



The third Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the Shepherd's Candle reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

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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Third Sunday of Advent – December 11, 2016

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, December 10

4:30 p.m. † Janina Omilion *int. Klik Family*

Sunday, Niedziela, December 11

9:00 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Barbara Church

11:00 a.m. † Teresa & † Adam Gacek *int. Family*

Monday, Poniedziałek, December 12

7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*S. Kalas*)

Tuesday, Wtorek, December 13

7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Lipnick*)

Wednesday, Środa, December 14

7:30 a.m. † Jerome Budzinski
int. Loretta, Deb, Gary, Cindy & Family

Thursday, Czwartek, December 15

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

Friday, Piątek, December 16

No 7:30 a.m. Morning Mass
 12:00 noon For Vocations (*Serra Club*)

Saturday, Sobota, December 17

4:30 p.m. † Mildred Klypchak *int. Donna Cuevas*

Sunday, Niedziela, December 18

9:00 a.m. † Eva Martinek *int. Mary Lou Orris*

11:00 a.m. † Christine Bellar & † Jozefa & † Frank Marszalek
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.



The St. Barbara Parish Guild will present a

Christmas Concert

in our Church on

Sunday, December 18 at 7:00 p.m.

featuring the **United Choirs of St. Mary Polish National Catholic Church, directed by Chris Paulus.**

The hour performance will include Polish & English carols. All are welcome to join in the sing-along portion.

Admission is free and open to the public.



AVAILABLE ON THE SIDE ENTRANCE TABLE

★ **2017 CALENDARS** – free English & Polish editions

★ **OPLATEK** (packet of 4) – suggested donation \$2.00

Prayer List

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

Phillip Adams, 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 Kalembo, Ann Marie Lusnek, Rosemary Maier, Dorothy Noga, Doris Wojton, Robert & Shirley Orahoske, Martha Plonski, Gertraud Sliwka, Dora Wołowiec, Włodzimierz Wrobel, Anna Zakarowsky

PASTOR'S REFLECTION

The Vatican recently restated the tradition of the Catholic Church concerning burial of the members of the Catholic Church and especially how cremation is to be handled. As Christians, Jesus burial and death are models for us and yet the Catholic Church has allowed for the use of cremation out of concern for the pastoral needs of its members. So we can summarize the points of concern:

- The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited. If cremation has been chosen, it would be preferable that the funeral Mass take place with the body present and then the body would go to the crematorium and burial at another time. Otherwise, the cremated remains can be brought to the church for funeral services.
- When cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place.
- The conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted. The ashes may not be divided among various family members.
- It is not permitted to scatter the ashes in the air, on land, or at sea.
- It is not permitted to preserve the ashes in mementos, pieces of jewelry or other objects.

This advisory hopes to preserve the dignity of Christian death for all the faithful and the dignity due even to the cremated remains of your loved one in the light of Jesus' Death and Resurrection and our resurrection to glory he has won for us by his Cross.

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

Collection for December 3-4 – \$2,178 (88 envelopes)
Maintenance Fund - \$1,065 (25 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!

2016 Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24,

4:30 p.m., English

10:00 p.m., Bilingual, English/Polish

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25,

9:00 a.m., English, and 11:00 a.m., Polish



CONFESSIONS: Sacrament of Reconciliation

A reminder that 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 Polish mass.

There will be **additional opportunities for confession** in English on **Sunday, December 18**, both before and after the 9:00 Mass. There will be no confessions on Christmas Eve but confessions will be heard on **Friday, December 23** from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.



SECOND COLLECTION This Weekend, Dec. 10-11:

The Retirement Fund for Religious

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.



FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Christmas for Another



If you have taken a gift tag from the **GIVING TREE** please return the unwrapped gift with the tag on or before **Thursday, December 15**. The gifts will be delivered to **Metro Catholic School** on December 16 giving the school time to arrange pick-up times for the parents. Your cooperation and participation is needed to insure the success of this Christmas Outreach program.

If you are not able to drop gifts off this weekend you can bring them to morning Mass Monday through Thursday of next week or to the rectory from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13.



DECORATING DAY, Sunday, December 18

We invite everyone who would like to help decorate our church for Christmas to join us on **Sunday, December 18**, after the 11:00 a.m. Polish Mass.