

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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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 9, 2020

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, August 8

† Helen & † Henry Krol 4:30 p.m.

int. Ken & Maureen Krol

Sunday, Niedziela, August 9

9:00 a.m. † Joseph Broslawik 11:00 a.m. † Jacek Rapacz

int. Andrzej & Zofia Rubis

Monday, Poniedziałek, August 10

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

Tuesday, Wtorek, August 11 7:30 a.m. † Cyril Chmura

Wednesday, Środa, August 12

7:30 a.m. Health & Blessings for the Volunteer

Workers of St. Barbara Church

Thursday, Czwartek, August 13

7:30 a.m. † David John Orris int. Mary Lou Orris

Friday, Piątek, August 14

Presider's intention 7:30 a.m.

Saturday, Sobota, August 15

4:30 p.m. † Frank & † Jozefa Marszalek &

† Fr. Marian Marszalek & † Christine Bellar

int. Family

Sunday, Niedziela, August 16

9:00 a.m. Presider's intention 11:00 a.m. † Jozef & † Maria Rapacz

int. Andrzej & Zofia Rubis

ALL MASSES are in English except the 11:00 Sunday Mass which is in Polish. CONFESSIONS are heard in English every Saturday before the Vigil Mass, from 3:45 to 4:15 p.m. (see more information in this bulletin)

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

We should take note that the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is August 15. Since the Solemnity falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted and there is no Mass attendance obligation associated with this holy day this year. Masses after 4:00 pm on August 15th will be for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

PRAY THE ROSARY

The Rosary is recited each weekday after the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to join in and take part in the Rosary.

FR. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST & MARTYR



On Friday, August 14 we will observe the Memorial of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Born in Zdunska-Wola, in Poland on January 8, 1894, Raymond Kolbe would take the name of Maximilian Mary when he entered the Conventual Franciscan order in 1910. In 1918 he was ordained a priest and served as a seminary professor and confessor at the monastery at Niepokalanow. He wrote and

published a monthly magazine and a daily newspaper and dedicated his life to Mary. In 1939, Fr. Maximilian and many of the friars were arrested when the Nazis occupied Poland. Fr. Maximilian was released from prison in December 1939 and returned to Niepokalanow. He was arrested a second time by the Nazis in February1941 and soon after was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz.

In July of 1941 it was reported that a prisoner from the barracks had escaped. In retaliation, 10 prisoners were singled out to starve in a bunker. Fr. Maximilian volunteered to take the place of one of the prisoners. After 2 weeks of starvation Fr. Maximilian was the last prisoner still alive. On the vigil of the Assumption, August 14, 1941, Fr. Maximilian was killed with a lethal injection. He was canonized by Pope John Paul in 1982.

NO LONGER PART OF US

One of the common experiences of many Catholics today is dealing with family and friends that have left the Church. This means a wide variety of behaviors. They might not go to Mass except when there is a wedding or funeral or maybe Christmas. It might mean they have gone to another Christian Church or another religion. Or they might just reject any belief in any of the teachings of the Church. St. Paul's experiences of dealing with his fellow Jewish friends and family in today's 2nd reading should offer us some reflection on this issue.

First Paul was aware that with all his preaching and commitment to Jesus he was not successful in gaining the converts he wanted among his own people. But Paul does not throw a fit of anger and but states clearly a very deep admission that he is experiencing "great sorrow and constant anguish of heart" because they are not believers in this Jesus the Messiah. And he is so convinced of this Jesus as well as being so deeply connected to his people that he makes the astounding declaration: "For I would wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh." He does not discount his family or give up caring about them, but he is ready to give up everything if they would just believe. This even raises our attitude not just to our own family but what is our attitude to the Jewish people who have not accepted Christ. Too often the attitude has been one of hate and dislike and even smug spiritual superiority over them and their religion. And yet Paul writes a moving passage: "They are Israelites:" We might not realize he does not use the word "Jews" which would be a more general and ethnic term but Israelites, which in the Bible refers to God's choosing of them to be his people. Nor "Israelis" which is the term for the citizens of the state of Israel, which is not all Jews but even some Arabs are Israelis! Paul then goes on to write: "....Theirs the adoption, the glory, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them according to the flesh is the Christ, who is over all, God Blessed forever. Amen"

As much as Paul believes in Jesus he does not take away from his people the special relationship that they continue to have with God. The 'adoption' is exactly that God has adopted them as his people. Let us examine our own feelings to those who have left the Church, for theirs is yet the bond of Baptism which makes them a son and daughter of God in Christ. Let us examine our own feelings to the Jewish people, so that they might correspond to the preaching of St. John Paul the Great, inspired by the teaching of the Apostle Paul, that we recognize in the Jewish people a covenant that has not been revoked by God because of our Christian faith.

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

Collection for August 2-3 - \$1,616 (50 envelopes)

Maintenance Fund - \$1,245 (28 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 Kalemba, 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 Kalemba Worden, Ray Yoder, Tom Zakarowsky

THANKS to everyone who remembered me on my birthday.

Thank you to the St. Barbara Parish Guild for your thoughtful gift! Even without your regular meetings, your support to me and the

Parish is still ongoing. -- Fr. Joe

CONGRATULATIONS & ALL THE BEST to our parishioner, Francis Umeana, who recently received his nursing degree from Cuyahoga Community College

SOCIAL CONCERNS PROJECT: Back to School Gift Cards for Kids

Thanks to all who have already donated to our Walmart Gift Cards to help selected students at **Metro Catholic School** prepare for the new school year. Your generosity and support is so greatly appreciated. The deadline for receiving the cards is next weekend of **August 15/16.**

SPECIAL COLLECTION This Weekend Religious Assistance to Poland & Polonia

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 kosciola i podczas Mszy Swietej nalezy nosic maske na twarz. Tylko na chwile mozna usunac by przyjac komunie. Jesli ty lub twoj gosc nie ma maski, mozemy ja dla was zapewnic.

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