



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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## Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord – Christmas – December 25, 2016

### LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

**Saturday, Sobota, December 24, Christmas Eve**  
 4:30 p.m. † Joseph A. Hilinski *int. Fr. Hilinski*  
 10:00 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Barbara Church

**Sunday, Niedziela, December 25, Christmas Day**  
 9:00 a.m. † Cecilia & † Stanley Cielec *int. Phyllis Cielec*  
 11:00 a.m. † Presider's intention

**Monday, Poniedziałek, December 26**  
 9:00 a.m. † All Souls (*Minich*)

**Tuesday, Wtorek, December 27**  
 7:30 a.m. † Joseph Grabowski *int. Renette Armstrong*

**Wednesday, Środa, December 28**  
 7:30 a.m. † Mary Ann Harris Gannon  
*int. Pat & Cathy Gannon*

**Thursday, Czwartek, December 29**  
 7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Pietraszkiewicz*)

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

**Saturday, Sobota, December 31**  
 4:30 p.m. † Emily & † John Hodeck *int. Loretta, Deb, Gary,  
 Cindy & Family*

**Sunday, Niedziela, January 1**  
 9:00 a.m. † Bryan Cross *int. Barbara & Louis Potokar*  
 11:00 a.m. † Christine Bellar & † Frank & † Jozefa 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.

### ◆◆◆◆◆ Christmas 2016 ◆◆◆◆◆



Dear Parishioners –

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us!** The Gospel of St. John puts it so simply and yet clearly. What kind of word is he writing about? A word expresses some meaning. When we hear a word that we do not know we need to look it up in a dictionary so that we know the meaning. So when we hear the word **JESUS** what is the meaning of his life, death and resurrection? God's word of love and mercy is found in Jesus who is the Word of God become flesh. God's word is not just an idea or thought — it is the person of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ.

With all the words that fill our minds and ears, some of them pleasant and beautiful and yet some that are horrible and evil, we must not allow the Word of God to be drowned out by the loud shouts of hate and vengeance — of terrorists and fear mongers. Let the angelic choirs enter your soul! Let the message permeate your whole being! So that what took place in Bethlehem, takes place within your very soul — so that the Word has been enmeshed in your life!

May the Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ make you aware of the love of God for the whole human race and that includes YOU!

**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 prayers:

Philip 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 Kalemba, Ann Marie Lusnek, Rosemary Maier, Dorothy Noga, Doris Wojton, Robert & Shirley Orahoske, Martha Plonski, Gertraud Sliwka, Dora Wołowiec, Włodzimierz Wrobel, 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.



**PLEASE NOTE: Mass on Monday, December 26 will be at 9:00 a.m.** so that it might be more convenient for anyone who is off from work on Monday to attend.



## FROM THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE



Thank you for your very

generous participation in **Christmas for Another.**

The wishes of all 35 students from **Metro Catholic School** were fulfilled - many of you included "extras". A lot of time and effort was

put in to finding the exact gift that was requested. We donated approximately **\$1,000 worth** of toys and clothing gifts.



## NEXT PARISH GUILD MEETING

**Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall**

The **St. Barbara's Parish Guild** will be moving their meetings to the first Tuesday evening of the month starting in February 2017. The exception will be our January meeting which will be held on Tuesday January 10 at 7:00 p.m. due to the holidays. If any parishioners are interested in helping us in the coming year you are more than welcome to attend our next meeting!

Thank you for your support.

The next parish event will be our annual **"Souper Bowl"** on Saturday, February 4, featuring various soup selections, Chinese raffles and a Prize Money Raffle: \$750, \$500, \$250, \$200, and \$100. More information on raffle tickets will be coming soon.



## PASTERKA

The traditional Polish Christmas Liturgy **PASTERKA** will be celebrated on Sunday afternoon, **January 8, 2017** at 3:00 p.m. at **Nativity of the BVM Church**, 418 West 15<sup>th</sup> Street in Lorain, Ohio.



There will be a short prelude of Polish Kolędy (carols) followed by the Mass with homily in Polish and English. Free admission and open to everyone. St. Barbara choir members are invited to sing with the in the all-parishes choir. For further information, call 440-258-5231 or 440-826-0226.

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*Thank you!*  
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**TO EVERYONE** who helped to make this Christmas at St. Barbara's so joyful, so beautiful and one we will always remember!

★ Thanks to the men from Lia House and to everyone who helped to organize, set up and decorate our church for Christmas. ★ Thanks to everyone who contributed for flowers and those who purchased poinsettias in memory of and in honor of friends and loved ones. ★ Thanks to the musicians and singers and to everyone who joined in to fill our church with beautiful Kolędy and Christmas melodies. ★ Thanks to the Altar Servers, the Lectors, the Eucharistic Ministers, the Ushers and Greeters for your dedicated service this past year. ★ Thanks to Fr. Hilinski and Fr. Knapik for your ministry and service to our parish. ★ Thanks to everyone for your financial support and for all you do for St. Barbara Church.



The United Choirs of St. Mary Polish National Catholic Church presented a concert of Christmas Kolędy & Carols last Sunday



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2017

Please use the envelopes available on the table near the west side entrance to the church (parking lot side) to request your **Mass intentions for 2017**. Weekend masses go quickly especially the Polish Mass and the Saturday Vigil Mass but please remember that weekday masses are also available.