



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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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 11, 2020

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, October 10

4:30 p.m. † Stanley & † Cecilia Cielec
int. Lauri Eckman & Family

Sunday, Niedziela, October 11

9:00 a.m. † Rudy & † Mollie Sommerfeld *int. Larry & Family*

11:00 a.m. † Frank & † Jozefa Marszalek & † Fr. Marian
Marszalek & † Christine Bellar *int. Family*

Monday, Poniedziałek, October 12

7:30 a.m. † Kirk Shemuga *int. Fr. Hilinski*

Tuesday, Wtorek, October 13

7:30 a.m. † Joe Brzezinski *int. Loretta Budzinski*

Wednesday, Środa, October 14

7:30 a.m. † Mary Ann (Wodzisz) Lingus
int. Family & Friends

Thursday, Czwartek, October 15

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

Friday, Piątek, October 16

7:30 a.m. † Carl Kubala *int. Family*

Saturday, Sobota, October 17

4:30 p.m. † Michael Noble *int. Ken & Maureen Krol*

Sunday, Niedziela, October 18

9:00 a.m. † Zigmund & † Mary Sommerfeld
int. Larry & Family

11:00 a.m. † Adam & † Teresa Gacek
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.

AN INVITATION YOU CAN'T PASS UP!

With so many social restrictions, the number of invitations you might be receiving has certainly been reduced. But because there are so many concerns, when we do receive an invitation to something, we really have to consider whether we are going to go or not.

Recently I was a celebrant of a wedding for a dear friend's son. His dad called me a few weeks before to invite me to a rehearsal dinner. I know the dad since he was my high school friend very well. I married him and his wife. His wife's sisters were girlfriends of my sisters; her family was from St. Pat's where I grew up and went to school with all of them. So I was tempted to go even as he outlined how there would be a lot of social distancing at the restaurant. But I explained that I try to limit my exposure for the sake of my service to the people and I cannot go to everything I would want. He was disappointed but he understood. The wedding went so well and I at least saw the first dance of the young couple since they had a platform set up in the back parking lot of St. Barbara with a DJ before they went to the formal dinner at a restaurant. (A real first for the parish and for any wedding I have ever had.)

Invitations embody first an expression of the freedom of someone to choose you to be part of something. More than ever these invitations indicate that you are special to them. But also your response is an expression of your freedom to choose to be with them at their event! The Gospel passage this Sunday reminds us that God invites us to a relationship. God invites us to be part of His Kingdom. God invites us to seal his invitation by partaking of the Body and Blood of Jesus in the Eucharist. Before you come to communion I issue an invitation—"Behold the Lamb of God! Behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb." It is a real and serious invitation. And your response is a very serious use of your freedom. Do not make trite excuses! For this is an invitation to Eternal Life and Love. You just cannot pass it up!

Make it a real YES!

-- Fr. Joe

PRAY THE ROSARY



The month of **October** is dedicated to the **Blue Rosary**. The Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7.

During the week, the Rosary is prayed immediately following the morning Mass.

On Sundays, the Rosary is prayed in Polish before the 11:00 a.m. Polish Mass. Please join us to pray the Rosary.

THE COUNT CONTINUES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9...

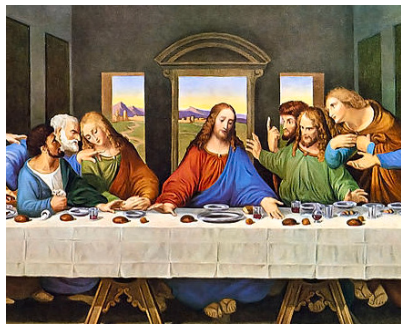
This weekend we will continue to take the annual count for attendance at each Mass.

SECOND COLLECTION This Weekend: St. Vincent de Paul Society Annual Blanket Sunday Collection

Last year, funds from the appeal were used to purchase and distribute over 6,000 blankets and 200 beds to the homeless and low-income individuals and families throughout Northeast Ohio. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and lack of storage space, they will gratefully accept your donation and do the shopping for you, making your money go even further with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by the homeless and disadvantaged. There are envelopes and a collection basket for this collection on the table near the side entrance. You may also donate online at www.svdpcle.org/donate-today/blanket-sunday

2020 ELEANOR MALBURG EASTERN CHURCHES SEMINAR ONLINE

The Eucharist has inspired countless masterpieces of visual, musical and literary art in the Christian traditions of East and West. The arts have added beauty and joy to the celebration of Eucharist. The interplay of Eucharist, art and life is the focus of the of the **36th Annual Eleanor Malburg Eastern Churches Seminar**. Notre Dame College and its co-sponsors will feature the Very Rev. Alexander Garklavs, currently pastor of Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Parma, in a discussion of "Eucharist in Art and Life" as a **virtual** presentation this year. The presentation will be available at no cost on [YouTube.com/NotreDameCollege](https://www.youtube.com/NotreDameCollege) or NotreDameCollege.edu/EasternChurchesSeminar



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY Collection, October 17-18

On October 18, the Church will celebrate the annual **World Mission Sunday** for the Missions and missionaries around the world. Proceeds from this collection, administered by the Pontifical Mission Societies, help support the merciful work of local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, and parts of Europe.

