



We are a welcoming Roman Catholic Parish that cherishes the Polish heritage of our founders and celebrates the diversity of all who enter, thus striving to give glory to God through worship and service to the community.

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time— July 5, 2020

INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 4, 2020

The year 1776 was a long time ago or so it seems to us who might live to be 80 if we are fortunate. Yet if you calculate that it has been only 244 years from that special date you realize that in terms of world history it is not that long of a time especially when you have cities in the world that can go back thousands of years in their existence. It is also a reminder that the date marks the beginning of a nation that was to grow in so many ways. Our nation first became independent of royal rule. But independence you might say is a struggle each and every year of the existence of our country.

I just finished reading the biography of Fredrick Douglass -- he lived in the 19th century. He began life as a slave in Maryland and he escaped to find freedom in the north. Contributors from Europe paid off his slave owner and gave him emancipation. Without any formal education, this man was a towering figure in his ability to write and speak that held thousands spell-bound. He was the voice of abolitionists. Even after the Civil war, he continued to call attention to the plight of African-Americans as the South turned into a fearful place of lynchings and Jim Crow laws of



segregation. It took a civil war to rid the country of its dependence on slavery, so that no person was a slave.

It was the independence of a whole massive way of doing business. Even after this, those men and women held as slaves did not automatically profit from it. Enslaved men were granted citizenship only at first but not voting rights. Then they were granted voting rights but the Federal government would not stop state governments from imposing poll taxes and literacy requirements that were not expected of whites. It would not be until the 20th century that new laws would help with this. And yet there is a struggle in our own country today to be independent of those ghosts of the past when white slave masters cracked the whip on blacks.

Strange it is on how dependent some have become on the image of their racial superiority. Independence is something we all in different ways need so that we are not dependent on hate, envy, jealousy and all the other sins that make life difficult for others. It is easier sometimes to overthrow a king, than to overthrow the prejudices of the human heart!

-- Fr. Hilinski

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

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 & † Stephania Kazimierzak
int. Komarnicki Family

Monday, Poniedziałek, July 6

7:30 a.m. † For the Parishioners of St. Barbara Church

Tuesday, Wtorek, July 7

7:30 a.m. † Steve F. Spisak *int. Fr. Hilinski*

Wednesday, Środa, July 8

7:30 a.m. † Mary Ann Benda

Thursday, Czwartek, July 9

7:30 a.m. † Ralph Cielec *int. Lauri Eckman & Family*

Friday, Piątek, July 10

7:30 a.m. Presider's intention

Saturday, Sobota, July 11

4:30 p.m. † Helen & † Bill Malinowski
int. John & Angela Malinowski

Sunday, Niedziela, July 12

9:00 a.m. † Presider's intention
11:00 a.m. † Frank & † Jozefa Maszalek &
† Ks. Marian Marszalek & † Christine Bellar
int. Family



Happy 4th of July Weekend!

Help for Dominion Energy Ohio Customers

If you're facing a financial hardship, Dominion Energy Ohio has several payment and assistance options for your unique situation. Dominion Energy recently increased its contribution to the EnergyShare program, making \$400,000 available this year to residential customers struggling to pay their bills. You can learn more at [DominionEnergy.com](https://www.dominionenergy.com) and search for the keywords "energy assistance."

During these unprecedented times, the company encourages you to pay your bill as you normally would to avoid a large balance later. If you've fallen behind on your bill, please contact Dominion Energy Ohio at, 800-33-7557, for help with payment arrangements. To view your bill or make an online payment, visit [DominionEnergy.com](https://www.dominionenergy.com)

***The generosity of our Parishioners & Friends
has brought St. Barbara Church the following:***

Collection for June 28 - \$1,715 (49 envelopes)

Maintenance Fund - \$460 (20 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!

Prayer List

***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 Kalembe, Paul Karbowski,
Richard Konarski, Chris Krovich, Maria Kusmierczyk,
Christopher Lenik, Rosemary Maier, Ed Montgomery,
Dorothy Noga, Kathleen Patton, Linda Sikora
Marek Pietrzycki, Martha Plonski, Martha Vana,
Mike Prock, Marc Rudolph, Ann Sagar, Robert Orahoske,
Lindsey Sieniawski, Brandon Hrelja, Włodzimierz Wrobel,
Sandy Kalembe Worden, Ray Yoder, Tom Zakarowsky

SOCIAL CONCERNS PROJECT: Back to School Gift Cards for Kids



School will be different this year for the children at Metro Catholic School with masks and social distancing but many kids will still be in need of the basics. All through **the rest of the month of July** we will be collecting donations of Walmart

Gift Cards (\$20 each) to help selected students at **Metro Catholic School** prepare for the new school year. Parishioners can buy and donate a \$20 Walmart gift card or they can make a cash donation. Any cash collected will be used to purchase additional \$20 gift cards.

The gift cards will be presented to the staff at Metro Catholic School who will then distribute the gift cards to those children in most need. Purchased Walmart Gift Cards and or cash contributions should be placed in an envelope marked "Gift Cards for Metro Catholic School Children" and placed in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity and your support.

We are continuing the following safeguards during the COVID-19 Pandemic

FACE MASKS are 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 by przyjąć komunię. Jeśli ty lub twój gość nie ma maski, możemy ją dla was zapewnić.

CONFESSIONS

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.