



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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The Epiphany of the Lord – January 3, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, January 2

4:30 p.m. † Raymond A. Hilinski *int. Fr. Hilinski*

Sunday, Niedziela, January 3

9:00 a.m. † Carol Kusmierczyk *int. Family*

11:00 a.m. † Andrzej & † Renata Rapac
int. Andrzej & Zofia Rubis

Monday, Poniedziałek, January 4

7:30 a.m. Presider's intention

Tuesday, Wtorek, January 5

7:30 a.m. † Stephen Noga *int. Noga Family*

Wednesday, Środa, January 6

7:30 a.m. † Fr. Joseph Piskura

Thursday, Czwartek, January 7

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

Friday, Piątek, January 8

7:30 a.m. † Fr. James Beatty

Saturday, Sobota, January 9

4:30 p.m. † John A. Menes *int. Family*

Sunday, Niedziela, January 10

9:00 a.m. † Ray Maier *int. Rosemary Maier*

11:00 a.m. † Barbara, † Kazimierz & † Jan Wilary
int. Jan & Jadwiga Buzanowski



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.

The Christmas Season Continues

The celebration of the Lord's Nativity gives way to an expression of honor to his Mother Mary in the feast of January 1, called officially the Solemnity of the Mother of God. But it also coincides with the secular observance that we call New Year's Day! As a secular observance it notes a change of the date of the calendar and the beginning of the first of the 12 months that make up each year. New ears is invested with a lot of merry making and revelry as though something is really happening but all that is happening is the change of the calendar.

But for us Christians we realize that all time is in the providential care of our loving God. Jesus in his humanity experienced the passage of time, which at times seems to fly by and other times seems to crawl along; sometimes the situation seems to be so happy it is gone before we know it and at other times it is so slow the problem never seems to end. A mother experiences this in the months of carrying the new life within that comes with its limitations and restrictions and then those moments of delivery sometimes long and tedious to the joy of the birth of that new life that seems to consign to the past all the trouble of that pregnancy.

The next observance of the season is the Epiphany in the Western Church that marks the Visit of the Magi which connected with the Lord's manifestation to those outside of the children of Israel, heralding the Good News of Jesus for the Nations. The Eastern Church emphasizes in the Epiphany the Baptism at the Jordan which heralds again the worldwide washing away of the sins of humanity in waters in the Jordan (and the waters of the sacrament of Baptism) and the salvation in Christ. The season of Christmas unfolds more of the dimensions of what it means that Jesus is Son of God and Son of Mary!

- Fr. Joe

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 Kalembe, Paul
Karbowski, Richard Konarski, Chris Krovich, Christopher
Lenik, Rosemary Maier, Ed Montgomery, Dorothy Noga,
Kathleen Patton, 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**

***Today we celebrate
the EPIPHANY OF THE LORD***

The narrative of the Magi to the Holy Family is not told as an historical event primarily, but as a reflection on an important aspect of the mystery of the Incarnation – God’s coming to dwell among us in a human nature as the Messiah for all peoples and nations.

Gold, frankincense and myrrh, the three gifts mentioned in the gospel, were traditional symbols of homage in the East. They have come to symbolize the destiny of Jesus:

gold, the royal metal,
for his kingship,
frankincense, a symbol of prayer,
for his divinity,
myrrh, a burial ointment,
for his suffering and death.



THE THREE KINGS – TRZECH KROLI

Chalk and water will be blessed at Mass. A sheet with prayers and instructions for the traditional Polish home blessing ceremony will be available so that you can bless your home and make the traditional inscription of the **Three Kings – Trzech Kroli.**

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YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis has proclaimed a special **“Year of St Joseph,”** beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021. In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a tender and loving, obedient father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. This Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church.

FROM OUR PASTOR ♦♦♦♦♦

STOLEN COLLECTION –
Christmas Eve 4:30 p.m. Mass

Sadly this Christmas we found that one of our contribution collections was stolen. I learned a lesson – since the restrictions for COVID-19 were initiated, we had an usher watch the collection basket at the doors and then as Mass began it was taken into the sacristy with the usher returning to the church – this was not fool proof. So at the 4:30 Christmas Eve Mass – the whole collection -- total cash, checks and envelopes stored in the sacristy (priest vesting room) disappeared at some point during the Mass. Please spread the word that they were stolen. I have changed the procedure to make sure that the usher leaves the collection in a more secure locker in the sacristy. The total for the Christmas collection has yet to be determined.

PERSONAL GRATITUDE OF YOUR PASTOR

I thank so many for their personal gifts to me. But all of you make that part of your greater support for St. Barbara Church. As pastor it has given gives me strength in this difficult year and I do pray to God to thank Him for your lives and your love!

THANK YOU TO THE PARISH GUILD

A special note of appreciation to our Parish Guild not only for their personal Christmas gift to me but for their constant support and effort to support St. Barbara Parish. You can see the fruit of their fundraising in our Christmas sanctuary with all new trees to enhance our decorations for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus Christ! Also, the Guild plans to purchase an automated external defibrillator to have on hand for any emergencies that may occur in the future.



TO EVERYONE who helped to make this Christmas at our church so joyful and so beautiful in this challenging year!

★ Thanks to everyone who helped to organize, set up and decorate our church for Christmas. And thanks in advance for all the taking down, putting away and clean-up too! ★ Thanks to everyone who contributed for flowers and those who purchased poinsettias in memory of and in honor of friends and loved ones. ★ Thanks to the musicians and singers and to everyone who joined in to fill our church with beautiful Kolędy and Christmas hymns & melodies. ★ Thanks to the Altar Servers, the Lectors, the Ushers & Greeters for your dedicated service this past year. ★ Thanks to Fr. Hilinski and Fr. Knapik for their ministry & service to our parish. ★ Thanks to everyone for your financial support & for all you do for St. Barbara Church.