



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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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 14, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

Saturday, Sobota, February 13

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Alexander Grove & Ashley Kobak
4:30 p.m. † Frank & † Jozefa Marszalek, † Fr. Marian Marszalek & † Christine Bellar *int. Family*

Sunday, Niedziela, February 14

9:00 a.m. † Walter & † Julia Zurowski *int. Linda Miller*
11:00 a.m. † Janina Karczewska
int. Jan & Jadwiga Buzanowski

Monday, Poniedziałek, February 15

7:30 a.m. † Maxine B. Hilinski

Tuesday, Wtorek, February 16

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

Wednesday, Środa, February 17, Ash Wednesday

7:30 a.m. Presider's intention
5:00 p.m. † Stanley Kobak (*Mass in Polish*)
7:00 p.m. † Walter Gliwa

Thursday, Czwartek, February 18

7:30 a.m. Presider's intention

Friday, Piątek, February 19

7:30 a.m. † Genevieve Dziedzina *int. Christine*

Saturday, Sobota, February 20

4:30 p.m. † Gloria Lowe *int. John & Angela Malinowski*

Sunday, Niedziela, February 21

9:00 a.m. Health & blessings for Mildred Zwolinski
int. Ralph Gasior
11:00 a.m. † Zofia & Tadeusza Kreczkowski
int. Zoladz 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.

LENT 2021

In Lent, throughout the Catholic Church two groups are preparing to fully enter the life of the Church. The first group called catechumens are those who have never been baptized and look forward to receiving not only the Sacrament of Baptism, but immediately to be Confirmed and then come to the Altar for their first communion. In the early church these three sacraments were administered together and are called the sacraments of initiation, because through these sacred rites a person is initiated into the full life of the Body of Christ. The second group preparing to come into the church are those already baptized and will come into the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist.

Even though some communities of the Catholic Church have no one in particular from either of the groups, still the life of the Church takes on in Lent a 40-day retreat of prayer, fasting and renewed charity so that Easter becomes for those who are coming into the Church and those who have been long time members a great celebration of renewal and revival in the festival of Jesus' Resurrection.

In a very real sense, the initiating of members into our Catholic community demands that the Church intensify everything it believes about herself and her Lord's message. So we strive to make our lives -- more prayerful, more self-denying, more charitable, more reflective of Faith, Hope and Charity. All of this so that new members really see the best about the Catholic community they are about to enter. And it helps us to renew our commitment to the Church and to her Saviour Jesus Christ as we will publicly with the renewal of our own Baptismal vows during the Easter Mass! Lent is an opportunity for renewal and intensification for our living a life of Faith!

- 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, Brandon Hrelja,
Joan Kalembe, Paul Karbowski, Richard Konarski,
Chris Krovich, Christopher Lenik, Rosemary Maier,
Ed Montgomery, Dorothy Noga, Joe Noga, Ann Sagar,
Kathleen Patton, Marek Pietrzycki, Martha Plonski,
Martha Vana, Mike Prock, Marc Rudolph, Robert
Orahoske, James Sieniawski, Lindsey Sieniawski,
Włodzimierz Wrobel, Sandy Kalembe Worden, Ray Yoder

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES, Wednesday, February 17

Rome has sent directives out for **Ash Wednesday** that direct that the ashes are not to be placed on the forehead but to use a custom found in some countries of sprinkling the ashes on the heads of the faithful.

The faithful would come up like at communion, socially distanced with masks before the priest, who would then sprinkle ashes on the head. Again if you are at the Ash Wednesday Mass and wish not to do so, you are free to skip this ceremonial sprinkling.

Please realize that the whole use of ashes was to indicate humility before God for sins and the earliest practice was to cover the face and head with ashes in penitence.

Ash Wednesday has not the obligation as Sunday Mass. One can be penitent and resolves to observe Lent without ashes, as appropriate as they are as a custom to indicate sorrow. It is also important to realize that the Eastern Catholic Church does not observe Ash Wednesday, it is a custom of the Latin church and some of the Protestant churches



Congratulations & Best Wishes



to **Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Grove** who
were married in our church on Saturday,
February 13



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

Collection for February 6-7 - \$1,221 (4envelopes)
Maintenance Fund - \$786 (31 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IN PEW WEEKEND February 20-21

The **2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal**, an in-pew commitment process will take place in our parish next weekend, **February 20-21**. This year's appeal theme is **Love Your Neighbor**. Please refer to the insert in this week's bulletin which includes our parish's goal and an overview of the importance of Catholic Charities in our communities. Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable.

