HOSPITALITY

We all know what it is to be hospitable -- to be welcoming of a person to our home or our church! But take a close look at the word and does it not arouse your curiosity that you see the word – hospital - a place where the sick go to be healed. Is there any sort of connection between the two words that look so alike? They both originate from Latin words hospes which means guest and hospitale which means guest room! If you were sick, centuries ago, you did not go anywhere since there were no hospitals. If you were wealthy doctors came to you and if you were poor hopefully someone who might have some knowledge would come and help you. As time would go on the idea of setting aside rooms (guest rooms – hospitale) in a charitable rich person’s mansion for the care of people that were sick began. From that there came about the construction of separates buildings which would be called hospitals.

The charitable concern grew out of the important religious tradition of offering welcome, food, and comfort to the stranger or the friend who was in need. This important moral norm is found in most religions but in Judaism, Christianity and Islam it has a very important role as the instruction of God. It is more than just being social because it should come from the heart. In a time when there were infrequently not ‘inns’ or ‘hotels’ travelers throughout history had to depend on the kindness of others. As we read in today’s passage about the prophet Elisha that a wealthy woman of Shunem invited him to have supper anytime he was going through town. What is interesting is that she was not Jewish and yet she had the respect for the God of Israel and his prophet! He must have been such a frequent visitor to the area that she came up with the idea of giving him his own guest room (hospitale) so that he could sleep and rest. And of course the prophet is quite thankful and wants to reward her for her thoughtfulness.

I remember a very gracious act of hospitality which was shown to me when I was in Poland in 1989! The country was under martial law and the people were under rations for a number of things including sugar! I had a special gift for a family of one of our diocesan workers and so I arranged to meet them. The mother, father and brother of this diocesan worker came to the dormitory of the university where I was staying. I had expected they would come in their car but they had no car because they could no longer afford it. So we began a long journey on different trams through the city to their suburb.

At one square, departing from one tram route to go to another, I noticed the young man had left us. His parents said he had to get something. I gave no thought to this until later in the evening at their apartment when their son arrived as we were eating. For dessert the mother had made some “nalisniki” (Polish crepes) and sprinkled sugar on top of them. She mentioned that her son was able to get their ration of sugar that they had been waiting for on the way to their apartment that evening. So I was sharing in something that was very limited and you might say it was worth its weight in gold. What a demonstration of hospitality to me a stranger. They made me, a guest, feel so welcome! Their ration of sugar was going to be spent on their guest!!

-- Fr. Hilinski
LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKŁAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, June 27
4:30 p.m. † Beth Studzinski int. Ken & Maureen Krol

Sunday, Niedziela, June 28
9:00 a.m. † Fr. Tarsicio Parrado, S.J. int. John Fennelly
11:00 a.m. † Jan & † Bronisława Rubis
int. Andrzej & Zofia Rubis

Monday, Poniedziałek, June 29
7:30 a.m. † Fr. Arthur Egan int. Fr. Hilinski

Tuesday, Wtorek, June 30
7:30 a.m. † Dora Wołowiec in t. Christine Dziedzina

Wednesday, Środa, July 1
7:30 a.m. Health & Blessings for Francis Umeana
int. Fr. Hilinski

Thursday, Czwartek, July 2
7:30 a.m. Presider’s intention

Friday, Piątek, July 3, First Friday
7:30 a.m. For the Parishioners of St. Barbara Church
5:00 p.m. † Jozef Leszczak int. Jan & Teresa Leszczak

Saturday, Sobota, July 4
4:30 p.m. † Gertraud Sliwka int. Steve Kalas
Blessings on the 50th Wedding Anniversary
of Laura & John Kurtz

Sunday, Niedziela, July 5
9:00 a.m. Health & Blessings for Zoladz Family
11:00 a.m. † Stephan & † Stepania Kazimierczak
int. Komarnicki Family

FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN
The FACE MASK is to be worn upon entering the church and during the celebration of the Mass only to be removed momentarily to receive communion. If you or your guest does not have a face mask one will be made available to you. Face masks are on the table near the side entrance.

NOSIC MASKE NA TWARZ
Podczas wchodzenia do kościoła i podczas Mszy Świętej należy nosić maskę na twarz. Tylko na chwile można usunąć przyjmując komunikę. Jeśli ty lub twoj gosc nie ma maski, możemy ją dla was zapewnić.

CONFESSIONS
Until further notice, Fr. Hilinski will use the priest’s sacristy to hear confessions on Saturdays, from 3:45-4:00 p.m. The sacristy will be set up with a kneeler and a chair. Father will be turned away from you to hear your confession unless you request face to face confession.

Please use the door to the sacristy which is located in the hallway that leads to the single restroom.

FIRST FRIDAY THIS WEEK
July 3 is First Friday. There will be the usual morning Mass in English at 7:30 a.m.
Polish Mass with devotions will be at 5:00 p.m. Fr. Knapik will be the Presider.
Following the Polish Mass there will be the Two Hearts Holy Hours of Reparation until about 10:30 p.m.

The generosity of our Parishioners & Friends has brought St. Barbara Church the following:
Collection for June 21 - $2,177 (51 envelopes)
Maintenance Fund - $325 (7 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!

PrayerList
Please pray for our parishioners who are ill and all who are in need of our prayers:
Jim Adams, Phillip Adams, Renette Armstrong,
Ed Barker, Stan Bellar, William Boutell, MaryAnn Boyer,
Alan Bradny, Iola Natal, Loretta Budzinski, Sarah Burket,
Shannon Burke, Phyllis Cielec, Donna Cuevas,
Jean Fabian, Mary Jean Farren, Dorothy Friedl,
Marcy Hill, Joan Kalembre, Paul Karkowski,
Richard Konarski, Chris Krovich, Maria Kusmierzczk,
Christopher Lenik, Rosemary Maier, Ed Montgomery,
Dorothy Noga, Kathleen Patton, Linda Sikora
Marek Pietrzycki, Martha Płonska, Martha Vana,
Mike Prock, Marc Rudolph, Ann Sagar, Robert Orahoske,
Lindsey Sieniawski, Brandon Hrelja, Włodzimierz Wrobel,
Sandy Kalemba Worden, Ray Yoder, Tom Zakarowsky

PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY
Father of all nations and ages, we recall the day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that still remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Source: Collect for Independence Day, New Roman Missal