



The second Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Faith** with the **Bethlehem Candle** reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

We are a welcoming Roman Catholic Parish that cherishes the Polish heritage of our founders and celebrates the diversity of all who enter, thus striving to give glory to God through worship and service to the community.

# St. Barbara Church

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## Second Sunday of Advent – December 6, 2015

### LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

**Saturday, Sobota, December 5**  
4:30 p.m. † Alice Krisfalusy & † Violet Hughes *int. Family*

**Sunday, Niedziela, December 6**  
9:00 a.m. † Stephen Noga *int. Family*  
11:00 a.m. † Teresa & † Adam Gacek  
*int. Zofia & Andrzej Rubis*

**Monday, Poniedziałek, December 7**  
7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Hill*)

**Tuesday, Wtorek, December 8**  
**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
7:30 a.m. † Alice Krisfalusy & † Violet Hughes *int. Family*  
7:00 p.m. † Tom Squirek *int. Jack & Donald Squirek*

**Wednesday, Środa, December 9**  
7:30 a.m. † Emily & † John Hodeck *int. Loretta, Debbie, Gary & Cindy*

**Thursday, Czwartek, December 10**  
7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Lipnick*)

**Friday, Piątek, December 11**  
7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Lusnek*)

**Saturday, Sobota, December 12**  
4:30 p.m. † Magdalen Noga *int. Family*

**Sunday, Niedziela, December 13**  
9:00 a.m. † Linda Krol *int. Ken & Maureen Krol*  
11:00 a.m. † Stefan & † Stefanie Kazimierzak  
*int. Komarnicki Family*



All MASSES are in English except the 11:00 Sunday mass which is in Polish. CONFESSIONS are heard in English every Saturday before the Vigil Mass, from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. and in Polish every Sunday before the 11:00 a.m. Polish mass.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday, December 8, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be at 7:30 a.m. (English) and 7:00 p.m. (Polish)

### SECOND COLLECTION This Weekend, December 5-6: The Retirement Fund for Religious

The second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Often sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for little pay, resulting in today's shortage of retirement savings. Thank you for your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious which helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care, and much more.

### POINSETTIA SALE

THIS SUNDAY, December 6, is the deadline for memorial Poinsettia orders. Order Forms are available on the table at the west entrance to the church. The cost of a 7 1/2 inch Red Poinsettia is \$13.00 each. Payment in cash or check (made payable to "St. Barbara Parish Guild")



*The generosity of our Parishioners & Friends has brought St. Barbara Church the following:*

Collection for November 28-29 - \$1,726 (83 envelopes)  
Maintenance Fund - \$357 (15 envelopes)

**Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!**

## Prayer List

Please pray for our parishioners who are ill and all who are in need of our prayers:

Renette Armstrong, Dennis Balis, Phyllis Bobko, Sarah Burket, Loretta Budzinski, Richard Cielec, Donna Cuevas, Elizabeth Gannon, Robert & Shannon Gibbons, Irene Heruminek, Joan Kalemba, Ann Marie Lusnek, Martha Plonski, Rosemary Maier, Dorothy Noga, Robert & Shirley Orahoske, Gertraud Sliwka, Doris Wojton, Dora Wołowiec, Anna Zakarowsky

**WELCOME** to the **Alumni of Our Lady of Mercy Church**

who will be here for Mass on Saturday as part of their annual Christmas gathering.



### FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

#### THE GIVING TREE



Our culture tells us that Christmas is a time to ask for what we want. You will see, however, from the tags on the **GIVING TREE**, that families are asking for *what they need*.

There are a few tags left. Please consider taking one if you have not already done so. We are hoping to fulfill the wish list for 13 children from Metro Catholic School. **Next Sunday, December 13 is the deadline for dropping off the gifts.**



#### PARISH RAFFLE

1<sup>st</sup> prize \$1,000

2<sup>nd</sup> prize \$500

3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$250

4<sup>th</sup> prize \$100

Drawing: 2/6/2016

#### PARISH RAFFLE TICKETS

A reminder to everyone to **PLEASE PICK UP** your envelope for the Parish Raffle from the table near the west side entrance to our church. If you can help deliver envelopes to parishioners who may live near you but are not able to come to Mass that would also be appreciated.



**OPŁATEK (Christmas Wafers)** are available before or after Masses. Packets (4 wafers each) are at the table near the west (parking lot) entrance. The suggested donation is \$2.00.

#### FREE 2016 CALENDARS



Special thanks to **Kolodiy-Sobczyk Funeral Home** and **Tomon Funeral Homes** for their donation of calendars for the new year. There is an **English** version and a **Polish** version and they have been placed on the table at the west entrance of the church.

## PARISH GUILD MEETING

Monday, December 7 @ 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

### YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE CONCLUDES & THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY BEGINS

Holy Father Pope Francis has declared a **JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY** celebration to begin on **December 8, 2015**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and conclude on Sunday, November 20, 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe.

Since the 15th Century, a Holy Door has been used as a ritual expression of conversion during Jubilee Years. Those who traveled to a cathedral or a basilica or a designated church for reconciliation entered through the Holy Door, crossing the threshold from sin to grace, from slavery to freedom and from darkness to light.

The opening of the Holy Doors of Mercy for the Diocese of Cleveland will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist at 10:15 a.m. on December 13, 2015, just prior to the celebration of the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

During the **YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE** we have highlighted some of the sons and daughters of our Parish who entered religious life as brothers, sisters and priests. Although the year officially ended on November 21 we still have some stories to tell and we hope to include them in future issues of the church bulletin. We have one more story to finish out this year.

**Our pastor, Fr. Joseph Hilinski**, entered the seminary from St. Patrick Parish in West Park and was ordained a priest on June 8, 1974, but we can still claim him as one of our own since he was baptized by Fr. Joseph Jarosz here at St. Barbara's on September 5, 1948.

Although Fr. Hilinski considered several career options including joining the merchant marines or studying the law and working in the legal profession, he was already thinking about the priesthood at an early age. This picture, courtesy of the Hilinski family, shows a young Joseph praying at the altar in his family's home.



We pray for Fr. Joe and all those who have been called to the priesthood and religious life. May God bless those who are serving now and those who are discerning the call to serve. May we continue to be inspired by their example and faith.