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Feast of the Holy Family



May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.... and Saints Joachim and Anne, help us all to make our families holy also! A Prayer for the New Year

As I Close the Door

Dear Lord, as I close the door on the old year, I ponder the things I've done... The things I've said and the joys I've had. I wonder, have I lost or have I won? I've thought of new friends I have made, and the old ones, staunch and true... The paths of the old year made easier, Lord, because I have walked them with You. I think of all the many times, when my burdens were so heavy to bear, and how my faith slipped away from me, but somehow You were always there. Now I open the door to this New Year, and carefully peep inside, I wonder what it holds for me... but I'll throw the door open wide. Whatever it brings to me and mine, I'll meet it with a heart so true... I know that, Lord, what e'er it may be, You'll be there to carry me through.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM Sunday: 9:00 AM-Polish 11:00 AM Holydays: As announced

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:00 PM

First Friday: Exposition at 5:00 PM Benediction at 6:30 PM Mass at 7:00 PM

Confessions: Saturdays at 3:00 PM Perpetual Help Devotions:

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM
Baptisms: Arrangements must be made
at the Rectory prior to the Baptism.
Parents must be registered.

Marriages: Bride and Groom must come to the rectory at least six (6) months before date of marriage.

Religious Instruction: At St. Vincent Pallotti

R.C.I.A.: Monday 5:30 - 6:45 PM. Sept-May

Parish Membership: Every family in the Parish must be registered. Change of address should be made by calling the Rectory.

Sick Calls: Sick calls at any time.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 27th

7:00pm †Samuel Pacella by Michael family

†Irene Pokrzywnicki by Tina Owens and family

†Casimir J. Kostecki by family Tuesday, December 28th

7:00pm †Permina Narduzzi and the Poor Souls in Purgatory by Barbara Murray

†Irene Pokrzywnicki by Sherry Vecelis

†William Birch by Tim and Mary Borys

Thursday, December 30th

7:00pm †Irene Pokrzywnicki by Tina Owens and family

†Craig Halasy by Deacon Richard and Debbie Bloomfield

†Alice Syperski by John and Judy Drongowski

Friday, December 31st New Years' Eve

5:00pm †Edward and Jean Gury by Robert and Laurie Gury †Irene Pokrzywnicki by Tina Owens and family

†William Birch by Tim and Mary Borvs

Saturday, January 1st, 2022 Solemnity of Mary

10:00am Deceased Members of the Francis Renner family by Kathleen Renner

Sunday, January 2nd

9:00am †Irena Bazydlo by Bronisław and Eva Malina 11:00am †Thomas Placinski by Family



For the Week

December 28th, Tuesday 6:30pm Perpetual Help Novena

January 1st, 2022, Saturday 10:00am Mass/NO 5:00pm January 2nd Solemnity of the Epiphany/Blessing of chalk and incense



Sanctuary Light Dec 27th thru Jan 2nd

- †M/M Ted Lapczynski by Bezzo family
- †Mr. Donald Bezzo by Bezzo family
- 3) †Raymond Harling by daughter

Fatima Light Dec 27th thru Jan 2nd

 Living and Deceased Members of Our Lady of the Scapular Parish



A huge Thank You to everyone who took the time out of their busy schedule to come and support the Parish Cookie Walk, Bake Sale and Raffle. Everything looked Delicious!

Thank You so much to everyone who baked and donated raffle prizes.

Fr. Mark Borkowski, Thank You for allowing us to continue this fun Parish Activity.

Because of everyone working together and your generosity, we had another good year!

\$1,503.00 Bóg Zaplać!



HO, HO, HO
Merry Christmas!

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Friday, December 31st

5:00pm Jim Figurski

Saturday, January 1st 10:00am Diana Zajac

Sunday, January 2nd

9:00am Marian Rogowski 11:00am Michele Kooney Saturday, January 8th

<u>Saturday, January Still</u>

5:00pm Dennis Lemanski

Sunday, January 9th 9:00am Lukasz Baba 11:00am Joe Rutkowski

In Loving Memory Alexandra Alice Alicki 2/5/1922 - 11/29/2021

Please remember the deceased and her family in your prayers.

