



*The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the Prophet's Candle reminding us that Jesus is coming.*

*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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### First Sunday of Advent – November 27, 2016

#### LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

##### Saturday, Sobota, November 26

2:00 p.m. Wedding of  
Anna Lynn Wotowiec & Nathan Scott Unwin  
4:30 p.m. † Deceased Members of the Parish Guild  
*int. Guild*

##### Sunday, Niedziela, November 27

9:00 a.m. † Rev. Robert M. Wendelken *int. Marcie Kozyra*  
11:00 a.m. † Pelagia, † Wladyslaw & † Franciszek Pietrzycki  
*int. Zoladz Family*

##### Monday, Poniedziałek, November 28

7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Farren*)

##### Tuesday, Wtorek, November 29

7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*R. Gasior*)

##### Wednesday, Środa, November 30, St. Andrew

7:30 a.m. † Anthony & † Mary Giangiacomo *int. Family*

##### Thursday, Czwartek, December 1

7:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Barbara Church

##### Friday, Piątek, December 2, First Friday

#### NO MORNING MASS

6:00 p.m. † Christine Bellar & † Jozefa & † Frank Marszalek  
*int. Family*

##### Saturday, Sobota, December 3

4:30 p.m. † Bill & † Helen Malinowski *int. John & Angela Malinowski*

##### Sunday, Niedziela, December 4, St. Barbara

9:00 a.m. † Barbara Wilary *int. Jan & Jadwiza Buzanowski*  
11:00 a.m. † Barbara Bialozyt *int. Sister & 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.*

#### THIS WEEK

**Fr. Andrzej Panek** will be the Presider at the Polish Mass this Sunday and next Sunday while Fr. Knapik takes some vacation time. Witamy Fr. Panek.

**December 2 is First Friday.** There will be Mass in the evening at 6:00 p.m. Confession in Polish **will not** be available. No morning Mass on Friday.

Several feast days are coming up this week including:

**St. Andrew** on Wednesday, November 30 and our patron, **St. Barbara** on Sunday, December 4. Happy Name Day to all our parishioners named Barbara and Andrew (including Fr. Knapik and Fr. Panek!).

#weGIVECATHOLIC Tuesday, November 29

**This Tuesday**, we will be joining with 150 Catholic parishes, schools, nonprofits, Catholic Charities sites and programs to participate in Northeast Ohio's first online **Catholic Giving Day**. Visit [www.weGiveCatholic.org](http://www.weGiveCatholic.org) anytime between 12:00 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. on **Tuesday, November 29**, search for **St. Barbara Parish** and click "Donate Now". Please spread the word to fellow parishioners, former parishioners, family and friends. In spirit of the season, remember to **Give Catholic** on **Giving Tuesday**.

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

Collection for November 19-20 – \$1,514 (62 envelopes)  
Maintenance Fund - \$695 (14 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,  
Phyllis Cielec, Donna Cuevas, Tom Curtan,  
Jean Fabian, Elizabeth Gannon, Marcy Hill,  
Bill Himes, Jr., Robert & Shannon Gibbons,  
Joan Kalemba, Ann Marie Lusnek,  
Rosemary Maier, Dorothy Noga, Doris Wojton,  
Robert & Shirley Orahoske, Martha Plonski,  
Gertraud Sliwka, Dora Wołowiec,  
Włodzimierz Wrobel, Anna Zakarowsky

## FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

**Thank you** to all who contributed food items to **Joseph's Table** and to those who helped pack the bags. We were able to send 36 Thanksgiving bags to **Metro Catholic School**.

## CHRISTMAS FOR ANOTHER



Once again, we will be participating in Metro Catholic School's Christmas Outreach Program. Parents who would like Christmas gifts for their children were able to request one toy and one article of clothing for each

child. In keeping with our theme, each tag on the **GIVING TREE** lists the name of a child, their gender and age and the gifts their parents have chosen for them.

Please select a tag and return the gift, unwrapped, with the tag so that the item will go to the right family. The deadline for dropping off the gifts is **Thursday, December 15**.

## ADVENT

Advent is the beginning of the New Church Year. Our theme for this year is: **Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works.** Hebrews 10:24

## THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Since the 900s Advent has been considered the beginning of the church year. This does not mean that Advent is the most important time of the year. The Easter cycle has always had this honor. The distinction happened from the practice of placing the liturgical texts for Advent at the beginning of the hand-copied books used for Mass. They had to begin somewhere.

The beginning of Advent always falls on the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, November 30. As a preparation season, like Lent, it has no meaning in itself. It looks forward to the annual celebration of Jesus's birth, both the historical event itself and the saving event of the coming of God in flesh.

Advent has always been somewhat confused. It blends together a penitential spirit very similar to Lent, a liturgical theme of preparation for the Second and Final Coming of the Lord, called the Parousia, and a joyful theme of getting ready for the Bethlehem event. Religious traditions associated with Advent give expression to all these themes.

The word Advent (from the Latin *adventus*, "coming") originally described the whole mystery of the Incarnation. The conception of Jesus was an Advent, but so was his birth and what will be his final coming at the end-times. In a more popular sense, Advent was first associated with the time of the year now called Christmastime and finally with the weeks of preparation for Christmas.

From *Catholic Customs & Traditions* by Greg Dues



We have placed our order for **OPLATEK (Christmas Wafers)** and we expect to have them available soon.



## Congratulations + Best Wishes

to **Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Unwin** who will receive the sacrament of matrimony in our church on Saturday, November 26.

## FUNERAL MASS



On Saturday, December 3, there will be a Funeral Mass for **Marie Xeras**, daughter of Robert and Sylvia (Juris) Xeras.

## POINSETTIA SALE

Order Forms for the **Annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale** sponsored by the Parish Guild are available on the table at the west entrance of 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") is required at the time the order is placed.



**Deadline for orders is next Sunday, December 4, 2016**

## FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT AT THE CATHEDRAL

**A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL, Friday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.,** at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist; 1007 Superior Avenue at East 9th St, Cleveland. The concert is **FREE**, (no tickets, no reservations) Free secure parking at the Cathedral garage on Rockwell Avenue at East Ninth.

## FREE ORGAN RECITAL

**Friday, December 9** at 7:00 p.m. Polish –American pianist Konrad Binienda will present an Organ recital at the Cleveland Institute of Music's Kulas Hall, 11021 East Boulevard Cleveland. All are invited to this free performance in which Konrad, will complete his degree requirements for his Doctorate at the Institute.