

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 29, 2019 – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

9:30 AM Holy Mass

Monday, December 30, 2019 – Within the Octave of the Nativity

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 – Within the Octave of the Nativity

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 – Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord

9:30 AM Holy Mass

Thursday, January 2, 2020 – Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus

Friday, January 3, 2020 – Christmas Weekday

Saturday, January 4, 2020 – Christmas Weekday

Sunday, January 5, 2020 – Solemnity – Holy Family & Epiphany of the Lord

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

FAITH SHARING



God shows His love for sinful man by sharing His love with us in the form of Jesus in Bethlehem. Jesus, in turn, saves us by His suffering, death and Resurrection.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah shows the Jews their God as a saving God Who will extend His redemption to His holy city.

In the second reading, St. Paul tells Titus that God saves us through His Son

Jesus, not because we have deserved it by our good deeds, but because of His mercy. Jesus continues His saving mission by allowing us to be reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, thus enabling us to become God's children and heirs of everlasting life.

Describing the response of the shepherds to the angelic message, today's Gospel invites us to offer ourselves as a gift to Jesus, our Lord and Savior and to bear witness to Him through our lives, by sharing love with others.

BLESSING OF YOUR HOUSE

As usually, at this time of the year, I offer the Blessing of the House service for St. Valentine's parishioners and friends. In 2017 nobody asked for it. In 2018 nobody asked neither. In 2019 only one family invited me to come over. Maybe in 2020 there will be at least one righteous family or individual looking for God's blessing?



CHURCH HALL 2ND FLOOR REPAIR

Tom and Albert started voluntarily repairing our church hall on the 2nd floor. Due to water damage from the roof earlier, the ceiling collapsed on the staircase, bathroom and hallway. It has to be fixed as soon as possible due to property insurance requirements. We will need volunteering parishioners to clean these areas after the repair is done. That will be only 2 hrs of work for 3-6 people.

I cleaned by myself with little of Leon's help the boiler room in the basement. That room was packed with all kind of junk and trash collected there for years. Now it looks nice and clean. I can volunteer to paint the walls **if somebody can donate the paint**. If you can do it, please let me know.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATION

Christmas Flowers Envelopes for donations for flowers to adorn the Christmas altars are on the table in the back of our church. This is a beautiful way show your love in honor of family, friends or loved ones. Thank you for your generosity. Thanks to you our church looks so beautiful now.

MY MISTAKE IN 2019 CHRISTMAS LETTER

During stuffing this year Christmas letter to our parishioners we totally forgot to include the envelope for your Christmas donation which goes to St. Valentine's Parish. I sincerely regret for it. The printed envelopes are located on the table in the back of the church. Please take one and respond to your parish needs. Christmas donation is very important to us.

SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The 2020 Sunday collection envelopes are available already. Please take yours and if you can deliver the envelopes to your relatives or friends please do so.

JANUARY 1 – THE HOLY DAY IN OBLIGATION

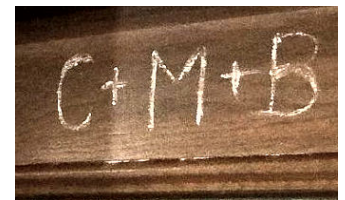
The New Year Day, January 1 is a holy day in obligation. PNCC observes the Solemnity of the Circumcision of our Lord. The Mass is on 9:30 AM

HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY AND EPIPHANY

The Solemnity of The Epiphany is this year on Monday, January 6, therefore we can combine this solemnity with The Holy Family and celebrate them both on Sunday, January 5.

The Church blesses on that day the Families, the incense, charcoal & chalk. Please bring the chalk with you to bless it and to write on your door the inscription K+M+B 2020 or 20+C+M+B+20. This is a very old Polish custom.

C, M and B **are not** the initials for the traditional names of the Magi (Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar), like many people think, but they are the abbreviation of the Latin blessing **Christus mansionem benedicat**, which means, May Christ bless this house.



PARISH DUES FOR 2020

It's time already to think about paying your parish dues for the year 2020. Many parishioners didn't pay dues for 2019 or even earlier. If you didn't pay yet, please do so. Many members don't pay their dues for years at all. Dues are an obligation in the Polish National Catholic Church. Dues are \$225 yearly per adult member (\$100 goes to the General Church, \$25 to the Central Diocese and \$100 to our Parish). This is only ~62 cents/ day.

According to our Constitution of the PNCC, by neglecting paying dues, the individual/family loses the membership in the Parish and the Church, loses the right to vote and participate in Parish meetings, loses the right to burial at St. Valentine's Cemetery, even if he/she has already paid for the plot and his/her relatives are buried there.

HOLY MASSES AT CHRISTMAS TIME

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

Sunday, January 12, 2020 – Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

Polish National Catholic Church

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English)



Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

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December 29, 2019

	MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM
	Mass for _____

Date Requested _____	Time _____
Requested by _____	
Address _____	
Phone Number _____ - _____ - _____	Amount \$ _____
<i>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.</i>	