

Saint Ladislaus Roman Catholic Church Hempstead, NY



Rev. Piotr Rozek, Pastor

Rev. Robert Wolosik, Associate Pastor

MASSES:

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM (Eng.)

Sunday: 8 AM (Eng.); 9:30 AM (Pol.);

11:00 AM (Eng.); 4:00 PM (Spanish)

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:

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. In order to receive a Sponsorship Certificate required by all Godparents, prospective Godmothers and Godfathers must be registered and supporting parishioners of Saint Ladislaus Church. *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 the date.

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 Żale on Sundays in Lent following the 9:30AM Polish Mass.

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Parish office hours as of July 1, 2021

Monday, Tuesday: 12 Noon until 4 PM

Wednesday, Friday: 1 PM until 5 PM

Saturday: 9AM until 1PM

The office is closed on Thursdays and Sundays.

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DECEMBER 12, 2021: THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Saint Damasus I, Pope

7:30 am +In loving memory of Grace Gillen (Gabayan Family)
5:00 pm +Frank C. Wilburn, Jr. (The Wilburn Family)
+Ana Savary (Daughter)

Sunday, December 12, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am +William and Dorothy Braun (Braun Family)
9:30 am (Pol) +Miroslawe Jurek and Waclaw (Dorota Czyzo)
11:00am +Anastasia, Stanislaw, and Ryszard Hneteck
(Mira & John Pitrowski)
4:00 pm (Sp) +Bibenido Romero (Olga Romero)

Monday, December 13, 2021

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

7:30am Our Parishioners and Benefactors

Tuesday, December 14, 2021

Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:30 am +Joseph Hodyl (Adam and Bozena Szkiladz)

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

7:30 am +Lucja Modzolewska (Sokolowski Family)

Thursday, December 16, 2021

7:30 am Improved health for Jennifer

Friday, December 17, 2021

7:30 am +Daniel McCalla (Mother)

Saturday, December 18, 2021

7:30 am +Wanda, Piotr, and Kazimierz Wasilewski
(Daughter and Family)
8:30 am (Pol) +Stanislaw Ozog (Sokolowski Family)
5:00 pm Birthday blessings for Christina Gabayan
(Gabayan Family)

Sunday, December 19, 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am Our Parishioners and Benefactors
9:30 am (Pol)+Wladyslaw i Paulina Korszun (Children)
11:00am +Maria Worobye (Waclawa & Joseph Hodyl)
4:00 pm +Steve Del Valles (Elda Colon y Josefina)

Third Sunday



in Advent



THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Mon.: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Tues.: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wed.: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Lk 7:18b-23
Thurs.: Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30
Fri.: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Sat.: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Next Sun. : Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Pope Francis' Universal Prayer Intention for December is evangelization.

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: May they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Prayer of the Week

Almighty ever-living God, as we await with great anticipation the birth of Jesus, grant us the strength to cast aside our worldly preoccupations so that we can enjoy the peace that Advent offers. Grant us the patience that we need to focus on the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of our Savior, so that our Christmas joy is complete. *Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Reflection: Do I need to make a special effort to slow down and appreciate the essence of the Christmas season...the peace, hope, and joy that God promises?



Today we light the third candle on the Advent wreath. This candle represents Joy. Jesus is the source of all joy.

The Christmas Tree

During these busy weeks leading up to Christmas, how pleasant it is to pass a vehicle with a Christmas tree secured to the roof! Although the tree looks rather pitiful bound tight with string, we are certain that before long it will be seen in all of its glory. Something from the natural world will be lifted into a home and become a prominent fixture for a few weeks. It will stand adorned and beautiful, lighting up a room and giving off the wonderful scent of pine. A family will spend an evening placing each treasured ornament in just the right spot. Once fully decorated, the tree will assume a majesty all its own. It will become the focal point of the home as it is gazed upon and admired by family and friends.

Once might wonder how the Christmas tree became a significant element of our Christmas traditions. There are numerous stories and myths surrounding the origin of the Christmas tree. One historical reference points to Saint Boniface, who lived in the eight 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 tree 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."

One can understand why a Christmas tree is central to our Christmas preparations.. By placing it in a special spot, adorning and lighting it, **we pass on another tradition.**



Today's Gospel provides a blueprint for good stewardship. "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." We are grateful for all stewards in our parish who prepare for the coming of Christ by sharing what they have with those who have less...or none.



Collection Amounts~

December 5

1st Collection: \$1,370; 2nd: \$855

Candles: \$71 Baptism: \$100

School rent: \$24,157.67

Total: \$26,553.67

The traditional wafer (Oplatek) is available for purchase in the sacristy and rectory office for \$5 per package.



This weekend provides us an opportunity to **help aging religious**. Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, and ministering to the less fortunate. Today, many are frail and need assistance. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** helps furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please give generously today.

During this season, we are mindful to pray for those who, in service to our country, cannot be home for the holidays.



The holidays are challenging for those who have lost a loved one. Let us pray for those grieving during the Christmas season. We may be the ones who offer comfort by listening with patience and understanding. Let us tap into the special gifts that lie within each of us and *share*.

Christ IS Coming!

