



MISSION STATEMENT

*A Christian Community founded on the faith of Polish immigrants,
Welcoming and accepting all as brothers and sisters in Christ,
Working together to create one family bound by Christ's love*

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St. Adalbert's Cemeteries:
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ADMINISTRATOR Rev. James Monaco.
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Mass: 8:30 A.M.

St. Katharine Drexel Sunday Mass: 10:00 A.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:30 A.M. in Church

Tuesday, Thursday
The Rosary is recited after daily Mass
First Friday: Rosary at 9 AM followed by Mass and Adoration

St. Katharine Drexel: Wednesday & Friday 8:30 A.M.

HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS: As announced

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all visitors and ask that if you like what you see and hear to please contact the parish office to register. A parishioner is someone who has completed a registration form, regularly attends Mass, and regularly supports the parish financially through the use of envelopes. It is necessary to be a registered and active parishioner in order to receive a letter of recommendation to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor. If you are moving away, we ask you to please contact the parish office so we can update our records.

MARRIAGE: Please consult with the Parish Administrator/Pastor at least six months to one year before setting a wedding date.

BAPTISM: Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Visit our parish website – www.saintjohnkanty.com



REMINDER THAT ONLY THOSE WITH HANDICAP PERMITS MAY PARK IN THE DESIGNATED HANDICAP PARKING SPACES



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 –LATE ADVENT
WEEKDAY
NO MASS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 –FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

8:30 AM +Maria & Brownie Klinger, (Family)
+Deceased Members of the Solecki Family,
(Dina)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 19 –LATE ADVENT
WEEKDAY**

8:30 AM Communion Service at
St. Katharine Drexel

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20 – LATE ADVENT
WEEKDAY (IN CHURCH)**

8:30 AM +Barbara Hexinger, (Richard)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21- LATE ADVENT
WEEKDAY**

8:30 AM Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22 –LATE ADVENT
WEEKDAY (IN CHURCH)**

8:30 AM +Henry Spychaj 30th Anniv., (Children
& Grandchildren)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23 – LATE ADVENT
WEEKDAY**

8:30 AM Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24 –LATE ADVENT
WEEKDAY
NO MASS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 –THE NATIVITY OF
THE LORD**

8:30 AM +Irene Morgan, (Family)

The Mass book for 2022 is open.

Weekend and week day Masses are available. The Mass stipend is \$15 per Mass. Please contact the rectory to schedule your intentions. You may also place your intentions, with the stipend amount, in the collection basket or mail in your intentions.

	December 18
Lectors	Richard Cislo Ryan Dela Cruz
Minister	Vivien Pepe



CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve-December 24

4:00 p.m. Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

Christmas Day-December 25

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Kanty

10:00 am Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

New Year's Day-January 1

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. John Kanty

10:00 am Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

The Renewal Prayer

In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church. In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people, closer to you. Continually Bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care. Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for the healing touch of Jesus' hand for those who are ill, especially: Jessica Frysz, Dee Stetz, Rev. Michael Burzynski, Emily Wolf, Patricia Milas, Dr. Owen Moye, Msgr. Matthew Kopacz, Eric G., Elizabeth Quizon, Dolores Quizon, Emily Ventura, Norm Macierowski, Julie Ulicki, Melanie Plata, Kimberly Paul, Jeffrey Nietopski, Barbara Koza, Joanne Marcucci, Sharon Jakubowski, Ben Lisiecki, Edward Szadkowski, Stanley Kowalski, Alice Walek, Ronald Slazak, Paul Fox, Rogo Family, Dolores Ruda, and all the sick of our parish. **If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the parish office.**

OFFERTORY: WEEK OF DECEMBER 11, 2022

We have been given many blessings. How will we share our treasure with others? All of the parish financial resources depend on the donations of the parishioners.

December 4 \$411.00/Monthly \$25.00

Christmas Flowers--\$30.00

Immaculate Conception \$5/Fuel \$20.00

Ret. Fund \$95.00

Thank you for your continued support!

Background on the Gospel Reading

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

Bulletin message for weekend of December 17-18: So much has changed since the founding of Catholic Charities in 1923, but one thing has remained a constant: just as we have for 99 years, Catholic Charities is here and ready to

help – now. If you have an urgent need or you or your family is facing a crisis situation, please give us a call or visit www.ccwny.org to complete an online assistance form. Help and HOPE are available.



Fr. Roy Herberger's Nativity Sets Exhibit on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am-4 pm from now until January 8th (except Christmas and New Year's weekends) at Our Lady of Victory Basilica (lower level), 767 Ridge Rd., Lackawanna. This unique collection features Nativity sets from around the world! If you have any questions, call Fr. Roy at 716-852-2076.

Word of Life-December 18: "Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother."



