

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 Baptism of the Lord – January 10, 2021

#### LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

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*

#### Monday, Poniedziałek, January 11

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

Tuesday, Wtorek, January 12 7:30 a.m. Presider's intention

Wednesday, Środa, January 13

7:30 a.m. † Janet Sasura Montgomery int. Ed Montgomery

Thursday, Czwartek, January 14 7:30 a.m. Presider's intention

Friday, Piątek, January 15 7:30 a.m. Presider's intention

Saturday, Sobota, January 16 4:30 p.m. † Stanley Gasior

Sunday, Niedziela, January 17 9:00 a.m. † John Gielas 11:00 a.m. † Katarzyna & † Kazimierz Rapacz *int. Krystyna Kowalewski* 

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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.

## FINALE OF CHRISTMAS

I love Broadway musicals. When the curtain comes down, it is a grand ending and sets you off whistling or humming a few of the tunes. So it is with the Christmas season and the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. I am not being irreverent to make use of this worldly comparison but just trying to help you appreciate the last feast of the Christmas season. It is interesting that the designation 'Epiphany' was used at times in the life of the Church for the Baptism of the Lord as well as for the "Visit of the Magi".

The Eastern churches apply "Epiphany' to this celebration at the waters of the Jordan. But even if Latin Catholics do not use that word it still has something very important for us. The Baptism of the Lord has often been preached as the beginning of the Lord Jesus' public life after his years hidden in Nazareth. While that is true, it more clearly speaks of a manifestation or epiphany of who Jesus is! While at his birth in Bethlehem angels announce who he is, at the waters of the Jordan it is the voice of the Father from heaven who says, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased!", while the Spirit, like a dove, descends upon him! What an icon of the Holy Trinity before us--the Father's declaration, the Son in the waters, and the Spirit descending.

One more point about that dove! It recalls the events that Noah experienced after the flood. In the book of Genesis the dove returns to the ark with an olive branch in its beak and indicates to Noah that the world has been cleansed and renewed and life restored. How appropriate that the dove signals at this event of the Baptism of the Lord that the cleansing waters of our baptism cleanse us and renew us as well as makes us heirs of eternal life. Such a finale does not mean the story is totally ended but only that there is great suggestion, of course, for the sequel which will be the message of his preaching, teaching, miracles and saving passion and Resurrection.



# 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, 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 Kalemba Worden, Ray Yoder

### **SPECIAL COLLECTION, Next Weekend:** Catholic University Collection, January 16-17

The Collection for Catholic University will take place the weekend of January 16-17. The collection raises money that goes directly to support student financial aid at Catholic University of America (CUA). Your contribution to the Catholic University Collection is greatly appreciated.

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February 17, Ash Wednesday April 4, Easter Sunday

# HELP FOR DOMINION ENERGY CUSTOMERS

If you are facing a financial hardship, Dominion Energy Ohio has several payment and assistance options for your unique situation. You can learn more at **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 800-362-7557, for help with payment arrangements. To view your bill or to make an online payment, visit DominionEngery.com

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

> Christmas Collection - \$6.299 Collection for December. 26-27 - \$1,007 New Years Day Collection - \$1,228 Collection for January 2-3 - \$2,536 Maintenance Fund - \$1,561

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!

## 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.

# YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH PRAYER



Composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, Quamquam Pluries. this prayer to St. Joseph is enriched with a partial indulgence (Source: U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops)

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful quardian of the Holv Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity: shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid. we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

## REQUEST FOR 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS STATEMENT

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To receive your contribution statement for 2020 please complete the following form below and place it in the collection basket. If
you would like your statement mailed, include a self- addressed, stamped envelope or you may pick it up at the
Parish Office. We can also email a copy to you. Please allow a little time for your statement to be ready. PLEASE PRINT!

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