



*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.

# St. Barbara Church

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## Third Sunday of Advent – December 17, 2017

### LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

**Saturday, Sobota, December 16**

4:30 p.m. † Michelle Galie *int. Ken & Maureen Krol*

**Sunday, Niedziela, December 17**

9:00 a.m. Health & Blessings for Dorothy Friedl  
*int. Parish Guild*

11:00 a.m. † Dorothy & Władysław Rapacz *int. Family*

**Monday, Poniedziałek, December 18**

7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Minich*)

**Tuesday, Wtorek, December 19**

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

**Wednesday, Środa, December 20**

7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Novotny*)

**Thursday, Czwartek, December 21**

7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Gillock*)

**Friday, Piątek, December 22**

7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Rymut*)

**Saturday, Sobota, December 23**

4:30 p.m. † Robert Malinky *int. Mary Ann & Family*

**Sunday, Niedziela, December 24**

9:00 a.m. Health & Blessings for Mary Jean Farren  
*int. Parish Guild*

11:00 a.m. Health & Blessings for Maria Kusmierczyk  
*int. Family*

4:30 p.m. Presider's intention

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



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 its 4th Annual Christmas Concert

in our Church on

**CONFESSION: Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION**

**This Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m.**

featuring **The Medina Symphony Orchestra** ★

*Playing all the traditional carols that we love. Take some time to relax during the busy Christmas season and enjoy an evening of fine music. There will be a small reception in the Parish Hall to greet the musicians with pizza, pasta, desserts and beverages.*



**Admission is free & open to the public.**

*Any overflow parking will be directed to the Horizon Science Academy School across the Street*



### **DECORATING DAY, Sunday, December 17**

**We invite everyone** who would like to help decorate our church for Christmas to join us on **Sunday, December 17**, after the 11:00 a.m. Polish Mass.

## Prayer List

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

Renette Armstrong, Dennis Balis, Sarah Burket,  
Loretta Budzinski, Joseph Carnivale, Phyllis Cielec,  
Donna Cuevas, Tom Curtan, Jean Fabian,  
Don & Dorothy Friedl, Marcy Hill, Bill Himes, Jr.,  
Robert & Shannon Gibbons, Joan Kalemba, Iola Natal,  
Stanley Lobaza, Maria Kusmierczyk, Carol Kusmierczyk,  
Rosemary Maier, Dorothy Noga, Gertraud Sliwka,  
Robert & Shirley Orahoske, Martha Plonski,  
Fr. Lucjan Stokowski, Włodzimierz Wrobel,  
Dora Wołowiec, Anna Zakarowsky, Timothy Zalenty

## CONFESSION: Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Additional Opportunities for Confession

#### ENGLISH:

Sunday, December 17, before the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, December 22, **6:00-7:00 p.m.**

#### POLISH:

Sunday, December 17, before the 11:00 a.m. Polish Mass

Friday, December 22, **5:00-6:00 p.m.**

#### *Adwentowa Spowiedź Po Polsku:*

Niedziela, 17 grudnia przed Mszą na godziny 11:00 a.m.

Piatek, 22 grudnia, **5:00-6:00 p.m.**

## CHRISTMASTIME

Not many religious Christmas traditions – or secular ones – continue after December 25 in the typical family in the United States. School vacations, visiting and partying with family and friends are popular for a week. Christmas decorations stay up for a while, but much of life quickly settles into an ordinary routine.

The Church, however, is not finished with Christmas so quickly. The celebration of Christmas was stretched even further than a week. The Twelve days of Christmas was an ancient sacred and festive celebration of Christmastime. The twelve days began on December 25 and end on January 6, the feast of the Epiphany, which is still a major feast of the Incarnation.

*From CATHOLIC CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS by Greg Dues*

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

Collection for December 9-10 – \$1,856 (73 envelopes)

Immaculate Conception BVM – \$218 (19 envelopes)

Maintenance Fund - \$645 (19 envelopes)

*Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!*

## 2017 Christmas Mass Schedule

*Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24,*

**4:30 p.m.**, English

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

*Christmas Day, Monday, December 25,*

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

## ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

In the next couple of weeks we will be asking our parishioners to buy or sell \$30.00 worth of raffle tickets. We will be distributing them after each Mass by the side door of the church.

This year's raffle will have 10 winners instead of 5 as in previous years. The prize breakdown is: one \$500 prize, one \$400 prize, two \$250 prizes, three \$100 prizes, one \$75 prize and two \$50 prizes.

The raffle drawing will be at our free **Souper Bowl event** that will be held on Saturday, **February 3, 2018**, after the 4:30 Vigil Mass. Please do your best to sell as many tickets as possible! We thank you once again for your participation.

*--The St. Barbara's Parish Guild*

## AVAILABLE on the Side Entrance Table

★ **2018 CALENDARS** – free English & Polish editions

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

## FREE CONCERT AT ST. STEPHEN CHURCH

**Cantualis of Cleveland**, a choir that performs 12<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> century liturgical music, presents "Nine Lessons and Carols" at **St. Stephen Catholic Church**, 1930 W. 54th St., Cleveland on **Tuesday, December 19** at 7:30 pm. Secure parking off West 57 Street. For more information call 330-631-5633. A free will offering will be taken up.

## POLISH OPLATEK

**Saturday, January 6, 2018, 6:00 p.m.** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Parish Hall**, 6700 Lansing Avenue, Cleveland. Experience the braking and sharing of the oplatek and enjoy a performance by the students of the H Sienkiewicz School, Christmas carols, a raffle, sandwiches and Polish bakery. Dance to music by Władysław Kijański. Tickets available at the door, \$7.00 for adults, children from 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are free. All are welcome.

## PASTERKA -- SHEPHERDS MASS

**Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** at **St. Casimir Church**, 8223 Sowinski Avenue, Cleveland. This special event will include participants from all Polonia and choir members from various parishes.