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD COLLECTION

We are collecting Thanksgiving meal items for families of students at **Metro Catholic School**. Please place your food donations in the bins that are in the vestibule of the West Side entrance of the church.

The deadline for collecting the items for distribution to the families is **Sunday, November 15**.

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED

canned green beans,
canned corn,
applesauce,
cranberry sauce,
canned or packet gravy,
canned or fresh yams,
boxed stuffing,
boxed mashed potatoes,
muffin mix,
any type of boxed dessert,
jello or pudding.

POLISH PARISH RELIGION SCHOOL

Religious Education for Pre-Kindergarten- Grades 1-8 at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church**, 6700 Lansing Avenue, Cleveland, Sundays 11:00 a.m. TO 12 noon. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation will be available. For more information and registration call Fr. Andrzej Panek at 216 704-5080.

ST. EDWARD HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

A flyer with Information on open house hours and admission test dates for 8th grade boys who are considering St. Eds for their education is posted on the church bulletin board.

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

Collection for October 3-4 - \$2,543 (61 envelopes)

Maintenance Fund - \$1,124 (31 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!



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29 September 2020

A message on the upcoming election from Bishop Edward Malesic

Once again, we find ourselves in a very polarized election cycle with candidates that do not reflect the complete breadth of Catholic moral teaching. Yet, it is our solemn duty as citizens of our republic to cast a vote for the candidate who best supports the greatest ideals and moral teachings of our Catholic faith, the faith that we hold and practice as the means of our personal salvation and as a benefit for the common good of the pluralistic society in which we live.

In casting our ballot, whether for those already proposed by a particular party or for those we choose to write in, we must have properly formed consciences. A properly formed conscience comes through prayer, Scripture and studying the teaching of the Church that is promoted and protected by the apostles and their successors, the bishops. This well-formed conscience seeks to understand the truth and allows itself to be guided by the Holy Spirit. A well-formed conscience is devoted to doing God's will more than it is to supporting any particular political party.

As such, I wanted to write this letter to help you in forming your conscience in preparation for the vote that you will soon cast.

Our bishops have said, and I agree with them, that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family and because of the number of lives destroyed." (See the new introductory letter found in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, which can be found online at www.usccb.org.)

The consistent teaching of the Church regarding the intrinsic evil of abortion seeks to secure all other rights as well. We are not a "single issue" Church; there are other extremely important rights that we must defend, to be sure; but these additional rights flow from and are rooted in the fundamental right to life itself.

St. Pope John Paul II stated, "Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights – for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture – is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination." (*Christifideles laici*, No. 38)

Our bishops noted in *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, "A Catholic voter cannot vote for a candidate who favors a policy promoting an intrinsically evil act, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, subjecting workers or the poor to subhuman living conditions, redefining marriage in ways that violate its essential meaning, or racist behavior, if the voter's intent is to support that

position. . . At the same time, a voter should not use a candidate's opposition to an intrinsic evil to justify indifference or inattentiveness to other important moral issues involving human life and dignity." (#34)

When we cast our vote, we must not remain indifferent to those positions and policies that would negatively impact religious freedoms, erode the traditional family, or make it difficult for the poor to access adequate education, housing and healthcare. We must carefully consider how to fix our broken immigration system, address the worldwide refugee crisis, preserve our natural resources, protect the environment and strive for humane solutions to global conflict and terrorism.

But, to be clear, although there are many causes our Church stands for and is vocal about, the right to life itself must be given our paramount consideration so that people can have the chance to secure all the other benefits that life can afford.

I humbly ask that you take my thoughts into consideration as you prepare to cast your ballot in the near future. Please ask the Holy Spirit to guide your decision, having before all else the desire to secure the common good for our nation and to do God's will in all things. I will pray for you and ask that you pray for me as we make our choice of civil leadership, hopefully with well-formed consciences. And, let us all pray for those who are running for election this cycle. May the Lord inspire them to be the best that they can be for all of us, for our nation and for our world.

May God bless you and those you love. I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus



The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL
Bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland