

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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### 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - September 20, 2020

### LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, September 19

**4:30 p.m.** † Frank & † Jozefa Marszalek, † Fr. Marian

Marszalek & † Christine Bellar int. Family

Sunday, Niedziela, September 20

9:00 a.m. † Mary Jane Fennelly *int. Son John* 11:00 a.m. † Janina & † Boleslaw Chmielewski

int. Kusmirek Family

Monday, Poniedziałek, September 21

7:30 a.m. † Al Aungst int. Renate Sliwka

Tuesday, Wtorek, September 22

7:30 a.m. † Emily & † John Hodeck int. Daughter & Family

Wednesday, Środa, September 23

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

Thursday, Czwartek, September 24

**7:30 a.m.** † Fr. John Bryk int. Benet Konarski

Friday, Piatek, September 25

**7:30 a.m.** † Phyllis Mlady int. Linda Miller

Saturday, Sobota, September 26

**4:30 p.m.** Blessings on the 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

of Lauri & Charlie Eckman int. Family

Sunday, Niedziela, September 27

9:00 a.m. † Elaine Lewandowski & † Cheryl Artino int. Lewandowski & Artino Families

11:00 a.m. † Maria Rapacz int. Kowalewski Family

ALL MASSES are in English except the 11:00 Sunday Mass which is in Polish. CONFESSIONS--Fr. Hilinski will use the priest's sacristy to hear confessions in English 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. Confessions in Polish are heard before the Polish Mass.

### **UPDATE ON MAINTENANCE ISSUES IN THE PARISH**

The heavy rains on Labor Day brought to light some problems. The east end of the parish hall was flooded from the overflow drain in the stairwell near the stage. In mopping it up, the section of the wall of the southeast corner of the hall was wet and damp indicating something happening on the outside. Lake Drainage, a company that did a great job with the convent waterproofing in 2013, was called in. They said that we needed to excavate the whole external section around the corner of the hall, using cameras to check out the downspouts and drains, remove wet mud, check out the wall and water proof with a plastic material. The estimated cost is \$11,900.

Also, the ceiling in the sanctuary saw a small portion of the plaster fall to the floor the day after the rains ended and 'waterspots' appeared on the surface that were not there before. Durable Slate Roofing, which has been working on our roofs for years, has been called in to inspect that section of the church roof and we are waiting for the report.

Thank you for your continued support of our maintenance fund. As you can see every bit of it is being used!

Sign seen on a highway in Fairfax County, Virginia



### Reflections on this week's Gospel from Fr. Joe

#### **ABSOLUTELY OVER THE TOP**

Anytime I read the parable about the landowner who keeps hiring people throughout the day and then at the end of the day pays them all off with the same amount of money no matter how long or short of a day they put in, I am just puzzled. It is so against fairness and justice!!! What could Jesus possibly mean by this parable? It certainly would contradict the basic Church teaching on justice in labor relations—a person deserves a living wage for the work they have done. It would certainly not motivate a person to work for a full 12 hours if they knew they would be paid the same amount for a few less? So we have to look more deeply to see what makes sense or at least something else that still may be challenging to our human sensitivities and thought patterns.

Beneath the parable is a very real challenge to understanding the message of the Gospel. Jesus invites every person no matter where they are in their lives to turn to him for salvation and forgiveness. That includes those death bed conversions or maybe someone dying in the electric chair for murder. Of course the judgment of God as well as even the conscience of the individual may well still be hidden from our eyes that we do not know the outcome. But there is a God who is offering in Christ such forgiveness and salvation that is part of the message of the Gospel. Those words of the landowner when asked about the incongruity of paying all the same amount starts to make sense in light of this: "Surely I am free to do what I like with my own money? WHY BE JEALOUS BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS?" Of course it is not money that is the question --- salvation and the reward of God's grace.

Of course in the early Church, there was a question that was prompted by the admission of Gentiles to the message of salvation. The Jewish members of the Church started to raise the issue that Jews have had to bear the burden of the Law of Moses. and persecution for centuries and they certainly have some type of priority! But the answer is "So the last will be first and first last". Note that the parable begins with acknowledgment that the compensation is the same for being invited into work in the Vineyard of the Lord! God's love is over the top! That is part of the mystery of Christian life! We are not jealous of God's generosity to others who may not be as strict and conscientious as we have been all our lives but yet rejoice that others have discovered this generous love and offer of salvation. Yes our work and sweat is out response to a love that is totally unmerited by us and yet is the result of the redemption of the Cross won for us in Christ's blood. Why be jealous because I am generous?

-- Fr. Joe

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

Collection for September 12-13 - \$1,550 (49 envelopes)

Maintenance Fund - \$491 (18 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, Robbie Camp, 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

### PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory.

### **HOLY CROSS CEMETERY - Pre-Planning Seminar**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association will hold a 1-hour preplanning seminar on Saturday, October 3, 2020, at 1 p.m. Information will include Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering and maintain proper social distancing throughout the duration of the seminar. Holy Cross Cemetery, 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park. Please RSVP 216 641-7575 ext. 3.

# CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION: Next Weekend, September 26-27

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The collection for the **2020 Catholic Communications Campaign** provides grants to Catholic organizations that share our experience of faith, worship, and witness through social media sites, podcasts, television, radio, and print media. The special second collection is scheduled in our parishes for the weekend of September 26-27.

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Due to COVID-19 we ask that you take the bulletin home with you. DO NOT leave the bulletin in the pew.

**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.