



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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Second Sunday of Lent – February 28, 2021

LITURGY SCHEDULE / ROZKLAD MSZY SW.

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*

Monday, Poniedziałek, March 1

7:30 a.m. † Fenton Moore

Tuesday, Wtorek, March 2

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

Wednesday, Środa, March 3

7:30 a.m. Healing & blessings for
Sr. Mary Jean Strathan, SND

Thursday, Czwartek, March 4

7:30 a.m. † Ted Krause

Friday, Piątek, March 5, First Friday

7:30 a.m. Presider's intention

5:00 p.m. Health & blessings for Włodzimierz Wrobel
int. Donna Cuevas

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Devotions, Confessions

Saturday, Sobota, March 6

4:30 p.m. † Elizabeth Gannon & the Gasior Family
int. Ralph Gasior

Sunday, Niedziela, March 7

9:00 a.m. † David Lusnek *int. Family*

11:00 a.m. † Jan & † Janina Zoladz *int. Family*



ALL MASSES are in English except the 11:00 Sunday Mass which is in Polish. CONFESIONS --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.

SHOCKING AND HORRIFIC!

How else to describe the sacrifice of Isaac at the hands of his father Abraham? We may be so used to the story as part of the Old Testament that we have dulled our senses as to how shocking and horrific a tale it is. Of course, the world of Abraham was one where child sacrifices to the different gods was part of religion. Also, the story is told to instruct that the God of Abraham does not want the child sacrifice in the end but there is a lesson to be learned through it.

Abraham had no future if Isaac were to die because that would mean he would have no descendants. But God kept promising him he would be the father of many nations. The trend of this event would lead Abraham to a dead end. But it also became clear that Abraham realized that it was in His God that he would find his future, not in having grandchildren of Isaac. Of course suddenly there comes this call "Abraham, Abraham" as though Abraham was not doing what God wanted and then the clear directive, "Do not lay your hand on the boy!" It almost seems that maybe Abraham has it wrong and God is out to correct him so that this tragedy does not happen.

For Christians the story takes upon itself a message about Christ Jesus! He is the only Son of God. He dies on the cross to the shock of bystanders that this holy and compassionate messenger of the Kingdom of God is no longer with them. And yet His Resurrection indicates that his death was life-giving for Christ and for us. Those words of the epistle of St. Paul is like a refrain throughout the narrative of the Sacrifice of Abraham -- "If God is for us, who can be against us!"

Abraham was convinced that God was for him not against him. Abraham believed no matter how bad the odds that God was on his side! As Christians, we believe as St. Paul, "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything along with him?"

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 Kalemba, 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 Kalemba Worden, Ray Yoder

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



As we celebrate the **Year of St. Joseph** (December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021) we consider that what we know of Joseph from Scripture comes to us from the Gospels of

Matthew and Luke. By piecing together information from the two, a more complete picture of the life of Joseph emerges: Matthew tells us about Joseph before the birth of Jesus, while Luke describes Joseph at the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and at both the presentation and the finding of Jesus in the Temple. Matthew alone reveals information about the flight to, and return from Egypt, as well as Joseph's decision to settle his family in Nazareth.

The final Scripture about Joseph is Luke 2:51: "[Jesus] went down with [Mary and Joseph] and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them."

PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY

Last weekend we provided some information about the "Disciple Maker" survey the Cleveland Catholic Diocese is sponsoring to assess the spiritual health of parishes across the Diocese. This survey will be available for all parishioners in the Diocese from now until **March 22**. Online, the special link to the survey for St. Barbara's is:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/d8t85dp9p5>

If you would rather fill out a **paper copy** you can **pick one up from the table by the Infant of Prague statue outside the sacristy**. Copies in English and Polish are available. Please return your completed paper copy to the drop off box. You can also print out a copy from www.tinyurl.com/SaintBarbara. Just make sure you turn in the completed copy to the drop off box. If you need additional copies please call the Rectory at 216 661-1191 and leave a message.

We hope to have as many people as possible complete the survey so that we can get a good sampling of parishioner's thoughts and concerns. **Thanks for your participation.**

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.** Order forms are available on the table near the side entrance to our church.

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

Collection for February 20=21 - \$2,320 (42 envelopes)
Maintenance Fund - \$260 (12 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all who participated in **Catholic Charities Appeal** at our church last weekend. **If you did not have a chance to return your envelope with your donation, you can still drop it off in the collection basket this weekend.** Additional envelopes are available on the table at the side entrance.



A few weeks ago we announced that our church is partnering with **myEoffering** to provide the convenience of online contribution. Online contribution refers to a process much like online bill pay, whereby donors opt to have their financial contributions to the church withdrawn directly from their credit, debit, checking, or savings account as an alternative to bringing cash or paper checks each Sunday.

Many people are worried about the security of their financial data, especially with the headlines concerning identity theft. Rest assured that **myEoffering** was chosen in part because of their strict security measures. Signing up is as simple as going to members.myeoffering.com and clicking on the "Register" button. Please be careful that when you click on the link. It is important that the word "members" is include in the link address.