



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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First Sunday of Lent – February 21, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

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 & † Tadeusz Kreczkowski
int. Zoladz Family

Monday, Poniedziałek, February 22

7:30 a.m. Presider's intention

Tuesday, Wtorek, February 23

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

Wednesday, Środa, February 24

7:30 a.m. Presider's intention

Thursday, Czwartek, February 25

7:30 a.m. Presider's intention

Friday, Piątek, February 26

7:30 a.m. Presider's intention

Saturday, Sobota, February 27

4:30 p.m. † Helen & † Henry Krol int. Ken & Maureen Krol

Sunday, Niedziela, February 28

9:00 a.m. † Leonard Gliwa

11:00 a.m. † Maria Leszczak int. Teresa & Jan Leszczak



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 RAINBOW CONNECTION

When our modern eyes look at the rainbow we see this beautiful reflection of light in an arc in a number of colors. It sometimes just juts out from the earth and disappears in the sky and at other times it is a complete arc ending somewhere on earth, where Irish lore says there is a pot of gold.

But why is it a sign of peace between God and humanity that is so beautifully described in the story of Noah in the book of Genesis? You have to use the eyes of a world thousands of years ago. They looked up at the sky as filled with gods who would trouble the earth with their anger and tricks. Those eyes would see gods using their bows to send arrows to earth. So when you look at the rainbow what you see is a bow reversed not aimed at the earth but aimed up to the heavens--there will be no arrows of war and fire, no darts of anger, to come down on the human race. God is not angry! God is at peace! So when God points to this rainbow Noah understands immediately that this is a sign that no destructive flood raining down from the heavens with its thunder and lightning will ever engulf the earth again. Covenant is also one of those words that was indicative of a solemn promise and treaty from higher powers to lower beings of a guarantee.

But the letter of St. Peter connects this covenant to the Baptism of Christians. For he compares what Noah and his Ark survive from the flood, to what survival we experience from the waters of baptism by which we are delivered to salvation. But it is also a guarantee of God of his benevolence to us and all humanity.

The Gospel about the temptation of Jesus takes place right after His baptism and the declaration of God that He is the beloved one of God! What is the greatest temptation is not any of the seven deadly sins but what human beings and all humanity struggle with to find an answer-- does God really love us? Is God really for or against us? Jesus is the rainbow that Noah saw!

- 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



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
IN PEW WEEKEND
This Weekend**

The 2021 CATHOLIC
CHARITIES ANNUAL
APPEAL is underway with

an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." Many parishioners have received a letter from Bishop Malesic requesting their support. If you have not received this letter, please respond to the in-pew commitment process today! If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail. **Thank you!**



MEMORIAL LILY SALE



The Parish Guild is sponsoring the annual sale of **EASTER LILIES** in memory of and in honor of loved ones. The lilies will decorate our Church during the Easter season. Each 7 ½ inch double-flowered lily is \$14.00. **Deadline for orders: Sunday, March 21. Please use the order form attached to this bulletin.** Additional forms will be available on the table near the side entrance to our church.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING

Rescheduled for

Monday, February 22, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory

JOIN US IN A PARISH-WIDE SURVEY

The Cleveland Catholic Diocese is sponsoring an interactive survey to assess the spiritual health of parishes across the Diocese. Developed by the Pennsylvania-based Catholic Leadership Institute, the **DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX (DMI)** is a survey tool created to:

- Allow parishioners to reflect upon their spiritual growth and discipleship;
- Identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth and look at opportunities to support that growth more in the future;
- Provide valuable input to help pastors and parish leaders make decisions and plan effectively;
- Help pastors and parish leaders have a sense of where to focus their evangelization efforts.

HOLY CROSS CEMETERY Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, **March 13, 2021**, at 1 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event to prepare for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the seminar. HOLY CROSS Cemetery, 14609 Brookpark Rd., Brook Park. RSVP 216/641-7575 ext. 3

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

**Collection for February 13-14 - \$1,107 (36 envelopes)
Maintenance Fund - \$910 (17 envelopes)**

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo

The survey will be available for all parishioners across the Diocese to participate in from **February 20–March 22**. The special link to the survey for St. Barbara's is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/d8t85dp9p5>. If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up one after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located on the table by the Infant of Prague statue outside the sacristy. There will be a drop off box for completed surveys in this location. Printable version of the survey will also be available to at www.tinyurl.com/SaintBarbara.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 p.m.
Confessions after services.**





St. Barbara Church
Easter Lily Remembrance

Honoring and Remembering
Our Loved Ones at Easter 2021

Each lily will have a tag with the name of the person being honored and remembered and they will decorate our church for the Easter season.

7 ½ inch Double Flowered, **\$14.00** each
Payment in cash or by check made payable to **St. Barbara Parish Guild**.
Deadline for orders is **Sunday, March 21, 2019**.
Payment and order form can be placed in an envelope marked "Lily Sale" and dropped in the Collection Basket.

Quantity _____ @ **\$14.00** each

Total Amount Paid _____

IN MEMORY OF (deceased): _____

DONATED BY: _____

IN HONOR OF (living): _____

DONATED BY: _____

Please use other side to list information for any additional lilies.