May her soul Rest in Peace



PAN Z WAMI for the new year is now available in the Parish Office and after each Mass.

Cost is \$5.00 per book.

Learn Polish and understand it by using the Polish/English Mass book.



Sick List: Please remember Derek Kaunelis, Sean DeWitt, David LaForest, Judy Kuncaitis, Mary Amore, Robert Zak, Megan Wright, David Nowak, Judy VanBoxell, Fernando Montero, Tim Stacy and Rev. Dan Zaleski in your prayers.

LOST BUT FOUND!

One Earring with a silver hook. If it belongs to you, please call the office at 734-284-9135.



On January 7th, First Friday

There is *Eucharistic Adoration* all day beginning at 9am with Exposition and ending with Benediction at 6:30pm before the 7pm Mass.



Can you spare one hour with me!

Why light a Candle???

Candles are lit for prayer intentions.

To 'light a candle for someone indicates one's intention to say a prayer for another person and the candle symbolizes that prayer.

A candle represents the **Light of God** or the **Light of Christ**. *He is the Light*.

The meaning of a **Red Candle** on the Altar (or Sanctuary Light) reminds Catholics that Jesus is present in the tabernacle and also reminds us to reflect on the mystery of Christ's *holy presence* in the *Eucharist*.

The Fatima Candle or candles that are by Mary, the Mother of God, symbolize Mary illuminating the way during the many challenges in life. Let her intercede for those special intentions or special people in your lives.

Don't forget to light a candle!

Save the dates for 2022!

- Fr. Mark Borkowski 25th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration. The Bentley Banquet Hall in Wyandotte has been reserved for Sunday, May 22, 2022.
- *Pilgrimage to Canada* with Fr. Mark Montreal and Quebec June 6-10th, 2022.

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• Christmas in July - July 21, 22, 23, 24, 2022
Frankenmuth's Bavarian Inn Restaurant will cater this event on Sunday, July 24th, 2022
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Christmas in July Donation drop-off at St. Stan's. January 10, 17 and 24. From 10am—12noon. More information coming soon for all events!



Dec 6th - Dec 12th

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Bóg Zapłać! God Bless You!

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The Pastor's Page

December 26th, MMXXI
Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus! Praised be Jesus Christ!

Świętej Rodziny - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

When we celebrate this day's Christmas Feast of the Holy Family we are reminded that God created the human person to live in community. The most basic of all communities is the family yet there are other communities to which each one of us belong. These communities are always made better when the characteristics of family life are incorporated within them. Of course the most important facet of family life is unconditional love. Other important components are trust, understanding, patience and cooperation. It is my sincere hope & prayer that the characteristics of family life I have already mentioned will grow and blossom in our parish in the year 2021.

In our church there is a beautiful window depicting the Holy Family that you may want to take a good look at on this very Christmas oriented feastday. It is located on the Pope John Paul II (Superior) Avenue side of the church and is third from the vestibule. The window features Mary and Joseph looking lovingly on a pre-toddler aged Jesus standing on Mary's knee, who kneels on a pillow. St. Joseph holds his famous staff with a lily blooming at the top of it. The window was offered by the St. Joseph Society of the parish and is thus inscribed "Ofiarowała Bractwo św. Józefa."

Stay Humble, Work Hard, Be Kind Bądź pokornym, Bądź pracowitym, Bądź uprzejmy.

Monday, December 27th - Feast of St. John the Apostle & Evangelist

St. John the Evangelist was the youngest of all the Apostles. Tradition says he was about eighteen tears old when he became a disciple of Jesus. He was the younger brother of St. James and they were the sons of Zebedee the fisherman. Tradition claims Mary Salome as their mother. Jesus called both brothers to follow him. Immediately they left their nets and became Jesus' disciples. John and his brother sometimes misunderstood their role as disciples of Jesus. The Lord gently teased the two with the nickname "Sons of Thunder" because they once wanted to call down God's wrath on some people who mocked them. At another time they hoped to get the seats of honor next to Jesus when he came into his kingdom. Jesus explained to them that the way to the kingdom was through suffering. Along with James and Peter, John was present when Jesus was transfigured in glory on Mount Tabor. These disciples were also with Jesus during the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. On Mount Calvary John was given charge and care of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the day Jesus died. Tradition suggests that during John's time together with Mary after her son's death, they often prayed together and even commemorated Christ by sharing together the Holy Eucharist. St.

John wrote the fourth gospel. In many ways his gospel is very different from the other three. Most of the stories in his gospel are not found in the other gospels. Also the stories are more poetic, which sometimes makes them harder to understand. Each story story seems to have many different meanings. The symbol of St. John's gospel is the eagle who flies to the heights. Tradition says that St. John later became the bishop of Ephesus, in what is now Turkey. There he lived to be a very old man, calling the Christians in his care to love one another.

Tuesday, December 28th - Feast Day of the Holy Innocents

The story of the Innocents is told in the second chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew. Herod, the king of Judea, held the throne only because the Romans kept him there. Herod was bloodthirsty and had even murdered several members of his own family, including three of his sons. He would have no scruples about taking the lives of other people's children. When the Magi told him about a newborn king, Herod ordered the death of all male babies in Bethlehem. In the meantime, Joseph, having been warned of the danger in a dream, fled with Mary and Jesus to Egypt. St. Matthew quotes the prophet Jeremiah to describe the sorrow of the mothers of Bethlehem: "A voice was heard in Ramah, waiting and loud lamentation. It is Rachel weeping for her children, and she will not be consoled, because they are no more." Only a few days after one of the gladdest days on the Christian calendar, we remember one of the most tragic events told in the Bible. In every generation there will be innocent victims and their weeping mothers

Pierwszego Stycznia – Nowy Rok! January the First – New Year!

On New Year's Day we say farewell to the old year and welcome the new. There are a lot of "farewells" in St. Luke's infancy narrative, read at Masses during the Christmas season. Most of the scenes end in departure. After Zechariah receives the vision of the angel in the Temple, he went home with his wife Elizabeth. After Mary visits Elizabeth, she "returned to her home." When the shepherds go to Bethlehem to visit the new-horn King, they return to the fields. After Mary and Joseph bring their child to be presented in the Temple, they returned to their own town of Nazareth. In every departure we leave something behind, and move toward something new. And the Lord travels with us. Our prayers and meditations on this New Year's Day could be well spent asking ourselves two questions: What do I want to leave behind? What do I want to be new in my life? We can take heart in the famous words of the great English writer and now saint, Cardinal Newman: "To be human is to change. To be perfect is to have changed often."

New Year's Eve in Poland - Świętego Sylwestra - St. Sylvester's Night

St. Sylvester's Day comes on the last day of the year, December 31st. In Poland and many other countries, New Year's Eve is called "Sylvester Night," and people who celebrate it are "sylvesters." It is a night for dances and gala balls. In Kraków an open air concert is held in the main square with between 150,000 and 200,000 people in attendance. It concludes with grand fireworks over the great Church of St. Mary, the Mariacki Kościół, located on the square. According to folklore, after the saintly Pope Sylvester died in 335 he was put in charge of the clock that runs the universe. He became known as Father Time. Remember friends! Each day brings us closer to the end of time and to the beginning of eternity!

