

Saint Ladislaus

Roman Catholic Church

Hempstead, NY



Rev. Mariusz Gorazd, Administrator

MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM (Eng.)
Sunday: 8AM (Eng.); 9:30AM (Pol.); 11AM (Eng.);
4 PM (Spanish); 6:30 PM (Eng.)
Holy Days: 7:30 AM (English), 7:30 PM (Polish)
First Friday: 7:30 AM, 7:30 PM
Weekdays: 7:30 AM (Monday to Friday)
Saturday: 7:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

CONFESSIONS:

Monday to Saturday: 7:00 to 7:25 AM
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 PM
First Friday: 7:00 AM, 7:00 PM

SICK CALLS:

Urgent cases anytime. Call rectory to arrange devotional calls.

BAPTISM:

The sacrament of Baptism (English, Polish) is celebrated on the 2nd and 4th weekends of the month. Because our parish family is welcoming a new member to our faith community, Baptisms will be celebrated *during* the following Masses: 5PM Saturday vigil Mass in English, 9:30AM Polish Mass, or 11AM Mass in English. *There will be no private Baptisms.* Those chosen as Godparents must be practicing, Confirmed Catholics whose lives reflect a commitment to the Catholic faith and to the role of Godparent. *Parents must register their child prior to the Baptism.* Parents of first children are required to receive instruction. **The sacrament of Baptism (Spanish) is celebrated during the 4PM Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.** Guidelines for pre-Baptismal registration and instruction are the same for all Baptisms.

MARRIAGES:

Arrange *at least* six months before time.

DEVOTIONS:

May: Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary after each Sunday Mass
October: Decade of the Rosary after Sunday Masses
Lent: Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:00 PM in English, 7:30 PM in Polish. Gorzkie Zale on Sundays in Lent following the 9:30AM Polish Mass.

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Parish office hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 12 Noon until 4 PM
Wednesday, Friday: 1 PM until 5 PM
Saturday: By appointment only
Sunday: **Office Closed**

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*"...they will call him
Immanuel"
— which means,
"God with us."*



Matthew 1:23

December 22, 2019: FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 21, 2019

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30am +Franciszczek Batkiewicz (Sokolowski Family)

5:00pm +Krystyna Kasnicka (Hodyl Family)

Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:00am +William Braun Sr. (Braun Family)

9:30am +Rozalia i Zenon Szczesni (Wysocki Family)

11:00am For the Parishioners

4:00pm (Sp).....

6:30pm

Monday, December 23, 2019

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

7:30am Intentions of Theresa

Tuesday, December 24, 2019 (Christmas Eve)

7:30am Birthday blessings for Bernadette Gonzales

5:00pm For the Parishioners

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

12:00am For the Parishioners

8:00am +Karol, Karolina, Frank, Joseph, and Stanley Zator; +Genevieve and Jean Ann (Carol Ann & Edward Kostbar)

9:30am +Alexander Mankowski w. 40 Rocznice Smierci

11:00am For the Parishioners



Thursday, December 26, 2019

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

7:30am +Jan Gzyl (Katarzyna i Stefan Laszyn)

7:30pm (Pol) +Wojciech J. Brajczewski (Bogdan & Ela Jarocki)

Friday, December 27, 2019

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

7:30am

Saturday, December 28, 2019

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

7:30am +Maria Cruz;+Maria Carmen Blanco (Bertha Garcia)

5:00pm +Krystyna Kasnicka (Hodyl Family)

Sunday, December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00am

9:30 am +Anna i Alojzy Lipowicz (Rodzina)

11:00 am

4:00 pm (Sp).....

6:30 pm +Ryszard Hneteki, 19th Anniv.

(Mira & John Pitrowski)



Scripture



Mon: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66

Tues.: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16; Lk 1:67-79

Vigil : Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22—25/Mt 1:1-25 *or* 1:18-25

Wed.: *Midnight*: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/

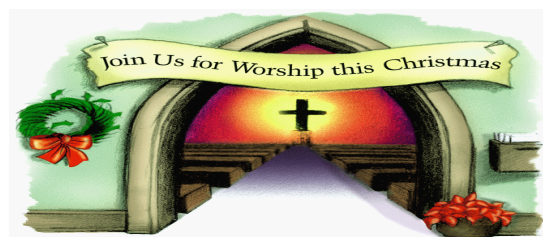
Jn 1:1-18 *or* 1:1-5, 9-14

Thurs.: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Fri.: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sat: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Sun.: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 *or* 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

