

OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA R.C. CHURCH



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

January 2nd, 2022

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January 1 through January 9

SATURDAY,

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
NEW YEAR DAY - 1 / 1**

10:00AM +Founders of

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish

1:00PM +Cardinal Francis Nguyen Van Thuan

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 1 / 2

8:00AM +Living & Deceased Parishioners & Benefactors of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish req, OLC

10:30AM +Living & Deceased Parishioners & Benefactors of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish req, OLC

1:00PM +Cardinal Francis Nguyen Van Thuan

**MONDAY, CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY,
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS - 1 / 3**

9:00AM +Rev. Peter Tran's intentions req, a Friend

**TUESDAY, ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON,
RELIGIOUS - 1 / 4**

9:00AM +John Kocher req, his Mom Catherine

**WEDNESDAY, ST. JOHN NEUMANN,
BISHOP - 1 / 5**

9:00AM +Michael O'Brien

req, OLC Rosary Altar Society

THURSDAY, CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY - 1 / 6

9:00AM +Frank Martko req, Stan & Ellen Lorys

**FRIDAY, CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY,
ST. RAYMOND PENYAFORT, PRIEST - 1 / 7**

9:00 AM +Kathleen Barretta req, the Barretta Family

SATURDAY

VIGIL MASS - 1 / 8

4:30PM + Ann Buldowski req, Buldowski Family

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - 1 / 9

8:00AM +Rev. Francis J. Klimkiewicz req, OLC

10:30AM +Aurelio Gabitan req, Annie Abarabar

1:00PM +Cardinal Francis Nguyen Van Thuan

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS
FOR JANUARY 2022**

For true human fraternity

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



**Welcome to
The Parish Family of
Our Lady of Czestochowa**

We at OLC welcome all new parishioners and are grateful to God for your presence. We want to include you in the activities and ministries here in all aspects of parish life. Please drop by parish office and register with us! We would like to meet you. Please know that registering and using church envelopes makes it easier to provide any documentation you would need for sponsoring a child for Baptism or Confirmation or even to arrange a wedding! Thank you and looking forward to seeing you!

To register: Please complete the Census Update/Registration form that can be found in the magazine rack in the vestibule of church or in parish office and drop off in collection basket or preferably in parish office.

Need a sponsor certificate: Church law mandates that a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, is in a valid Catholic Marriage, and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

Sacrament of Baptism: Every 1st Saturday of the month. Please contact the Parish Office for all information.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements must be made with priest one year in advance with one member of couple a registered parishioner for at least six months. A marriage preparation class must be taken.

Lectors & Sacristans

SAT. Jan. 8 4:30pm

Lector: Barbara Rhoads

Sacristy: Tim Morgan

Eucharistic Minister: Tim Morgan

SUN. Jan. 9 8:00am

Lector: Janice Banaria

Sacristy: Barbara Koenig

Eucharistic Minister: John Bush

SUN. Jan. 9 10:30am

Lector: Rob Bengivenga

Sacristy: John Bush

Eucharistic Minister: Nguyen Duc

SUN. Jan. 9 1:00pm

Lector: Nguyen Duc Minh

Sacristy: Truong Tan & Le Toan

Eucharistic Minister: Truong Tan



Thank You

Collection Report

December 18/19, 2021

Weekly Offering	\$	3,670.00
Upkeep Grounds & Buildings	\$	901.00
Christmas	\$	2,700.00
Retirement for Religious	\$	148.00

Due to an early publishing submission, Collection Amounts for Christmas and the weekend of December 25/26 will be published in the next bulletin. Thank you.

THANK YOU for your kindness, fidelity and generosity to Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, especially during these difficult financial times. We are grateful to each and every person who helps ease the burden of caring for this parish, as well as our Diocesan Assessments and special collections. And, we thank you for your care and concern for your parish family.

We pray that God will bless all of you for the gifts that you share with us.

You can mail your weekly envelopes to the Church.

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish
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May God reward you and your family abundantly for your generosity and caring.

Please remember – Bequests to YOUR Parish are tax deductible.

TOGETHER IN CHARITY COLLECTION

On the weekend of January 8/9, 2022 the second collection will be for the annual "Together in Charity" Collection. The proceeds of this collection helps to fund Catholic Charities' Parish Assistance Program, which provides 24 hour / seven-day-a-week assistance to parishes faced with individuals and families with serious and urgent financial, housing or medical needs. In 2021, over 43% of the parishes in the Diocese availed themselves of this program. Please give generously to this collection and contribute to making this a blessed new year for a family or individual in crisis. Thank you for your faithful support. God bless.

