



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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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 31, 2017

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, December 30

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

Sunday, Niedziela, December 31

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

11:00 a.m. Presider's intention

Monday, Poniedziałek, January 1, Solemnity of Mary

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

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

Tuesday, Wtorek, January 2

7:30 a.m. † Stanley Bruzda *int. Renette Armstrong*

Wednesday, Środa, January 3

7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Potokar*)

Thursday, Czwartek, January 4

7:30 a.m. † All Souls (*Kazimore*)

Friday, Piątek, January 5, First Friday

7:30 a.m. † Steve Noga *int. Family*

6:00 p.m. † Chester Kusmierczyk *int. Family*

Saturday, Sobota, January 6

4:30 p.m. † John, † Virginia & † Jack Freas
int. Ken & Maureen Krol

Sunday, Niedziela, January 7

9:00 a.m. Presider's Intention

11:00 a.m. † Mieczyslaw Pietrzycki *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.

Today we celebrate the **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**



THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

will be celebrated on New Year's Day, Monday, **January 1, 2018**. Masses will be at 9:00 a.m. (English) and 11:00 a.m. (Polish).

First Friday is this week, January 5.

There will be the usual morning Mass at 7:30 a.m. and there will be devotions and confessions at the Mass in Polish at 6:00 p.m.

Next weekend, **January 6-7** chalk and water will be blessed for the **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**. **Please bring your own holy water containers** so that you can bless your homes and make the traditional inscription of the Three Kings (Trzech Króli).



A Blessed and Happy New Year!

Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku!



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

THE CALENDAR YEAR & THE CHURCH YEAR



The calendar year, often called the solar year, is simply a practical means of measuring the passage of time. Unlike the secular calendar, the church year has no exact beginning or end. It is like a circle. Advent comes first only in a popular sense. Until the late Middle Ages

there was not even agreement in Christian countries about the beginning of the secular year. When Julius Caesar created the Julian calendar in 45 BCE (before the common era) he shifted the beginning of the Roman year from March 1 to January 1.

Until the 700s in the Frankish kingdom and the late 1700s in Venice, May 1 continued to be observed as the beginning of the year. Until the 15th century in France the beginning of the year was Easter and until the 16th century in Scandinavia and Germany it was Christmas. Today most people of the Western world use the Gregorian calendar, which was worked out by Pope Gregory XIII in 1582. The church year was never intended to coincide with the secular calendar nor to depend on it for its beginning, unfolding or end.

The church year is not just a record of past events. The liturgical year revolves around the person of Jesus Christ. The Christ-events are presented through the unfolding of sacred seasons and feasts and through the religious traditions that surround them. Even those days of the year devoted to Mary and to the other saints are related to the mystery of Christ in whom they have their meaning and glory.

-- from *CATHOLIC CUSTOMS & TRADITIONS* by Greg Dues

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

Collection for Dec. 23-24 – \$1,330 (64 envelopes)
Maintenance Fund - \$867 (17 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!

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**, 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. **Envelopes for each Parish household** containing six books of tickets (6 tickets in a book) to buy or to sell, have been placed in alphabetical order on the table near the west side entrance to our church. **PLEASE PICK UP your envelope.** If you can help deliver envelopes to parishioners who may live near you but are not able to come to Mass that would also be helpful.



WELCOMING THOSE WHO COME! January 14, 2018 -
World Day for Migrants and Refugees

Pope Francis has chosen the theme for the **2018 World Day for Migrants and Refugees: To Welcome to Protect to Promote to Integrate: We Share the Journey.** The Diocese will be celebrating this day on **January 14, 2018** with a special liturgy celebrated by Bishop Nelson Perez at **St. Michael the Archangel Church**, 3114 Scranton Road, Cleveland 44109. Mass will begin at noon. Following the liturgy will be a special buffet of foods enjoyed all over the world and brought here by people new to our community! All are very welcome! For additional information please call the Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525 or 800-869-6525 x 3500 or 2200.



OPLATEK at Immaculate Heart of Mary

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 Włodysław Kijański. Tickets available at the door, \$7.00 for adults, children from 1st to 8th grade are free. All are welcome.

POLISH TRADITIONS at St. Casimir

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.

Sunday, January 14, St. Casimir will host an **Oplatek** in the Social Hall after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. There will be a special dinner with discounted prices for children. The PNA Polish children's school will perform and there will be singing of Koledy.