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Office Hours  
Monday - Friday,  
9:30 am to 3:00 pm



Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo  
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Music Director

## MASSSES:

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00 pm

**Sundays:** 7:30 am, 10:00 am (*Eng*)  
11:30 am (*Pol*)

**Holydays:** 7:00 am & 6:30 pm,  
8:00 pm (*Polish*)

**Weekdays (including Sat.):** 8:30 am  
Rosary Mon.-Sat 8:00 am

**CONFESSION:** Saturday,  
4:00 - 4:50 pm (*before the 5:00 pm  
Mass*) and before the 8:30 am Mass  
(*by appointment only*).

**BAPTISMS:** Class and  
arrangements must be made by  
contacting the Rectory. If you are  
a newly registered family you are  
required to be attending Mass for  
at least three months and using  
offering envelopes.

**MARRIAGES:** Requirements...  
Marriage preparation classes and  
Confirmation (*if you are Catholic*).  
Arrangements are to be made at  
least six months in advance. At  
least three meetings with the priest  
are required.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes are held for Parish registered  
members only on Sunday mornings  
from mid September to May. Children  
seeking their Sacraments must attend  
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Program. Call 908-637-4269.

**R.C.I.A.:** Anyone interested in adult  
religious education or becoming  
Catholic. Call Marilyn Gorski at  
908-459-4483.

## VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Every first Friday of the month, at  
home or in the hospital, please call  
the church office, 908-637-4269.

## FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NIGHT PRAYER:

In Polish from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

## BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP:

Every Monday from 5:00 pm in the  
Chapel. New members are always  
welcome!

**OUTREACH PROGRAM:** If you are  
in need please call the Parish Office at  
908-637-4269. All calls kept  
confidential.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY:** New  
members are always welcome! We meet  
every third Wednesday of the month at  
7:00 pm. Call Walt at 908-459-5861.

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Meets every first Friday of each month  
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welcome!

## E-mail

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## PARISH REGISTRATION

Every family should be properly registered. New parishioners should register at the Parish Office. Children 18 and over should be registered as adults. Envelopes are the only means we have to verify parishioners attendance at Mass. Please use your envelope regardless of the amount you are able to include. Without verification of Mass attendance we cannot issue sponsor certification for Baptism, Confirmation, or any character references, etc. Please notify the Parish Office of any address change as soon as possible.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2/3, 2023

### **SAT** – Dec 2

5:00p +Nell Sadlock req daughter Alice Kurnath

### **SUN** – Dec 3 (First Sunday of Advent)

7:30a +Florence Zwolinski req Florence & Joe Dzurek

10a -God's blessings for Alberta Piasecki on the occasion of her 100th birthday req Litizia Stasi & family

11:30a Pol - Błogosławieństwo urodzinowe dla Gabriel Lukijaniuk od rodziny

### **MON** – Dec 4 (St. John Damascene)

8:30a +John Stasi, Jr. req his family

### **TUES** – Dec 5

8:30a +Michael Walsh req Steve & Marilyn Gorski

### **WED** – Dec 6 (St. Nicholas)

8:30a +Jim Meringer req Morning Prayer Group

### **THUR** – Dec 7 (St. Ambrose)

8:30a -For living members of the Jerzy Wojtusewski family req Lukijaniuk Family

### **FRI** – Dec 8 (Imm Conception of the BVM)

7:00a +Antonia Ziobro req daughter & family

6:30p +Mary Helen Shields req Paul & Maria Farruggia & family

8:00p Pol: -God's blessings for the Gzella Family

### **SAT** – Dec 9 (St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin)

8:30a -God's blessings for Agnes Wojtuszezwska & her family req Lukijaniuk Family

5:00p +Anthony Kowalski & son req Stephen & Sharon Meglic

### **SUN** – Dec 10 (First Sunday of Advent)

7:30a -God's graces and birthday blessings for Natalia

10a +Edward Sosnovik req MaryLou Fortin

11:30a Pol +Zbigniew Gromnicki z rocz sm od rodziny

**Altar Flowers** – are NOT available during Advent

**Bread & Wine** – is offered this week in memory of Stella Wojcik req her daughter LuAnn

**Sanctuary Lamp** is available

**Divine Mercy Candle** is lit this week for God's graces and birthday blessings for Jozef Grab

### HELP NEEDED



As you may know, our Catholic Charities Thrift Store and Food Pantry in Phillipsburg provides much-needed

assistance to many families and individual when in need of food, clothing, and other small items. Our staff of employees and volunteers provide for these needs with kindness and compassion. Many find this to be a very heartwarming experience. There is much work to do so we need more volunteers. Anyone interested in more information, call Sister Michaelita at 908-859-5447 for details about volunteer opportunities.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS – November 2023

1<sup>st</sup> week - \$3161

2<sup>nd</sup> week - \$2738

3<sup>rd</sup> week - \$3095

4<sup>th</sup> week - \$

### 2024 CALENDARS

Free 2024 calendars are available in the back of our church compliments of Cochran Funeral Home of Hackettstown and Newbaker Funeral Home of Blairstown. Please help yourselves to one.



### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This coming Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 7am and at 6:30pm in English and in Polish at 8pm.

### YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING

As you consider your year-end tax planning, we hope that you will consider making good use of the income tax charitable deduction and remember our church. All monies are greatly appreciated and will be well spent with the good of the entire parish in mind.

**JOIN US everyday (Monday-Saturday) after the 8:30am Mass to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in our Chapel for the people and country of Ukraine.**

"Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets will be available for a five dollar donation to the Knights of Columbus before and after Masses December 9 and December 10. These colorful, oval magnets are 7 inches long, portraying the Holy Family.

**SHARE IN THE CARE COLLECTION**

It's that time of year to help take care of our retired priests, Sisters, and Brothers. When they worked, they took care of our spiritual needs, they prayed for us, and guided us. Since they are now retired, they need our help as the cost of shelter, care, and food continues to rise. Please be generous in the second collection today.



**CHRISTMAS / NEW YEAR'S RECONCILIATION**

Saturday, December 9th  
4pm - 4:45pm

Saturday, December 16th  
4pm - 4:45pm

Wednesday, December 20th  
7pm – 8pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES**

Sunday, December 24th

5:00 PM Mass

10:00 PM (Polish)

12:00 Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES**

Monday, December 25th

7:30am,

10:00am,

11:30am (Polish)

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**

Sunday, December 31st

5:00 PM, Vigil Mass

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES**

Monday, January 1st, 2024

10:00am (English)

11:30am (Polish)

**Eucharistic Miracle Display**

You are invited to visit and see the wonderful Carlo Acutis Eucharistic Miracle Display at St. Jude's Church, Blairstown, NJ. Their Eucharistic Revival Team has secured this awesome display from November 29 through December 10. With the exception of December 6 the display will be available for viewing 9:30am to 9pm every day. Blessed Carlo was a typical teenager who wore Nike sneakers and loved the computer. He used his remarkable tech skills to develop a website listing Eucharistic Miracles around the world as a creative means of digital evangelization. Carlo died at age 15. Come and see this 28' panel display. All are invited.

***Average Person Offerings in November***

The following chart shows the average person offerings in the month of November 2023 per Mass:

Nov 4/5	# people	Total Collection	Average/ Person
5 P	57	\$740.00	\$12.98
7:30 A	65	\$895.00	\$13.77
10 A	120	\$975.00	\$8.13
11:30 A	73	\$551.00	\$7.55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>\$3,161.00</b>	<b>\$10.03</b>
<b>Nov 11/12</b>			
5 P	68	\$637.00	\$9.37
7:30 A	55	553.00	\$10.05
10 A	135	\$973.00	\$7.21
11:30 A	83	\$575.00	\$6.93
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>\$2,738.00</b>	<b>\$8.03</b>
<b>Nov 18/19</b>			
5 P	70	\$719.00	\$10.27
7:30 A	58	\$773.00	\$13.33
10 A	145	\$1,033.00	\$7.12
11:30 A	79	\$570.00	\$7.22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>\$3,095.00</b>	<b>\$8.79</b>
<b>Nov 25/26</b>			
5 P	70	\$631.00	\$9.01
7:30 A	59	\$756.00	\$12.81
10 A	80	\$571.00	\$7.14
11:30 A	96	\$672.00	\$7.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>\$2,630.00</b>	<b>\$8.62</b>

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Even if your Children run from you, run from their upbringing, run from the church, they can never run from your prayers! Never stop praying.

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**PRAY FOR:**

**Living:** Lottie Grochowicz, Buga Family, Irena Pietras, Julia Gromnicki, Marian Gzella

**Deceased:** Regina Lukijaniuk, Rocco Ferrante, Jr., Zbigniew Grzywna, Rosemary Washuta, Zofia Koc, Louise Stefanski, Kazimierz Cwalinski

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**“Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him... Yet, O Lord, you are our father; we are the clay and you are the potter: we are all the work of your hands.”**

The prophet Isaiah, one of the principal figures for advent, speaks for us, longing for the needed Messiah, not His first coming, but for today. Can I not see that our world needing His presence, desperate to make things better? The God who made us, the potter, needs to refashion us in His image as we live the days of this holy season. He will remake us in His image, by our prayer for all around us, beginning with His reworking who we are and what He wants us to become.

