



## Our Saviour Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church

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December 4, 2022

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

### FAITH SHARING

The first reading today 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. Hence, in the first reading, the Lord God, through His prophet, Isaiah, tries to dispel their fears and to stir up *hope* among His people with His promise of a new Davidic King (a son of Jesse), who will establish peace and a glorious Kingdom of justice on earth.

In the second reading, 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 equals, brothers and sisters, while they wait together for the second coming of Jesus.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptizer 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.

### Responsorial Psalm

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

### 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.**

### 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.**



## Today's Hymns

### Processional Hymn

001 Hymn of Faith

### Hymn to the Holy Spirit

144 Come, Thou Creator

### Offertory Hymn

O Come, Divine Messiah  
(Not in hymnal)

### Communion Hymn

021 On Jordan's Bank

### Recessional Hymn

032 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

## SECOND COLLECTION:

12/4 – For the Mission Fund

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Sunday, December 4

2 Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Sunday, December 11

3 Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Sunday, December 18

4 Sunday of Advent

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Sunday, December 25

Solemnity – Nativity of our Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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### Sunday, January 1

New Year

Circumcision of our Lord

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

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## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

## ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

## 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. An exciting program is planned with a dynamic local speaker, Rev. Vicki Triano of Christ Community Church. Our theme and activities are still being planned. 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.



## OPLATKI - CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are blessed and available at for your Christmas table. Peggy distributes them.

## 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.

## FUNERAL

**Joseph Seliga**, 86, Chairman of Our Saviour Parish, passed away on Thursday, December 1, 2022. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Our Savior PNCC, 2300 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ. Cremation will be held privately. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Sunday, December 4, 2022, from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Saul Colonial Home, 3795 Nottingham Way, Hamilton Square, NJ.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.*



Link → [Obituary](#)



## 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**