

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.

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St. Barbara Church

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Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 20, 2015

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, December 19

4:30 p.m. † Christine Bellar int. Family

Sunday, Niedziela, December 20

9:00 a.m. † Joseph Marek int. Marcy & Gary Hill 11:00 a.m. † Renata Rapacz int. Krystyna Kowalewski

Monday, Poniedziałek, December 21 7:30 a.m. † All Souls (Pettit)

Tuesday, Wtorek, December 22

7:30 a.m. † Cecelia Cielec int. Family

Wednesday, Środa, December 23 7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Potokar*)

Thursday, Czwartek, December 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 p.m. † Joseph A. Hilinski

10:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Barbara Church

Friday, Pigtek, December 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

9:00 a.m. Presider's intention 11:00 a.m. Presider's intention

Saturday, Sobota, December 26

4:30 p.m. † Christine Bellar int. Family

Sunday, Niedziela, December 27

9:00 a.m. † James Grabowski *int. Renette Armstrong* 11:00 a.m. † Frank & † Jozefa Marszalek & † Christine

int. 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.

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Dear Parishioners -

In our culture, December 25th is the end of a feverish season of decorating, buying and baking. It is the day when everyone collapses on the couch, breathes a sigh of relief and precedes the next day to dismantle "Christmas".

Among Catholic Christians, December 25th marks the beginning of a celebration that savors each dimension of what it means that the Word of God became flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary! The humble ones, represented in the shepherds, discover the beauty of God in the birth of a child. The powerful and rich, represented in the Magi, give away their riches to the Star-directed Child and his mother. The plotting of the mighty, Herod and his advisors, cause suffering of the Holy Innocents but cannot impede the plan of God! Carols (Kolędy) are sung by all the faithful proclaiming their faith in the presence of God, alive in their hearts and in their families.

The Masses are celebrated with special solemnity on the days of Christmas and Epiphany connecting the "babe in swaddling clothes" with the one baptized in the Jordan to the Victor over Cross and Grave – the one and same Jesus Christ!

May your celebration begin on December 25th and continue into the eternity of your life, which is the revelation of this feast of the Nativity of the Son of God, born of the ever-virgin Mary.

A Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Wesołych Świąt Bozego Narodzenia!

-- Fr. Joseph Hilinski

Prayer List

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

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 St. Barbara's Church★●



Whether you are a former parishioner or a new visitor, we welcome you to our church and hope that you will always feel "at home" here. Please come back again soon. We invite everyone to become a part of our parish family.



CONFESSION: Sacrament of Reconciliation

Additional Opportunities for Confession This Weekend

English: Saturday, December 19, 3:30 to 4:15

Sunday, December 20, 8:30 to 9:00

Polish: Sunday, December 20, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Polish Confessions at Polish Churches Adwentowa Spowiedź Po Polsku (2015 R.):

Kościół św. Barbary: niedziela, 20 grudnia po Mszy św.

o godz. 11:00 AM

Kościół św. Kazimierza: niedziela, 20 grudnia po Mszy św. o godz.11:30 AM



AVAILABLE AT THE SIDE ENTRANCE

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.

OPŁATEK (packet of 4) - suggested donation \$2.00.

YEAR OF MERCY COMPANION – a free booklet of daily reflections, poetry, meditations, profiles of saints, teachings of the church, stories, devotions and prayers to take you through this Jubilee Year of Mercy.



Christmas Concert

THIS SUNDAY

December 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The St. Barbara Parish Guild is proud to sponsor a Christmas Concert in our church featuring Der Deutscher Musik Verein

> (the German Music Society), a woodwind and brass band.



Admission is free and open to the public.

Please plan on bringing your family and friends and join us for a musical Christmas celebration!

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RAFFLE TICKETS

If you haven't already, please return your raffle ticket stubs and payment in the envelope provided. You cam drop them in the regular collection basket. If you need more tickets to buy or sell please ask the greeters/ ushers. Drawing is 2/6/2016.

1 st Prize \$1,000 2nd Prize \$500 3rd Prize \$250



DECORATING DAY, This Sunday

We invite everyone who would like to help decorate our church for Christmas to join us on Sunday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Collection for December 12-13 - \$1,398 (64 envelopes) Feast of Immaculate Conception – \$337 (29 envelopes) Maintenance Fund - \$411 (18 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!