requested by the Kapuscinski Family

Monday, December 2, 2019 – **Advent Weekday**

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 – **Advent Weekday**

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 – **Advent Weekday**

Thursday, December 5, 2019 – **Advent Weekday**

Friday, December 6, 2019 – **Advent Weekday**

Saturday, December 7, 2019 – **Advent Weekday**

Sunday, December 8, 2019 – **2nd Sunday of Advent**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

Healing Mass offered for all our Parishioners and Friends, especially for all the sick and the elders of our Parish, with special blessing for all Children and Families.

11:00 AM The Annual Parish Christmas Dinner

FAITH SHARING

Today we begin our yearly pilgrimage through the events of our history of salvation starting with the preparation for the birthday celebration of Jesus and ending with the reflection on his glorious “second coming” as judge at the end of the world. We are entering the Advent season. Advent means coming. We are invited to meditate on Jesus’ first coming in history as a baby in Bethlehem, his daily coming into our lives



in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible and through the worshipping community and finally his *Second Coming* at the end of the world to reward the just and to punish the wicked. We see the traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments, no flowers and the Advent wreath. These signs remind us that we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling him to radiate his love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness around us.

In the first reading Isaiah describes his prophetic vision of all nations making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, affirming their Faith in the one true God.

In the second reading Paul exhorts the Roman Christian community to get ready to meet Jesus in his *Second Coming* by discharging their duties properly and by freeing themselves from their former pagan tendencies. We, too, are challenged to make spiritual preparations for Christ’s birth in our lives.

In today’s Gospel Jesus warns us of the urgency of vigilant preparation on our part that we may meet him as our Judge both at the end of our lives on earth and on the day of the Last Judgment when he comes in his glory. Jesus repeats his warning for us to be vigilant and well-prepared all the time, doing the will of God by loving others.



CHRISTMAS WAFERS – OPLATEK

The Oplatek will be available next Sunday, December 8! If you are interested in obtaining them for your Christmas Dinner celebration, please see Izabela. This is a beautiful tradition to maintain at your Christmas table.

PARISH OFFICE SUPPLIES AND CHURCH HALL SUPPLIES



We are still in need of the envelopes, post stamps, paper and toner. Also our church hall is in need of paper towels, toilet paper, napkins and coffee. Your donations are very appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity and big thanks to those who helped already.

CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

This year we will be decorating our church for Christmas on **Sunday, December 22**, right after Mass. Most of the decorations will be prepared, we need your help in hanging them on the walls, pews and setting the manger.



BLESSING OF CHILDREN BY PRIME BISHOP ANTHONY MIKOVSKY AND HEALING MASS FOR THE SICK WITH THE SPECIAL BLESSING AT ST. VALENTINE’S ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

On the Second Sunday of Advent, **December 8, 2019**, we will be blessed with a visit from the Most Reverend Anthony Mikovsky, the Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church. He will be the celebrant and homilist for **Holy Mass at 9:30 AM**. Our Primate will give his special Special Blessing to all children from our parish. Please mark your calendar and spread the word.

2019 Parish Christmas Dinner December 8, 2019



**Christmas
Dinner**

Traditionally we are having our Parish Christmas Dinner and Oplatek. All Parishioners, Families, Friends and Supporters are invited. **Special way we invite our elder parishioners, all sick and homebound.** We miss you at our church. The pews are empty now, because of your infirmities and old age. We would like to honor you with the special healing Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, and to

support you with our prayers. We would like to worship together with you one more time. If you are willing to join us at this day but you have difficulty in traveling, please let us know and call Parish Office. We can make some arrangements asking for help our fellow parishioners who can pick you up on the way to the church and drop you off after Mass and dinner.

We also invite all children. The Prime Bishop would like to give you his special blessing. Advent is a time of waiting for Baby Jesus. At Christmas all talk about Him. We would like to honor you with our special prayers for you and blessings. Parents, please remember the words of Our Lord "Let the children come to me" and help your offspring be present at this very special Mass.

SANTA AT ST. VALENTINE'S

Santa promised to be here with us after Mass in the Church Hall. Shhh... If you want to help Santa and toss the gift for your child to Santa's bag, you can do it. Only remember to wrap it and tag it with name to whom the gift goes. Gifts are not limited to children only. Santa is here for everyone.

As usually, similarly to our previous dinners we ask for your help. Each family can prepare different traditional Christmas Polish and American meals. We will be in touch with you.



ADVENT WREATH CANDLE IN MEMORY OF...

If you like to make an offering for the candle in this year Advent Wreath and light this candle in memory of someone who passed away or in some other intention, please let me know. The cost of one candle is \$4.00

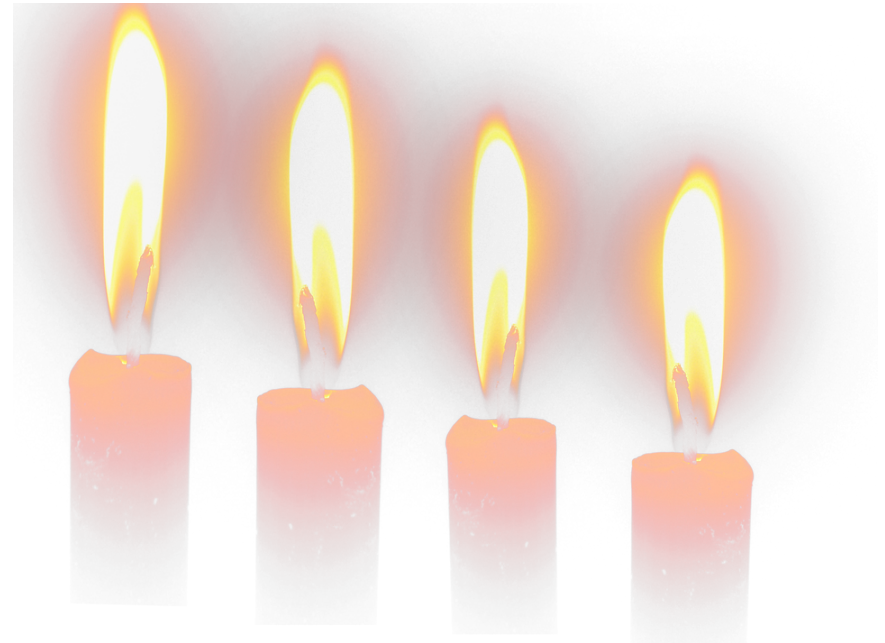
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