

ST. JOHN CANTIUS CHURCH

906 College Ave.
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November 29, 2020
First Sunday of Advent



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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday (Miraculous Medal Novena), Wednesday ..6:30 pm
Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
Sunday 9:30 am (Polish) & 11:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:15-3:45 pm
Sunday (Polish) 9:00-9:30 am

BAPTISM: Baptisms may be scheduled at most anytime. Please call the rectory and speak with the Pastor to make baptismal arrangements.

FUNERALS: We request that you first contact your funeral director before contacting the parish. This will insure that your requested date is available for both the funeral home and the church. After the date has been chosen, the funeral director will contact the parish with all the details to set up the funeral. Finally, a representative from the parish will contact you about planning the Mass or parlor service for your loved one..

WEDDINGS: Wedding arrangements are made by contacting the pastor. There is a 6 month minimum wait from the day you contact the pastor and your actual wedding date. This allows for proper wedding preparation and instruction. Please call the pastor if you wish to inquire further about details on having your wedding at St. John Cantius.

FIRST ADVENT OF ADVENT

LITURGY SCHEDULE ROZKŁAD MSZY SW.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29

9:30 a.m. † Barbara Ross
11:30 a.m. Parishioners of S.J.C.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:30 p.m. † Barbara Ross
Novena following Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

8:30 a.m. † Maryann Fetchek

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

6:30 p.m. † Josephine Czerapowicz

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

8:30 a.m. Atonement

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

4:00 p.m. † Joanne Stevens

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:30 a.m. † Marianna Piotrowski
11:30 a.m. † Barbara Ross

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEK
(not available at time of printing)

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

No one is really sure when Advent was first celebrated but it does date back to at least 567 when monks were ordered to fast during December leading up to Christmas. Some of the lay people began joining the monks in their month long fast to help prepare themselves for the birth of the Savior as well. The one day the fast could be broken was the third Sunday of Advent during its mid-point now as Gaudate Sunday (gaudate translates as happy in Latin). This mid-point celebration was marked by the removal of the somber purple color to a light rose or pink color. The vestment of the priest and the Advent candle for the Third Sunday of Advent still reflect this 'fast breaking' day and continue to utilize the rose colored tradition.

The word 'Advent' comes from the Latin "adventus" meaning an arrival. Today, the focus is not so much on a season of penance but that of joyful expectation. To help heighten our expectation rather than fasting, we can engage in daily prayer, advent reflections, and spiritual works this season to help us prepare. The parish has purchased the book, "Word Among Us" for everyone to help prepare ourselves to be inwardly ready for Christ this year. The books are available at all entrances of the church for you. They are marked \$5.95, but it is our gift to you.

I hope everyone is enjoying the new bulletin cover with the artist rendition of our beautiful church. I had to ask myself if \$750.00 a year was worth running those two pictures we were using in color on our bulletin cover (ceiling/St. John Cantius). I made the decision that \$750.00 could be money saved rather than using it to run two colored pictures every week for one year. Switching to black and white art now costs us \$0 to run our bulletins all year long as they are totally covered by our advertisers.

Finally, as the Corona virus continues to infect so many, there have been several parishes in our diocese where the entire rectory is/was locked down. In those cases where one or more priest has tested positive to the virus, no Masses can be celebrated by any of those priests publicly until they are medically cleared. I am trying to keep safe here in the rectory and I hope you all do the same. We need to continue our prayers for an end to this pandemic and or a vaccine. Please remember too, our hospital staff, doctors, nurses, and front line workers who labor tirelessly around the clock as thousands are being brought in for treatment from this virus daily. I want to personally invite everyone to join us in prayer every Monday evening at 630 pm for Mass and the Miraculous Medal Novena. The Novena is offered every Monday for an end to the COVID epidemic, world peace, and for a respect for all human life from conception to natural death. This could surely be one of those "spiritual exercises" to better prepare our hearts this Advent season for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. May God continue to bless everyone with peace, joy, and health. Fr. Roach



IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember the sick and infirm of the parish in your prayers: Craig & Sam Bak, Barbara Bak, Barbara Byers, Ted Blanda, Walter & Carol Buczek, Delores Cass, Teresa Cieslik, Susan Daly, Jean Elko, Roseanne Ewazen, Edward Falkowski, Ann Kilbane Friedl, Stella Fryger, Lloyd Gordon, Mieczyslaw Janczura, Anne Kalas, Diane Kearsley, Stella Kobak, Josephine Kohut, Fran Kopack, Henry & Rita Kozlowski, Ted Kusek, Theresa Lipka, Barbara Lishko, Larry & Pam Makowski, Greg Masevice, Toby Morgan, Philip Parente, Edward Pieciak, Joyce Resek, Betty Ryba, Barbara Skalski, Jessie & Chris Stachurski, Albert & Irene Stepnowski, Alex Sutowski, Joshua Szymczak, Janice Tkacz, Roberta Virzi, Adele Walczak, Emilia Wojcik, Hettie Wojtonek, Edward Zubel, and anyone we may have omitted.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

Advent reminds us to be watchful and alert for the Lord in our life *now* and to be ready for His promised return. Prayer is necessary to do this. Weekly Mass keeps families centered in the Lord and ready for anything. The new Mass prayers which begin today will naturally help us be more attentive. Carry this attentiveness into family meals and daily prayers. *Maranatha!* Come Lord Jesus!

HUMOR; IS GOD REALLY THERE

One afternoon a little boy was playing outdoors. He used his mother's broom as a horse and had a wonderful time until it was getting dark. He left the broom on the back porch. His mother was cleaning up the kitchen when she realized that her broom was missing. She asked the little boy about the broom and he told her where it was. She then asked him to please go get it. The little boy informed his mom that he was afraid of the dark and didn't want to go out to get the broom.

His mother smiled and said 'The Lord is out there too, don't be afraid'. The little boy opened the back door a little and said 'Lord if you're out there, hand me the broom'.



OPLATKI

Oplatki will be available after December 2 in the sacristy.

ZIARNO WSŁOWA BOZEGO

W dni poprzedzające Boże Narodzenie Kościół często odmawia i śpiewa słowa Izajasza, największego proroka Starego Testamentu. Słyszymy często jego słowa wołania o zbawienie, ocalenie i sprawiedliwość. O tym pełnym nadziei oczekiwaniu przypomina nam okres Adwentu, w czasie którego przygotowujemy się na przyjście i narodziny naszego Pana. Adwent to nie tylko przeszłość, to nie tylko pamiątka oczekiwania na przyjście Boga-Człowieka w dniu pierwszego Bożego Narodzenia. Adwent to również przyszłość, to także oczekiwanie tego, co ma nadejść, oczekiwanie ponownego przyjścia Jezusa przy końcu naszych czasów i naszego ostatecznego spotkania z Nim. Kościół pragnie nam o tym przypomnieć słowami dzisiejszej Ewangelii. Pragnie nas przygotować do obchodu Bożego Narodzenia, na spotkanie z Panem, który przyszedł do nas przed dwoma tysiącami lat, a także i na spotkanie z Nim w ostatni dzień naszego pobytu na tej ziemi. Przygotowanie do Bożego Narodzenia jest jednocześnie przygotowaniem do wieczności. Świat i wszystko, co jest na nim, jest kruche i znikome. Śmierć czeka na wszystkich i wszystko pochłonie przemijanie. Pozostanie tylko Wiekuisty i my, skazani na nieśmiertelność. Zapowiadając napawające lękiem wydarzenia, Ewangelia kieruje nasze myśli i uwagę na znikomość świata i czasu, a jednocześnie wskazuje na wieczność i na Wiekuistego, przypominając o spotkaniu z Nim, a przez to napomina człowieka, by poważnie potraktował swoje życie i swoje powołanie do życia wiecznego, by postępował w sposób odpowiedzialny, gdyż jest odpowiedzialny wobec Dawcy życia. Dlatego w tych dniach wypada, byśmy zajęli postawę oczekiwania na Tego, „który ma przyjść”. To wszystko przedstawia nam liturgia poprzez czytania mszalne, modlitwy i pieśni. W ten sposób zwraca naszą uwagę i przygotowuje nas na spotkanie z Panem, który przychodzi. Bracia i Siostry, już wkrótce będziemy obchodzić Boże Narodzenie, pamiątkę pierwszego przyjścia Jezusa. Na drugie Jego przyjście trzeba będzie jeszcze poczekać. Pomiędzy tymi dwoma Jego przyjściami - Adwentami - pomiędzy przeszłością i wiecznością, znajduje się nasze życie, nasz czas, nasze obowiązki. Starajmy się je wypełnić tak, aby nasze życie było zadatkiem na życie wieczne, na nasze spotkanie z Panem





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