

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent – December 24, 2017

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, December 23

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

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

Christmas Eve

Health & Blessings for the Hilinski Family 4:30 p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Barbara Church 10:00 p.m.

Monday, Poniedziałek, December 25, Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. † Stanley & † Cecilia Cielec

int. Phyllis Cielec

11:00 a.m. † Jerome Budzinski int. Family

Tuesday, Wtorek, December 26 7:30 a.m. All Souls (Lipnik)

Wednesday, Środa, December 27

7:30 a.m. † Joseph Grabowski int. Renette Armstrong

Thursday, Czwartek, December 28

† All Souls (Hill) 7:30 a.m.

Friday, Piatek, December 29

7:30 a.m. † All Souls (Montgomery)

Saturday, Sobota, December 30

4:30 p.m. † Joseph Abdenour int. Patty Abdenour

Sunday, Niedziela, December 31

† John & † Emily Hodeck int. Family 9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Presider's intention

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.



Dear Parishioners -

Glory to God in the highest And on earth peace to people of good will!



These words of the angelic choirs at the nativity of Jesus Christ are echoed in so many of the carols that we sing at this holy season and as well on most Sundays are part of the Gloria of the Mass. We recite them with hope and faith.

Hope is the virtue of believing in those things yet to be seen by God's promise. And we hope that all humanity would find that peace of spirit and life that God wants for us. Peace is not only the end of wars and violence, but it is something deep within. People of good will do find that peace because they direct their lives to willing that which is good rather than evil! And without that peace deep within each human heart we will not see the cessation of conflict within ourselves or between us and others.

We recite these words with **faith** that we acknowledge that all glory is God's and that no glory and power is as important as God's. In faith, we live for the glory of God not for the glory of ourselves and all the many political, cultural, and business activities that we so often make so much more important. And yet God's glory is humanity since the Son of God has taken upon himself our humanity so that we might share in the Divine Life of Love.

> 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:

Jim Adams, 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

PARISH GUILD MEETING

TUESDAY, January 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

NEWS FROM THE PARISH GUILD

The next parish event will be our annual "Souper Bowl" on Saturday, February 3, 2018, after the 4:30 Vigil Mass. 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. More information on raffle tickets will be coming soon.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2018

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 2018.** Weekend masses go quickly especially the Polish Mass and the Saturday Vigil Mass but please remember that weekday masses are also available.





Last Sunday, the Medina Symphony Orchestra performed at our church.

·•*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.



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POINSETTIAS

The poinsettia with its scarlet leaves, now of many hues, came from Mexico where it grows as a shrub. It blooms at Christmastime, and Mexicans called it "flower of the Holy Night." It was brought to the United States by the first ambassador to Mexico, Dr. Joel Roberts Poinsett (1779-1851) who had grown them in his greenhouse in South Carolina. Eventually they were named after him. Only since 1920 have they become potted plants. (from Catholic Customs & Traditions by Greg Dues)

This Christmas 117 poinsettia plants decorate our church and stand in memory and in honor of someone dear.

33-HOURS OF NON-STOP CHRISTMAS MUSIC!

The LIVING BREAD RADIO NETWORK AM 1060 Presents: Non-stop religious Christmas music. Tune in on Christmas Eve beginning at 3:00 p.m. for continuous Christmas music all throughout the Holiday. Celebrate with family, friends and beautiful music. Listen on-air, online, on the mobile app, or even through Amazon Alexa!.

POLISH OPŁATEK EVENT

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 opłatek, 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 1st to 8th 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. Koledy starting at 2:30 p.m. This special event will include participants from all Polonia and choir members from the various parishes.

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

Collection for Dec. 16-17 – \$1,849 (66 envelopes)
Maintenance Fund - \$190 (9 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!