We are seeking volunteers to help decorate our Church. Decorating will take place on Thursday, December 22 at 9:30 AM



St. Adalbert has a limited supply of Christmas chocolate that will be sold this weekend.

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In Memory of

Edward & Wanda Bryk By Family	Kalisz & Zulawski Families By Connie Zulawski	Drozd, Jozwiak & Jankowski Families By Phyllis Drozd	Edward Sunday By Wife, Marcia	John & Julie Jamot By Family
Daskiewicz & Jarnot Families By Family	Charlotte Fyda Gloria & Ralph Snyder By Jennifer Snyder-Haas	Parents, Brothers, Sisters & In-laws By Esther Lukaszewska	Ronald, Christine, Randy & Andy Pawlak By Julie Pawlak	Irene Szalda By Dombek Family
Stanley & Patricia Bystrak By Family	Maciorowski & Peplowski Families By Norman Maciorowski	Husband & Father Robert Felski, Sr. By Dolores & Family	Eugene & Florence Baranowski By Children	Henry & Marian Kucinski By Children
Wagner, Brzycky & Siejak Families By Sally & Family	Bosiacki & Januchowski Families By Edward & Christine Bosiacki	Michael Streicher By Wife Cindy	Chmielewski & Konwinski Families By Family	Millie & Ray Cegielski By Michael Kucinski
Frank & Gerry & Mary Niemczal By Debbie & Randy & Family	Januchowski/Smigielski Family By Jerry & Family	Domino & Michalek Families By Mary Domino	Geryak & Sestak Families By Family	Marie & Stanley Szeluga By Donna
Richard Slazak Mieczyslaw & Leocadia Pajakowski By Dolores	John & Stella Wrobel By Chet, Ella, Dave & Ryan	Stephen, Julia, Leonard, Marcia, Norman Makolinski By Daughter, Sue O'Neill	Jenny & Teddy Imbierowski By Ed, Diane, Elizabeth & Paul Czajka	Richard Laskowski By Maryann & Jim Kajdasz
Walter Koza By Koza Family	Dziatkowski & Marciniak Families By Gert Marciniak	Walek Family By Alice Walek	Helen & Walter Rembacz, Lucy Majchrzycki	Barbara Miller By Terejko & Thornton Family
Michael & Mark Jakubiak By Aunt Sally	Franciszek & Honorata Stanczewski & Frank & Mary & Jim & Rita By Family	Jennie Showalter By Daughter Janice	Frank & Regina & Paul Ziembiec By Helen & Joe Ziembiec	Stanley & Mildred Glowny By Children/Grandchildren
Francis & Theresa Jablonski By Roy & Karen Baer	Sikorski & Jerszewski Families By Grace	Ulicki & Jaworski Families Parents of Harry & Pat Jaworski	Majchrowicz & Jagodzinski Families By Dorothy	Edward & Harriet Niedzielski By Sunday Family
Dear Husband & Father Gene Siejak By Sally & Family	Kwandrans & Szyndel Families By Kwandrans Family	Anthony & Katherine Rogowski By Family	Husband Edwin Marciniak By Gert	Peter & Regina Stelmach By Family
Adam Michalek By Family	Chester & Anne Seweryniak By Family	Natalie R. Palmowski By Nancy R. Floyd	Henry 'Skippy' & Alicia Spychaj By Children & Grandchildren	Grzywa & Majcher Families By Wally & Terrie Domino
Sovinski & Tarabula Family By Family	Walenty-Anna Kochul Family Valerie Mincel & Family By Sigmund & Christine Mincel	Adrian & Marian Borowicz By Daughter Mary & Mike Muscato	Sr. Mary Hortense By Family	Gorny & Trawinski Families By Family
Dolores & Edward Hosinski By Children, Cheryl, Ron, Janice, Karen & Sister, Millie	Wieszczeccinski & Wozniak Families By Family	Benedict S. & Barbara. Zarajczyk By Family	Edmond & Martha Pinkowski By Sunday Family	Orlowski & Bienas Family By Norbert & Barbara
Mmgr. E. Sobierajski & Edmund Wardynski, By Millie	Leonard Tortorice By Nelson & Marlene Oldfield	Phyllis Pepe By Family	Mary & Stanley Maslanka By Daughter, Millie	Ferdinand & Anne Nowicki-Peter & Veronica Slazak By Loretta Nowicki
Guy & Rita Giancarlo By Family	Stanley & Jennie Szymanski By Dina		Zbigniew Sr., Jozefa, Zbigniew Jr., Richard Solecki, By Helene, Barbara & Mary	<u>VARIOUS INTENTIONS</u> Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Soc.
	Baron Family By Diane Baron			Living & Deceased Members of Holy Name Soc.