WAYS TO GROW THIS LENT: A 15-Minute Conversation with Bishop Malesic

As we enter into the Lenten season, we invite you and your family to a special event with Bishop Edward Malesic on **Friday, February 19, at 10 a.m. on Facebook Live**. Bishop Malesic will guide us with insights into Lenten practices that can help refocus our attention and return our hearts to God, especially amid our challenging times. This special presentation will be live-streamed on the **Catholic Community Foundation's Facebook page**.

Beginning February 15 on the diocesan website, dioceseofcleveland.org/lent, there will be a **SPECIAL LENTEN RESOURCE PAGE**. Included will be a daily Lenten reflection from Bishop Malesic providing meaningful insight and focus for reflection during the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, as well as links to relevant videos and other resources to help observe Lent in a more meaningful way.

FROM THE DIOCESE

A story that was published on Feb. 4 by the Associated Press on beneficiaries of the Paycheck Protection Program within the U.S. Catholic Church was picked up by some local media. It rehashes an original story from last summer and now alludes that money intended to keep small businesses and nonprofits afloat amid the Covid-19 pandemic was going to some centralized organization called "the Church." The following paragraph was the official response to the AP story to local media.

Official Statement of the Diocese of Cleveland regarding the AP report on PPP loans and the Diocese of Cleveland. (issued on 2/4/2021)

"The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland did not seek or obtain a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) Loan. Parishes, schools and other diocesan institutions were free to seek PPP loans based on their own particular circumstances. To our understanding, less than half of the parishes, schools and other institutions sought and received loans and each met the needs based criteria for receiving those loans. These PPP loans without a doubt saved the jobs of hardworking people, which was the goal of the loans."

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 15, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory



Holy Week Schedule

☐ ***Weekend of March 27-28, PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD***

Saturday, Vigil Mass, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Morning Mass, 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, Polish Mass, 11:00 a.m.

☐ ***March 29-31, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY***

7:30 a.m. Morning Mass

☐ ***Thursday, April 1, HOLY THURSDAY***

7:00 p.m., Mass of the Lord's Supper
Procession with the Sacrament to the side altar at the end of the Mass. The Church will remain open for prayer before the Altar of Reposition until 10:00 p.m.

☐ ***Friday, April 2, GOOD FRIDAY***

Noon-1:00 p.m., Sacrament of Penance
3:00 p.m., Solemn Reading of the Passion, Adoration of the Cross & Holy Communion.
7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross
Sacrament of Penance after Devotions

☐ ***Saturday, April 3, HOLY SATURDAY***

1:00 p.m., Blessing the First Foods of Easter
8:30 p.m., **GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**

☐ ***Sunday, April 4, EASTER SUNDAY***

9:00 a.m. Mass in English

11:00 a.m. Mass in Polish



Lent & Holy Week 2021



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Fasting & Abstinence

Our observance of Lent begins on **ASH WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2021**, a day of fast and abstinence for Catholics.

- ☐ **ASH WEDNESDAY** and **GOOD FRIDAY** are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Abstinence (from meat) is obligatory for all who have reached their 14th year.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

- ☐ **FRIDAYS IN LENT** are obligatory days of complete abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year.

Prayer & Reflection

Wednesday, February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY, Imposition of Ashes

7:30 a.m. morning Mass

5:00 p.m. Polish Mass

7:00 p.m. evening Mass

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Sunday during Lent immediately following the 11:00 Polish Mass

GORZKIE ZALE, Polish Lamentations on the Passion & Crucifixion of Christ

Opportunities for Confession

After Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Every Saturday 3:45 p.m. -- 4:15 p.m.

Every Sunday before 11:00 a.m. Mass (*in Polish*)

Friday, April 2, Noon-1:00 & after Stations

Service

Everyone is encouraged to consider making a personal commitment to volunteer their time to a charity or cause of their choice.

Remember that **RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS** can be uplifting to the receiver **and** to the giver during the season of Lent and throughout the whole year.

Almsgiving

Operation Rice Bowl: Please pick up a cardboard rice bowl to fill with your spare change. **Catholic Relief Services** will use your donation to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas.