

# Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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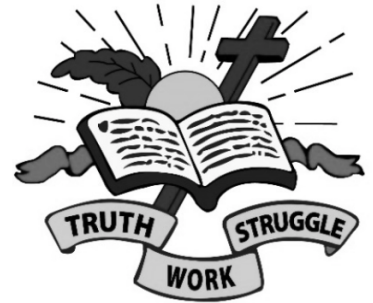
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### FAITH SHARING

John the Baptist in today's Gospel summons us to play our essential part by leading lives of repentance, conversion, and renewal, thus preparing the way for the Lord's second coming.

### BIBLE READINGS

#### Isaiah 11:1-10

The first reading describes how God will reform the lives of His Chosen People by sending the Messiah. Because of the bad example of the unfaithful successors of King David, the Chosen People were wavering in their loyalty to Yahweh.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.**

#### Romans 15:4-9

Paul is praying for the reformation of the Jewish Christians of Rome and instructing them to draw endurance and encouragement from the Old Testament books. They are to live in harmony with Gentile Christians, accepting them as equal, brothers and sisters, while they wait together for the second coming of Jesus.

#### Matthew 3:1-12

John the Baptist urges the Pharisees and Sadducees to give evidence that they mean to reform their lives so as to recognize and be ready to meet and accept the promised Messiah. He challenges them to repentance, conversion and renewal. He tells the common people, who expect the Messiah to come soon, to act with justice and charity, letting their lives reflect the transformation that will occur when the Messiah enters their lives.

### ENTRANCE HYMN (John 1:6-8)

V. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through Him.

**R. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light.**

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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### Gospel

#### MT 3:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

**R. Glory be to You, Lord.**

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*

John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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### ST. NICHOLAS VS. SANTA

The true story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born during the third century in the village of Patara in Asia Minor. At the time the area was Greek and is now on the southern coast of Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick, and the suffering. He dedicated his life to serving God and was made Bishop of Myra while still a young man. Bishop Nicholas became known throughout the land for his generosity to those in need, his love for children, and his concern for sailors and ships.

## Today's Hymns

### Processional Hymn

#1 Hymn Of Faith (verses 1 & 4)

### Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 Come, Thou Creator

### Offertory Hymn

#26 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

### Communion Hymn

#21 On Jordan's Bank

### Recessional Hymn

#32 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Happy 2nd week of Advent!



## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, December 8

2nd Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Sunday, December 15

3rd Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Sunday, December 22

4th Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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## PASTOR'S

### DIRECT PHONE NUMBER

In case of all regular Parish issues please call Fr. Mariusz at 215-535-4978. This number is always linked to pastor's cell phone, so in case of real emergency please also use this number.

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### BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always

## INTENTIONS:

**My Brothers and Sisters:** Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish; For the health and wellbeing of Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterce, David Potts, Andrew Cherneski, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, Milton Keiles, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, James Stenz, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Dorothy Zytczk. Jan Cherneski, Beverly Wunderlich, Peggy Kowalik, Thomas Oliver, Sally Bisch, Bea and Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski.

For the repose of the soul of all our parishioners who passed away, especially Michael Majovsky.  
**Our Father...**

Please remember in your prayers Ruth Mechowski. Her current address: Cranbury Care Center, 292 Applegate Rd, Monroe Twp, NJ 08831, rm 109a



## CHRISTMAS WAFERS – OPLATEK

The Oplatek have arrived! If you are interested in obtaining them for your Christmas Dinner celebration, please see Peggy. This is a beautiful tradition to maintain at your Christmas table.



## BOOK DRIVE

Our Used Book Drive continues to be quite successful. If you have books at home that you no longer need or want, please bring them in and we will find new homes for them. Please, no magazines, just hard and soft covered books. Thank you and God bless.

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OR JUST CONCEPTION?

The Immaculate Conception is a dogma based mainly on Christian tradition and theological reasoning. It was defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX as a dogma of Faith.

Definition: From the first moment of her conception, Mary was preserved immune from original sin by the singular grace of God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race. This means that original sanctity, innocence and justice were conferred upon her, and that she was exempted from all the evil effects of original sin, excluding sorrow, pain, disease and death which are temporal penalties given to Adam.

Because the Polish National Catholic Church, after breaking down with Rome, was in conflict with the Roman Catholic Church, therefore of course did not officially accept the new defined dogma. Our people, Bp. Francis Hodur and all delegates to Rome, after being treated such poor way in Vatican, just couldn't say any good word about pope and about his teaching.

However, it does not mean that we do not believe it. This Dogma is based on Tradition and the Bible. Early Christians started celebrating the feast of the Conception of Our Lady by the end of the 7<sup>th</sup> century. It is reasonable that God kept the mother of His Son free from all sins from the first moment of her origin. The All-Holy God cannot be born from a woman who was a slave of the devil, even for a moment in her life.

In 1492, Columbus discovered America. He sailed in a ship called *Santa Maria de Conceptio* (St. Mary of the Conception). He named the first Island he landed *San Salvador*, in honor of our Savior. Columbus named the second island *Conceptio* in honor of Mary's Immaculate Conception.