**“Come Lord Jesus.”**

### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS





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## Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Mark 13:33-37

### BE AWARE & KEEP WATCH!

Always be ready for the day and hour when God comes again. No one knows when, not even Jesus or the Angels in Heaven.

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## FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

### WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

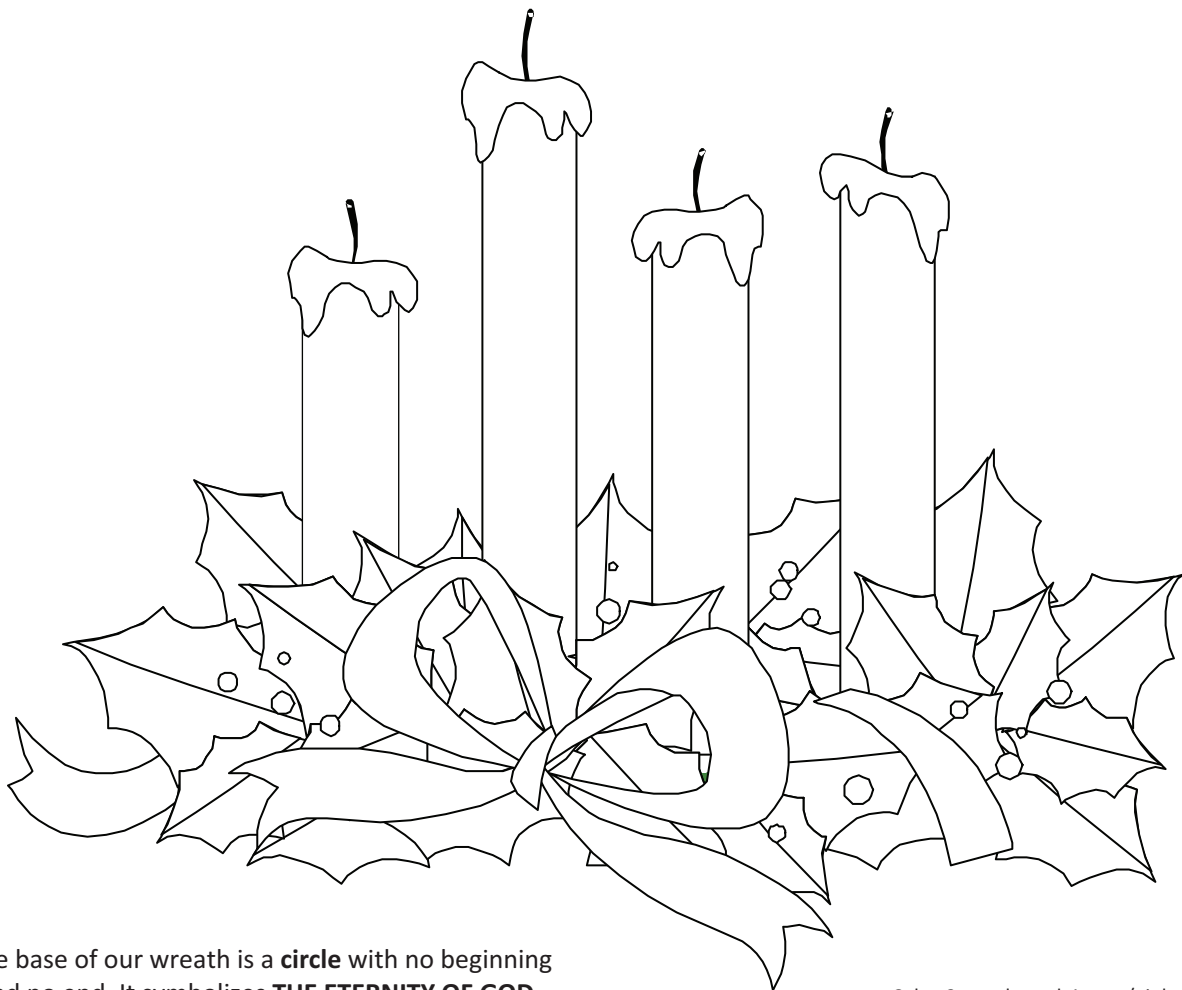
Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen". Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

### BLESS THIS WREATH

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessings upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord, Amen."



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