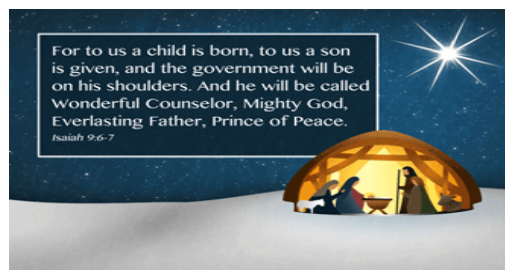


**TUESDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE
VIGIL MASS FOR CHRISTMAS
5:00 pm in English**

WEDNESDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY
12 am Midnight Mass (Pol., Eng.)
8 am Mass (English)
9:30 am Mass (Polish)
11 am Mass (English)

**There is no 6:30pm Mass on Christmas Day.*

THURSDAY, FEAST OF SAINT STEPHEN
7:30 am Mass in English
7:30 pm Mass in Polish



Father Mariusz wishes all parishioners and visitors to our church a blessed Christmas filled with peace, joy, and the love of the Christ Child.

The Creche~ A Beloved Catholic Tradition

During this holy Season, we enter the church and look forward to the presence of the Christmas Creche, the Nativity Scene. In the earliest days, the depictions of the Christ Child in the manger were found only *inside* churches. The presence of the crib outside of the church and the expansion of the Bethlehem scene to include animals can be attributed to a name very familiar to Catholics the world over: St. Francis of Assisi.

We associate St. Francis with a denial of riches. It follows that St. Francis did not favor the extravagant manner in which Christmas was celebrated. His preference for a humbler image of the scene at Bethlehem inspired him to seek a friend and request that he provide a simple, rustic crib with hay and live animals. The Pope approved of Francis' innovative idea. As a result, when the prayerful pilgrims went to the Italian village of Greccio on Christmas Eve in the year 1223, they were delighted with the beautiful simplicity of the manger scene. We can only imagine the crowds of people bearing candles and torches gathering under a night sky and rejoicing in front of Francis' creche.

Nowadays most Catholics place a creche in a prominent place in their homes. Its quiet and holy presence prompts prayer and reflection. Parents spend a teachable moment with their children, who love to hear the story of Christ's birth. **Hence, a tradition is passed on.**

The Christmas Tree

There are many stories and myths surrounding the origin and significance of the Christmas tree. One historical reference points to St. Boniface, who lived in the eighth century and travelled to Germany to preach Christianity and eradicate the prevalent pagan practices. It is believed that while in the woods, Boniface axed an oak tree under which a sacrificial ritual was to take place. Nearby the felled oak was a fir tree, which Boniface declared to be a holy tree. This association was comforting to the villagers, who regularly used fir trees to build their homes. The pointed tip of the tree could be seen as pointing to heaven. To Boniface, the little lights placed on the large tree were symbolic of Christian values. They also brought to mind Christ, **the Light of the World**. The fact that the fir tree is an evergreen represents the life that Christ promises: "Those who believe in me, even if they die, will live."

A Christmas tree is central to our Christmas preparations. We place it in a special spot, adorn it, and hang lights. **Another tradition is passed on.**



We pray for the following:

Mary Abruzzo, Margaret Puorro, Anthony Andree, Michele Ande, Charlotte Dobkowski, Joan D., Helena Stawrowski, Baby Audrey, Dorothy Braun, Celina Oleksiej, Anne Dornford, Dorothy Harper
May our Merciful Lord grant them healing.



Scripture reflection: For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving, I commit myself afresh to You. **Let us pray that, as attentive stewards, we adore God's greatest gift, Jesus, by gratefully sharing our own gifts in service to our neighbor and the wider community.**



The total of the December 8 collection printed in last week's bulletin was incorrect. It should have read **\$3189**. The collection amount for December 15 was not available in time for the early submission of this bulletin. The amount will be published next week. Your patience is appreciated.

The Christmas wafer (Oplatek) is available at the front of the church. An offering is optional.

This week we will celebrate the **feast day of Saint Stephen**. In the earliest days of the church, the apostles chose Stephen as a deacon. He proved to be a very effective preacher and performer of miracles. The persecutors of the early church were angry because of Stephen's popularity. This anger and jealousy prompted them to accuse Stephen of blasphemy. After defending himself during an unfair trial, Stephen saw a vision of Jesus at the right hand of God. This beautiful vision was misinterpreted by his accusers as proof of blasphemy. Before Stephen was stoned to death, he spoke the following words, words that reflect his love for the Lord and remind us of the Lord's last words. "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Lord, do not hold this sin against them." **Stephen became the first martyr**. He is now known as the patron saint of altar servers, brick layers, casket makers, and stone masons. **His feast day is December 26.**