

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, December 11, 2022 – 3 Sunday of Advent**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)**

† Tom Balfé (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Death) – requested by wife

**Monday, December 12, 2022 – Solemnity – Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Tuesday, December 13, 2022 – Weekday**

**Wednesday, December 14 2022 – Weekday**

**Thursday, December 15, 2022 – Weekday**

**Friday, December 16, 2022 – Weekday**

**Saturday, December 17, 2022 – Weekday**

**Sunday, December 18, 2022 – 4 Sunday of Advent**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)**

† Michał Mularczyk – requested by Bill Quilty

12/24/22	St	10:00 PM	For The Living and Departed Parishioners
12/25/22	Su	9:30 AM	For The Living and Departed Parishioners
12/31/22	St	9:30 AM	† Genowefa (anniversary of Death) & Franciszek Pławewcki – requested by Janusz Pławewcki & Family
01/01/23	Su	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
01/02/23	Mo	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
01/06/23	Fr	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
01/08/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Michał Mularczyk – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz
01/09/23	Mo	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
01/15/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Dorothy Karolkiewicz (Birthday) – requested by Grandchildren Helen, Andrew and Michael
01/22/23	Su	9:30 AM	<b>OPEN</b>
01/29/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Dorothy & Alfred Karolkiewicz (Anniversary) – requested by Daughters Trish and Kathy

### PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Let us pray for: Ewelina Filyushchenko, Julie & Cliff Brown, Ed Kapuscinski, Joseph Smith, Wanda Groman, Antoinette Drake, Bernice Michlinski, Marianna Pelka, Bronisław Korus, Jean Slowakiewicz O'Brien, Marie Turlinski-Kelley.

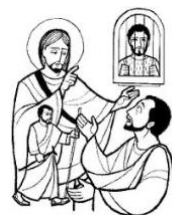
**Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.**

### FAITH SHARING

Today's readings invite us to rejoice at the rebirth of Jesus in our lives as we are preparing for our annual Christmas celebration. Today is called *Gaudete* Sunday because today's Mass begins with the opening antiphon: "*Gaudete in Domino semper,*" i.e., "Rejoice in the Lord always." So, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus as our Savior into our hearts and lives, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose-colored vestments.

The prophet Isaiah, in the first reading, encourages the exiled Jews in Babylon to rejoice because their God is going to liberate them from slavery and lead them safely to their homeland.

In the second reading, James the Apostle encourages the early Christians to rejoice and wait with patience for the imminent second coming of Jesus.



Finally, in the first part of today's Gospel reading, Jesus encourages John the Baptist in prison to rejoice by casting away his wrong expectations about the Messiah and simply accepting Jesus' healing and preaching ministry as the fulfillment of the Messianic prophecy of Isaiah. In the second part of today's Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus, the true Messiah, paying the highest compliments to John the Baptist as his herald and the last of the prophets, and giving special credit to the courage of John's prophetic convictions, asking his listeners to rejoice in the greatness of his herald.



### LED BULBS FOR OUR CHURCH - UPDATE

Thank you Marianne Woodland and Henry Jackowicz for sponsoring the LED bulbs for our church. They are purchased and are on the way and as soon as they come they will be installed before Christmas on the walls between Stations and in the Sanctuary. Thank you for your donation!

### TRASH BAGS NEEDED

Please donate to the church 40-gallons plastic garbage bags ([Amazon link](#)), construction quality preferred. People dump trash almost daily around the church. We clean this mess at least twice a week, please support us with plastic bags for the collected trash. Thank you.

### CEMETERY DRIVEWAY NEEDS REPAIRING

Please support us with your donations or please buy directly the asphalt patch from [Lowe's](#) or [Home Depot](#).

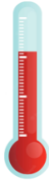
There are some significant damaged asphalt spots on the cemetery driveway but still small potholes, so we can easy fix them without hiring expensive professionals. We worry about your car suspension when you go there to visit the gravesites of your beloved departed.

### NATIONAL SAMBS CONVENTION SCHEDULED – SAVE THE DATE

Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT, The Eastern Diocese (ED) Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (SAMBS), aka ANS (Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu), will host the National SAMBS convention on Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20, 2023 at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT.

For questions or more information contact Marilyn Folcik at 860-584-4606 or [marilyn4412@comcast.net](mailto:marilyn4412@comcast.net).

Please put these dates on your calendar to spend some time in prayer and fun with the good sisters of the SAMBS.



**DONATIONS FOR THE WINTER HEATING FUND ARE NEEDED**

The winter season is coming, and again huge gas bills will be very challenging for our budget. Please help us to keep the comfortable temperature in our church.

**CHRISTMAS LETTER**

Christmas letter has been sent to you. Many parishioners and Friends responded to it already with their generous donations for St. Valentine's Parish needs. May God bless you for it! Please hurry up! The time till Christmas is short. If you want us to light a candle for your beloved departed or want us to mention their names during Christmas Masses, please send us those forms quickly.



**OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS**

The Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are blessed and available at St. Valentine's for your Christmas table.

**CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS**

We always appreciate your help in decorating our church for Christmas. This year please help us after Mass on Sunday, December 18, to bring all decorating items from the storage to the sanctuary.



# ST. VALENTINE'S PARISH

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Rejoice Sunday

3 Sunday of Advent

3 Niedziela Adwentu

December 11, 2022



**MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM**

Mass for \_\_\_\_\_

Date requested \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mass stipend \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137

Scan this code to watch the Mass online

