LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 25, 2022 – Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord 9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)

For The Living and Departed Parishioners

Monday, December 26, 2022 – Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr Tuesday, December 27, 2022 – Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist Wednesday, December 28 2022 – Within the Octave of the Nativity Thursday, December 29, 2022 – Within the Octave of the Nativity Friday, December 30, 2022 – Within the Octave of the Nativity Saturday, December 31, 2022 – Solemnity – Holy Family 9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)

† Genowefa (Anniversary of Death) & Franciszek Pławecki – requested by Janusz Pławecki & Family

Sunday, January 1, 2023 – Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord 9:30 AM – Holy Mass (EN/PL)

For All Parishioners

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 Pełka, 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.





SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

Please take home your Sunday offerings envelopes books. You can find them on the table in the back of the church. If you see there the names of your relatives or neighbors to whom you can deliver their envelopes, please help us. Thank you!

star
of wonder,
star of night,
Guide us to
thy perfect light.
May the true spirit of
Christmas shine in your heart
and light your path. May God fill
your heart with love, joy, and peace.
May your heart be lifted in praise for the
wonderful gift of
Jesus.

FAITH SHARING

God undertook the Incarnation of Jesus as True God and true man to save us from the bondage of sin. Every Christmas reminds us that we need a Savior every day, to free us from our evil addictions and unjust, impure, and uncharitable tendencies. Christmas 2022 also challenges us to accept Jesus in the manger as our saving God and personal Savior and to surrender our lives to him, allowing him to rule our hearts and lives every day in the New Year.



In our <u>first reading</u> today, following the death of the Assyrian monarch in the late 8th century B.C., the Lord God, through His prophet Isaiah, promises relief for both the northern and the southern kingdoms of Israel through a new king and his descendant in the line of David, in the person of Jesus. Jesus is the child that Isaiah's prophesy calls the "prince of peace."

<u>The second reading</u>, taken from the "pastoral letter" of Paul to Titus, tells us that it is only by the saving power of God in Christ that we are enabled to live virtuously in the present with hope for the future.

The Gospel tells us how Jesus was born in Bethlehem and how the news of His birth was first announced to shepherds by the angels. Since David was a shepherd, it seems fitting that the shepherds were given the privilege of visiting David's successor in the stable. Further, since shepherds cared year-round for the Temple sheep and lambs meant for daily sacrifice in the Temple of Jerusalem, how suitable it is that shepherds were the first to see the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world!

CEMETERY DRIVEWAY NEEDS REPAIRING

Please support us with your donations or please buy directly the asphalt patch from <u>Lowe's</u> or <u>Home Depot</u>.

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.

TRASH BAGS - UPDATE

Thank you, Joyce, and thank you Kathy and Trish for donated heavy-duty trash bags for our parish.



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 DONATIONS

Thank you for responding to our Christmas letter. May God rewards you for all your donations for our church.

Please remember that there is a convenient and safe way to donate online. Go to our webpage <u>StValentinesPNCC.org</u> and click the tab <u>Online Giving</u>.





CHURCH DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS

Thank you very much for making our church looking beautiful for Christmas. This year the most was done by Izabela. Helping her last Sunday were: Trish, Kathy, Leon and Bill. Good job!



Big thanks this year to Aramingo Ave Lowe's and the store managers Kevin and Rob for donating for St. Valentine's poinsettias and other decorating items.



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The Nativity of our Lord

Boże Narodzenie

December 25, 2022

