

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 18, 2022 – 4 Sunday of Advent

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)

† Michał Mularczyk – requested by Bill Quilty

Monday, December 19, 2022 – Weekday

Tuesday, December 20, 2022 – Weekday

Wednesday, December 21, 2022 – Weekday

Thursday, December 22, 2022 – Weekday

Friday, December 23, 2022 – Weekday

Saturday, December 24, 2022 – Vigil of the Nativity

10:00 PM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)

For The Living and Departed Parishioners

Sunday, December 25, 2022 – Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord

9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)

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	OPEN
01/02/23	Mo	9:30 AM	OPEN
01/06/23	Fr	9:30 AM	OPEN
01/08/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Michał Mularczyk – requested by Marianne Woodland & Henry Jackowicz
01/09/23	Mo	9:30 AM	OPEN
01/15/23	Su	9:30 AM	† Dorothy Karolkiewicz (Birthday) – requested by Grandchildren Helen, Andrew and Michael
01/22/23	Su	9:30 AM	OPEN
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, Ewa Nowak.

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

FAITH SHARING

Loving, responsive obedience to God, as modeled for us in the Gospel by St. Joseph, is the central theme of today's readings, with special emphasis on the Virgin Birth of Jesus.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah gives a sign from God to King Ahaz of Judah: *"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel"* (Is 7:14). Matthew considers this prophecy as one of the most descriptive and definite prophecies foretelling the future Messianic King, the Christ, who is to be born as a descendant of David.

In the second reading, Paul asserts that Jesus was a descendant of David and thus the Messiah: *"from David according to the flesh,"* become Incarnate as Jesus, but was revealed and established by the Father as Son of God in power by his Resurrection from the dead. Then Paul provides a sweeping summary of God's mighty acts in history through Jesus Christ.

Today's Gospel, from Matthew, focuses on the person and role of Joseph. For Jesus to fulfill the Messianic prophecy given by Isaiah, Joseph had to, and freely did, accept Jesus as his son, making Jesus a legal descendant of David because Joseph was a descendant of David. Hence, Matthew makes it clear that Jesus was not the biological child of Joseph. But because Joseph was the husband of Mary at the time Jesus was born, Jesus was legally the son of Joseph and thus a descendant of David.



LED BULBS FOR OUR CHURCH - UPDATE

Thank you Marianne Woodland and Henry Jackowicz for sponsoring the LED bulbs for our church. They are installed already 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

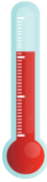
Please support us with your donations or please buy directly the asphalt patch from [Lowe's](#) or [Home Depot](#).

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.

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.



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

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



4 Sunday of Advent

4 Niedziela Adwentu

December 18, 2022

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