Święta Boża Rodzicielka Maryja – Mary Mother of God

The title "Mother of God" is the Western church's equivalent of the ancient Eastern title Theotokos, which means "God-bearer." In 431, the Council of Ephesus sanctioned the title Theotokos for Mary as a way of declaring and protecting the divinity of Christ. The title declares the most important truth about Mary: She is the Mother of God. When we celebrate this feast, we honor not only Mary but Jesus, true God and true man. We proclaim the glorious truth that in Mary's womb the Second Person of the Holy Trinity united Himself completely with our humanity. "Taking a body like our own, because all our bodies were liable to

death, He surrendered His body to death in place of all. Through this union of the immortal Son of God with our human nature, all were clothed with incorruption." In Mary, we see the portrait of one who knew God's shining face upon her, filling her with grace. Looking upon her with love and showering her with divine blessings, God prepared her to say "yes" to His plan that she bear His Son into this world. As Mary consented in faith, the Father gave her His peace, continually encouraging her to trust Him as she saw His plan unfold. How deeply she must have needed this peace, as she faced dangerous and frightening circumstances such as giving birth in a faraway city in a cave, or fleeing to Egypt in the dead of night. In each situation, Mary learned to trust more fully that God would bless her and keep her. Because the Son of God took flesh in Mary's wornb, we too can share in these glorious blessings. We have been baptized into Christ; we have a share in His humanity. We are heirs of the blessings that God gave to Israel and in a particular way to Mary, the beloved Daughter of Zion.

The Circumcision of the Child Jesus

The first day of January was referred to as the feast day of the Circumcision of the Lord until about 1960 when it was then renamed the Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord. Nevertheless the same gospel was read describing the event of our Lord's circumcision. Today, January 1st is known as the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and although the emphasis of the feast is on the maternity of the Blessed Mother, still the circumcision of the Lord is mentioned in the gospel read that day. After all it did happen on this the eighth day after his holy birth. There is however a tremendous significance to this event in the life of our Lord.

In those days it was generally the custom that the fathers of sons would perform the rite of circumcision, so most likely St. Joseph carried out this ritual and not a Bethlehem priest or moyle. Circumcision served as the initiation into the ancestral Judaic faith, the ancient equivalent of Christian Baptism. The operation was as ancient as Abraham's Covenant with God, a sacred act setting the Jews apart from all other nations and marking them as the special preserve of divine blessing. The custom also was to reserve the naming of a new-born son until this ritual on the eighth day. On that momentous occasion, the spiritual life of a male Jew began. The eighth day is chosen for these rituals because it represents the day after God rested from all his creation. The eighth day represents a new creation, a creation transcending and fulfilling the first forming of the world, a re-Creation of a new universe healed from the disfiguring effects of Adam's sin.

Of course, there was blood shed during the circumcision. This was the first shedding of the blood of the Messiah, in fulfillment of the ancient covenant formed with Abraham. Jesus was fully initiated into the Old Covenant, a necessary step in His mission to renew and fulfill God's relationship with humanity. He was, as St. Paul points out, born under the Law, the precepts of Torah, and thus a bearer Himself of God's promise to redeem Creation.

Some thirty years after His circumcision, Jesus submits to the Baptism of John. The kings of Israel were always anointed to their post by a priest. John himself was a Levile, the son of a priest, and thus qualified to initiate Jesus into the kingly state, another step in the progression toward a new covenant.

Kings in Israel were also qualified to exercise some priestly functions; remember David dancing before the Ark wearing the ephod, a priestly garment. John's baptism of repentance was not necessary for Jesus, the Sinless One Himself, but He did assume the burden of all humanity's sin. He took the place of the scapegoat, sacrificed each year to atone for the sins of Israel. Jesus Himself referred to His coming crucifixion as a baptism, another initiation. This second shedding of His blood, after His circumcision, inaugurated the new and everlasting covenant, not just with the Jews, but with all humanity. His blood shed as initiation into the Old Law served as well as the initiation into the new dispensation, thus completing the transition from Old Law to New.

The first one to apologize is the bravest. The first one to forgive is the strongest!

The first one to forget is the happiest!

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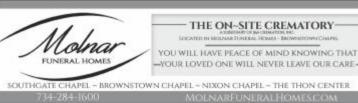


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