



The Nativity of the Lord

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph~ December 26, 2021

Mass Intentions

Friday 4:00 pm (English) 10:00 pm (Polish)	December 24 ~ Christmas Eve All Those Committed to Our Prayers in Mass Remembrance All Those Committed to Our Prayers in Mass Remembrance
Saturday 10:30 am (English)	December 25 ~ Christmas Day All Those Committed to Our Prayers in Mass Remembrance
Sunday 8:30 am (Polish) 10:30 am	December 26 Good Health and Graces for Anna Sagrave +Russell Siecienski On the occasion of his birthday Offered by Maureen & Steve Czentnar
Monday	December 27 NO MASS
Wednesday 6:30 pm	December 29 +Lucyna Trzcinska Offered by her loving family & friends
Thursday 7:30 am	December 30 Offered by Kathy & Walt Kendrek In Thanksgiving for blessings received
Friday 7:30 am	December 31 ~ New Year's Eve +Edward Kalita Offered by Susan Sienko
Saturday 4:00 pm	January 1~ New Year's Day +John J. Ziomek, Sr In loving memory Offered by Maureen & Steve Czentnar
Sunday 8:30 am (Polish) 10:30 am	January 2 +Krzysztof Malk Offered by Adam & Jessy +Adele Johnson Offered by Nick & Agnes DiStefano



Advent Schedule

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve ~ Friday, December 24th
4:00 pm (English)
10:00 pm (Polish)
Christmas Day ~ Saturday, December 25th
10:30 am (English)



The Polish choir will lead us in song.
Please join us in singing Polish and
English Christmas carols at
9:30 pm before the
Christmas Night Mass.



Schedule Change

There will NOT be a Sunday Vigil Mass
celebrated at 4:00 pm on
Saturday, December 25th
The Sunday, December 26th Mass schedule will be
8:30am (Polish) & 10:30 am (English)



Holiday Schedule

The Church Office will be closed on
Friday, December 24th.

Weekly Collections



December 11-12
Offertory ~\$2236.00
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Sanctuary Lamp

December 26-January 1

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All Those Committed to Our Prayers
In Mass Remembrance



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MOST REVEREND
MICHAEL R. COTE, D.D.

Christmas Message 2021

**"And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth."**

(John 1:14)

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

These words speak to us, in a beautifully poetic way, of our Lord's miraculous gift of Himself – a gift which He gave to the world when He humbly took flesh and was born in the simple manger in Bethlehem.

The gift, the true meaning of the Christmas event, is that the Lord, the Eternal Word and Son of God the Father, *became flesh and made his dwelling among us*. The mystery and miracle of our Lord's Incarnation stands at the very heart of our Catholic faith. It is the source of our hope. God's great love and mercy, as proclaimed in the Gospel message, began with the birth of a child who would grow, teach us the truth of the Gospel, and ultimately offer His very life in sacrifice, providing for those who believe in Him the tremendous grace to share eternal life with God and all the saints in heaven.

May we never forget this miraculous gift of God's love.

Our annual celebration of the Lord's Nativity provides an important reminder to us of the true depth of the love that He continues to pour forth upon each of us and our world. The opportunity to encounter the same Lord Jesus who was born in the manger in Bethlehem but is now risen and glorified – who again humbles Himself to become present to us, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – is now found in the Most Holy Eucharist. Intimately tied to our Lord's Incarnation, the gift of the Most Holy Eucharist is the mystery by which He continues to make his dwelling among us here and now.

Sadly, as multiple surveys conducted in recent years have shown, belief in the true and real presence of the Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist has declined significantly, even among those who self-identify as Catholics and who attend Mass regularly. This disturbing trend should be a cause of great concern for us all, but we must not lose hope!

In response to these trends, the Bishops of the United States have recently approved a catechetical document on the Most Holy Eucharist that is being prepared for publication in the new year. Plans for a national Eucharistic revival have also been approved. More information about these two initiatives will be forthcoming. It is my hope that they will reawaken and reinvigorate our understanding of this great gift of the Lord's presence in the most Holy Eucharist. In the meantime, let us pray with greater fervor throughout this Christmas season that these initiatives will be successful and that we will never take the miraculous gift of our Lord's birth, or of His abiding presence among us in the Most Holy Eucharist for granted.

May you, your families and loved ones have a truly merry Christmas and a New Year filled with God's blessings!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Norwich

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY

NEW YEAR

My Dear Parishioners, Friends and Benefactors of **St. Mary of Czestochowa Church,**

with great joy and gratitude, I would like to extend to you my prayer filled best wishes for Christmas. May the newborn Baby Jesus, bless you, your families and your loved ones at this holy time of hope and grace. May our Lady of Czestochowa watch over you always.

With all the preparations for the Christmas holiday this time of the year is one of the busiest. I wish to thank all of those who helped me prepare for this Christmas season. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus for decorating the church and the outdoor property; to Joe Jaskot and Tom Dente for their daily help, and to our organists; Nicholas Erlacher , Bob Cyranowicz, Renata Kwasnik and the all the members of the Polish Choir. Many words of appreciation go to Maggie Jaszczur, my secretary, Susan Ferraiolo, the director of the CCD program, and all staff members for their dedication. We wish to give thanks to all the parents from the Religious Education Program and their children for preparing our traditional Pageant at the Christmas Eve Mass. I'm thankful to God for all the lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, ushers etc. Thank you all to all.

And personally, I thank all those who have sent me Christmas cards, gifts, goodies, and especially for all your prayers for my intention.
Fr Richard

May God bless you
Have a Healthy and Happy New Year - 2022

Oplatki Christmas Wafers

can be purchased in the foyer of the church or in the church office during business hours. The cost of these wafers is \$5.00 per package, with all the proceeds going to help the poor in our sister parish in the Dominican Republic.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Join us in wishing John Cyrulik a very happy 103rd birthday. He was celebrated with a Mass on Friday, December 10th.

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