



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.); 4:00 PM (Span.)

Holy Days: currently at 9AM (English),
7:30 PM (Polish)

First Friday: 7:30 AM,*currently at 9AM;
7:30 PM (Polish)

Weekdays: 7:30 AM* (currently 9AM) (Mon. to Fri.)

Saturday: 7:30 AM* (currently 9AM); 5:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 PM

First Friday: currently 8:30 AM, 7:00 PM

SICK CALLS:

Urgent cases anytime. Call rectory to arrange devotional calls.

BAPTISM:

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on weekends.

Baptisms will be celebrated *during* the following Masses: 5PM Saturday Vigil Mass (Eng.), Sunday 8AM (Eng.) 9:30AM (Polish), or 4PM (Spanish). (*Note:* Baptisms during the 4PM Spanish Mass are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.) Parents who want to arrange a Baptism need to come to the rectory office and provide the child's birth certificate. Parents of first children are required to receive instruction prior to the baptism. Those chosen as Godparents must be practicing, Confirmed Catholics whose lives reflect a commitment to the Catholic faith and to the role of Godparent. All Godparents need to obtain a document of sponsorship from the parish *where they are registered members*.

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 in English every Friday after the morning Mass;
7:30 PM in Polish
Gorzkie Zale on Sundays in Lent following the 9:30AM Polish Mass



Rectory Office: 18 Richardson Place
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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday: 12 Noon until 4 PM

Wednesday, Friday: 1 PM until 5 PM

Saturday: 9 AM until 1 PM

The office is closed on Thursdays and Sundays.

Parish Secretary: Mrs. Joan Cascio

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Church Music Director/Organist:

Mr. Glenn Gabayan



DECEMBER 24, 2023: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23, 2023

Saint John of Kanty, Priest

9:00 am Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

5:00 pm Living and deceased members of the Gentile and Pisciotto families

Sunday, December 24: FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

8:00 am +William and Dorothy Braun
(Braun Family)

9:30 am +Rozalia i Zenon Szczesni

4:00 pm Spanish Mass (**Vigil Mass**)

6:00 pm (Eng.) **Vigil Mass**

In thanksgiving to Saint Antoine for Reginald DeVilme
(Rose DeVilme, Mother)



Monday, December 25:

THE NATIVITY of the LORD

12:00am **Midnight Mass**

+Rev. John Siebor

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

9:30 am NOVENA 1



Tuesday, December 26, 2023

Saint Stephen, the First Martyr

9:00 am NOVENA 2

7:30 pm (Pol) +Marianna i Tadeusz Olekszyk
+Emilia i Franciszek Strzepa
+Rev. Edward Wawerski

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

9:00 am NOVENA 3

Thursday, December 28, 2023

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

9:00 am NOVENA 4

Friday, December 29, 2023

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

9:00 am NOVENA 5

Saturday, December 30, 2023

9:00 am NOVENA 6

5:00 pm +Hewlett E. Krakaur (Swienc Family)

Sunday, December 31, 2023:

THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

8:00 am NOVENA 7

9:30am O Blogoslawienstwo dla Konrada
80 Urodziny Jozef Mankowski
+Rev. Stanley Kondeja

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Mon: (Vigil) Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25; (Night) 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

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

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

Thurs.: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Fri.: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Sat.: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Next Sun.: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;

Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Gospel READING

*He will be great and
will be called the
Son of the Most High.*
Luke 1:32



Scripture Reflection: In today's first reading, God promises King David that his house and his kingdom will endure forever. It is through Mary's "Yes, I am the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me as you say," that the promise finds fulfillment. As obedient stewards of the faith, we should follow Mary's example and have the courage to listen to God's voice in our own hearts. Doing so helps to prepare our hearts to be His dwelling place.



Father Piotr Rozek & Father Robert Wolosik
wish all parishioners and visitors to
Saint Ladislaus Church a very blessed
Christmas filled with peace, joy, hope, and
the love of the Christ Child. God bless you!





The season of Advent that prepares us for Christmas is beautiful in its holiness. While many people are preoccupied with the secular and commercial activities of the Christmas holidays, we as Christians are ever aware of the true essence of Christmas. While many are focused on what gifts to buy or the gifts they hope to receive, we know that the gift we await is the one perfect gift, the gift of the Christ Child. Jesus is the gift of peace, the peace that we long for, the peace the world sorely needs.

During this season, we see a vast array of holiday decorations, blinking lights, super-sized lawn ornaments...all very festive, and all very cheerful. These elements underscore the happiness of the season; however, the scene they create is not necessarily one of peace. Can happiness ever exist without the element of peace?

Let us consider the manger scene. It is beautiful in its simplicity, in its quietude. Imagine a shining star overhead, a newborn baby in a bed of straw, and his parents looking on with love and gratitude. The scene is sublime in its silence, its stillness, its breathtaking beauty. One cannot behold the Nativity scene without experiencing a peaceful feeling. **O holy night!**

May all of us experience that peace this Christmas.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

8:00 AM English; 9:30 AM Polish* These Masses are Sunday Masses and do not satisfy our obligation to attend Christmas Mass.

**** The following Vigil Masses do satisfy our obligation to attend a Christmas Mass:**

4:00 PM (Spanish) Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
6:00 PM (English) Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

12:00 AM midnight: Christmas (Polish/English)
8:00 AM (English) 9:30 AM (Polish)

Did you know? In the earliest days, the depictions of the Christ Child in the manger were found only *inside* the churches. The presence of the crib outside of the church and the expansion of the Bethlehem scene to include animals can be attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi. This does not surprise us because we are used to seeing statues of Saint Francis surrounded by animals. It was also Francis, a denier of riches, who approached the Pope with the idea to create a simple, rustic manger scene in lieu of an extravagant one. The Pope approved of Francis' idea to create a humbler image of the manger scene, which would include hay and live animals. When 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. Imagine the crowds of people bearing candles and torches gathering under a night sky and rejoicing in front of Francis' creche.

Most Catholics place a creche in our homes. Such a quiet and holy presence prompts us to reflect and to remind ourselves of *the true meaning of Christmas.*



On December 26 we 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 grew angry when they learned of Stephen's popularity and reacted by accusing Stephen of blasphemy. After defending himself during an unfair trial, Stephen saw a vision of Jesus at the right hand of God. His accusers misinterpreted this beautiful vision as proof of blasphemy. Before Stephen was stoned to death, he spoke words that reflected 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 the patron saint of altar servers, brick layers, casket makers, and stone masons.



"...the death of these children is precious in the sight of God because of the beatitude they gained so quickly. For already, at the beginning of their lives, they pass on. The end of the present life is for them the beginning of glory."

- St. Augustine

Feast of the Holy Innocents
December 28th

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