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

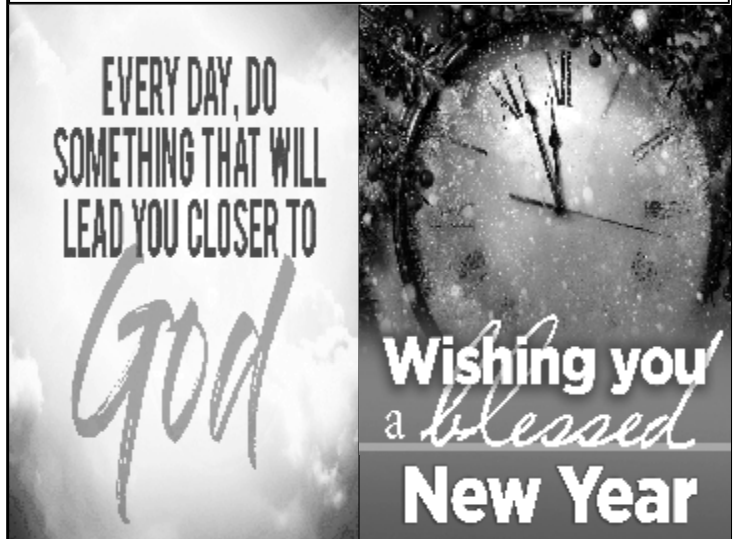
Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, asking God to reward them with joy and eternal peace.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. **Amen."**

OLC CALENDAR

Jan. 1	The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year Day	10:00AM Holy Mass 1:00PM Holy Mass in Vietnamese
Jan. 2	8:00AM Sunday Mass 10:30AM Sunday Mass 1:00PM Sunday Mass in Vietnamese	
Jan. 5	5:15PM-6:30PM	Discipleship Formation Program for Children
Jan. 8	4:30PM	Vigil Mass
Jan. 9	8:00AM 10:30AM 1:00PM	Sunday Mass Sunday Mass Sunday Mass in Vietnamese



Sanctuary Lamp Burning This Week For:

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req, Decker Family



**“For a Synodal Church:
Communion, Participation and Mission.”**

Recently, Pope Francis announced that there would be a worldwide Synod exploring ways in which the universal Church can improve its ability to listen to the faithful.

The theme for the Synod is, “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.”

The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church as he has guided her in the Upper Room at Pentecost. Pope Francis reminded us that we must continue to reflect on our life and mission so to better impact the world and increase our ability to encounter Christ.

Visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/synod2023>

Journeying Together:

The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops! The upcoming Synod is entitled: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.” Synod is a greek word (synodos) meaning a meeting or assembly. The two Greek words that make up Synod are *syn* meaning together and *hodos* meaning way or journey. Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together! This Synod is not just another meeting with oral presentations and written reports. This Synod is a process of journeying together.

As the Church, we will listen to each other, dialogue with each other, pray together, discern together and make decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world! Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather together-clergy, religious and laity- to first listen to each other’s joys and hopes, and griefs and anxieties (c.f. Gaudium et Spes no. 1). After we listen to each other, we are called to dialogue together on ways we can accompany each other as we seek to grow in holiness. Listening and speaking within the Church always involves prayer.

We are listening, dialoguing and praying together so that we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. The “goal” of this journeying together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.

Visit: <https://www.diometuchen.org/synod2023>, for more information.



Around the Diocese



**PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD
ON SYNODALITY**

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
conscious of our sinfulness,
but aware that we gather in your name.

Come to us, remain with us,
and enlighten our hearts.
Give us light and strength to know your will,
to make it our own, and to live it in our lives.

Guide us by your wisdom,
support us by your power, for you are God,
sharing the glory of Father and Son.

You desire justice for all:
enable us to uphold the rights of others;
do not allow us to be misled
by ignorance or corrupted by fear or favor.

Unite us to yourself in the bond of love
and keep us faithful to all that is true.

As we gather in your name
may we temper justice with love,
so that all our decisions may be pleasing to you,
and earn the reward
promised to good and faithful servants.

You live and reign with the Father and the Son,
God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Purpose of a Synod

The purpose of the synod is not to produce more documents. It is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people’s hope flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

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