

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 20, 2020 – 4 Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) (live on YouTube & Facebook)

† Jaroslaw (Jerry) Zaliwciw – requested by Emily Valentine

Monday, December 21, 2020 – Feast – St. Thomas, Apostle

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 – Advent Weekday

Wednesday, December 23, 2020 – Advent Weekday

Thursday, December 24, 2020 – Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 PM – Shepherds' Mass – *Pasterka* (EN/PL) (live on YouTube & Facebook)

For All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

Friday, December 25, 2020 – Solemnity - The Nativity of the Lord

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) (live on YouTube & Facebook)

For All Parishioners, Living and Deceased

Saturday, December 26, 2020 – Solemnity - St. Stephen

11:00 AM – Holy Mass (PL only) (live on YouTube & Facebook)

† Bartosz Michalski – requested by Dryfik Family

Sunday, December 27, 2020 – Solemnity – Humble Shepherds

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL) (live on YouTube & Facebook)

† Bernard Minakowski – requested by Karen & Bernard O'Hara

12/28/2020	7:00 PM	† George Pinel – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown
12/31/2020	4:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction (available online)
01/01/2021	9:30 AM	† Jane Sultzbaugh – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown
01/02/2021	5:00 PM	† Cheslav Gumennyi, Nina Gumennaia, Iryna Kurbat – requested by Zhanna & Vladimir Yefimovich
01/03/2021	9:30 AM	† Jaroslaw (Jerry) Zaliwciw – requested by Frank Brzozowski
01/06/2021	7:00 PM	† William Kelley – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown
01/10/2021	9:30 AM	† Mary Koutsouradis – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown
01/17/2021	9:30 AM	† Florence Kapuscinski – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed Kapuscinski, Josephine Zdanowicz, Anna Mendla, Barbara Ganteski, Joseph Smith, Andy Stachowicz, Wanda Groman, Antoinette Drake, Bernice Michlinski, Alfreda Janczuk, Genevieve Root, Thomas Costello.

CHURCHES EXCLUDED FROM THE COVID-19 LIMITS

All public gatherings in the State of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware are limited to 10 persons inside and 50 outside. Churches, synagogues, mosques, temples and other houses of worship were excluded from the indoor gathering limits, but state officials “strongly encouraged” them to avoid congregating inside. St. Valentine’s church is limited to 5% of the capacity, that is ~ 20 (seating) and ~ 10 (standing) spots. Members of the same family can seat together.

SUNDAY COLLECTION ENVELOPES DELAYED

Your personalized Sunday collection envelopes for 2021 will arrive two weeks late. If possible please pick them up on January. Parishioners who don’t attend Mass in person are still obliged, according to The Constitution of the PNCC, to support the parish weekly. Please mail your Sunday Offering envelopes to Parish Office or [donate online](#) using our [webpage](#). Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS LETTERS DELAYED

Christmas letters were mailed on Dec 2, however many of you probably still did not receive it yet. I have called random parishioners and some told me that they got it on Friday or Saturday. Post office has a lot of delays due to COVID-19. Please be patient, wait for it and respond as soon as possible. Along with the regular mail please send me an email or call me at (215) 535-4978 to be sure that the names of your beloved departed are on the list for the Mass on Dec 24 and Dec 25. Please also be as generous as possible making your Christmas donation to St. Valentine’s.

ALL MASSES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE



In case you don’t want to be recorded or visible (you or your minor children) while attending the Mass, please take a seat in the back of the church and receive the Holy Communion only spiritually. We apologize for the inconvenience.

FAITH SHARING

Today’s readings focus on the circumstances leading up to the first coming of Jesus, the event which sets the pattern for his coming to us now and at the end of time. The first reading surprises us by telling of God’s promise to David that he would have a long line of royal descendants culminating in a final King, Jesus Christ. The second reading surprises us with Paul’s explanation of the unveiling of God’s plan for human salvation through Jesus. In today’s Gospel, the Angel Gabriel surprises Mary with seven announcements. 1) Even as a virgin betrothed to Joseph, she will become a mother. 2) She will become a mother through “*the Holy Spirit [Who] will come upon you, and the Power of the Most High will overshadow you.*” 3) The angel continues, “Therefore, the Child to be born will be called Holy, the Son of God.” 4) She is to “*name the child Jesus,*” which means Savior. 5) God will make Him a King and, as a descendant in the line of David, 6) “*He will rule over the House of Jacob forever, and of His Kingdom there will be no end.*” 7) As a Divine sign, Elizabeth, Mary’s aged barren cousin is six months pregnant, “*for,*” says Gabriel, “*nothing shall be impossible with God!*”



SECURITY SYSTEM INSTALLATION IN PROGRESS

Last week we started the installation of the security system at St. Valentine’s. Cold weather stopped us a little. We will continue as soon as possible.

SHARE FOOD PROGRAM AT ST. VALENTINE'S

The program is set to end on December 31. We have not heard anything about a continuation of the program, or about another program starting. Until then one box per household is available each Wednesday. Distribution time: **10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon**. Volunteers are welcome, at 8:00 AM to unload the delivery truck.

OPLATKI (CHRISTMAS WAFERS) BLESSED AND AVAILABLE

Bring the beauty of the Catholic Faith and Polish tradition into your home with Oplatki. They are blessed already and are distributed after each Mass. \$2 donation will be appreciated. Shipping is also available. Please call Parish Office at (215) 535-4978.

2020 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AT ST. VALENTINE'S AND OUR SAVIOUR'S

Thursday, December 24, 2020		* Christmas Eve
St. Valentine's	9:00 PM	Shepherds' Mass – <i>Pasterka</i> (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Our Saviour's	12:00 Midnight	Shepherds' Mass – <i>Pasterka</i>
Friday, December 25, 2020		* Christmas Day – Nativity of the Lord
St. Valentine's	9:30 AM	Christmas Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Our Saviour's	12:00 Noon	Christmas Mass
Saturday, December 26, 2020		Feast – St. Stephen
St. Valentine's	11:00 AM	Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Sunday, December 27, 2020		* Solemnity – Humble Shepherds
St. Valentine's	9:30 AM	Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Our Saviour's	12:00 Noon	Holy Mass
Monday, December 28, 2020		Feast – Holy Innocents
St. Valentine's	7:00 PM	Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Thursday, December 31, 2020		New Year's Eve
St. Valentine's	4:00 PM	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction (available online)
Friday, January 1, 2021		* Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord
St. Valentine's	9:30 AM	Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Our Saviour's	12:00 Noon	Holy Mass
Saturday, January 2, 2021		Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus
St. Valentine's	5:00 PM	Holy Mass (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Sunday, January 3, 2021		* Solemnity – Holy Family
St. Valentine's	9:30 AM	Holy Mass with the blessing of families (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Our Saviour's	12:00 Noon	Holy Mass with the blessing of families
Wednesday, January 6, 2021		* Solemnity – Epiphany of the Lord
Our Saviour's	12:00 Noon	Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk
St. Valentine's	7:00 PM	Holy Mass with the blessing of incense, charcoal & chalk (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Sunday, January 10, 2021		* Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord
St. Valentine's	9:30 AM	Holy Mass with the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises (available on YouTube and Facebook)
Our Saviour's	12:00 Noon	Holy Mass with the Renewal of the Baptismal Promises

* – holy day of obligation

ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Sunday Mass: 9:30 AM (English/Polish)



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December 20, 2020