

# Fourth Sunday of Easter



"Listen," says one sheep to the others, "he's calling us!" Over the clatter of many feet on the ground, above the shoulders of everyone jostling about, cutting through the noise of many voices and the din of life in motion, Jesus is also calling out to each of us to follow him. "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me," the Good Shepherd confidently proclaims. "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish... What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand." In today's first reading, Paul and Barnabas respond to the call of Jesus. Even though they face persecution and times are hard, when they live out their calling they are filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Doubtless they are numbered in the great multitude robed in white depicted by John in Revelation, a host standing in continues Eucharist before the throne and the shepherd, who is himself the Lamb of God. Today, as we join with the "sheep" of all ages at the altar of the Shepherd and Lamb, Jesus the Christ, let us respond to his calling, to our vocation, with a resounding, joyful "Yes!" Like Paul and Barnabas, let us shake the dust off our feet and head out, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

*Beverly Illauq, Kempville, ON*

**First reading:** Acts 13.14, 43-52  
**Responsorial Psalm:** We are his people: the sheep of his pasture.  
**Second Reading:** Revelation 7.9, 14b-17  
**Gospel:** John 10.27-30

**Rose # 57** will lead the rosary this week.

**COFFEE & DONUTS** will be sold today by **Knights of Columbus (until 12pm only)**.

**ADVERTISEMENTS** – All interested in placing an advertisement in our bulletin from **October 2016 to October 2017** are asked to contact Krystyna at 905 848-2420 starting from **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**. New advertisements will be placed in the spots of those clients who have resigned. Advertisements are taken on a first come-first serve basis.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Fr. Wojciech Stangel** will be celebrating his birthday and on this occasion we wish him **health, joy and energy in his pastoral work. Let the challenges of everyday activities allow him to see the beauty and the depth of life.**

## CONFIRMATION

**Bp. John Boissonneau** gave the Sacrament of Confirmation to our youth this weekend. **There were 190 candidates from our parish.**



## THANK YOU TO OUR

**CATECHISTS** – who prepared our youth for the sacrament of Confirmation – **Sister Karolina Szymkowiak, Halina Kasnieryk, Maria Boryczko, Ewa Markiewicz, Dorota Jasinski, Katarzyna Czechowska, Stefanie Glowacki, Marta Kasnieryk, Katarzyna Chmielewska-Folek, Karolina Radziwon, Monika Ulman, Marcin Klimowicz, and Mateusz Pacyna** as well as **Renata Ulman and Henryk Olczak** for **leading the vocals.** A special thank you goes to **Fr. Wojciech Stangel, OMI** for his dedication and coordination.

## Canadian Polish Millennium Fund



**Canadian Polish Millennium Fund** will celebrate its 50th anniversary. As a result, on **Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon** there will be a special Mass in the intention of the contributors and the fund itself.

The initiative to establish a Millennium Eternal Fund was approved as one of the key aims of the celebrations of the Millennium of Christian Poland, which took place on May 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 1960. In 1962, the first collection took place. All local committees participated in the collection all over Canada. The collection was completed in 1966. The amount collected in those 5 years was \$131,425. These were the beginnings. Today, the Fund has 4 million dollars of assets. **Its aim is to promote Polish culture in Canada and to cultivate the language of our ancestors. The aims also include the support and encouragement to educate ethnic Poles, providing scholarships for students, funding academic and literary publications relating to Polish history and culture, supporting Polish schools, libraries, schools, scout groups, as well as other Polish youth organizations in Canada.**

## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

The name derives from the gospel readings on this day which are taken from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of John. In this reading Christ is described as the Good Shepherd who, by dying on the Cross, lays down his life for his sheep. He cares for us with the greatest tenderness while he is aware too of other people who are waiting to hear his voice. **There must be only one flock, only one shepherd!**

How does Christ view our church divisions when his love for us is patterned on the love he shares with his Father, and his work is to introduce us into that loving communion?

Jesus defines himself in terms of his uncompromisingly selfless love for his flock and his willing obedience to the Father, proven by his voluntary death. **It is through Jesus, the one who was rejected and crucified, that the world is saved, Peter preaches in Acts. John's letter prepares us, God's children, to share Christ's rejection; but we will also share our shepherd's communion with the Father when at last we see God face to face. That vision will transform us!**

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

– **April 17<sup>th</sup>** - On the fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his Bishops, priests, and deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people throughout the year. The whole Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. The first step is to live in a full Christian manner. Families with a lively spirit of faith, love and reverence contribute greatly to this work. Spiritually active parishes, where people take a full part, help to promote vocations.



"The ShareLife campaign provides for the needs of our social service agencies, helps our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world, and supports the education of our clergy. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. **Regardless of their religious beliefs or personal background, ShareLife agencies meet people where they are, treating them with the dignity and respect we all deserve."**

*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

**Today is ShareLife Sunday - April 17, 2016**

**Please give generously. You can work wonders!**

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank **John Paul II Polish Culture Centre** for organizing a dance on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**, with the profit of **\$6,017.88** donated for the needs of the youth heading to **WYD 2016 in Krakow.**

## WYD 2016 CHARITY DANCE

**Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** at JPII hosted by **Parish Pastoral Council and St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish.**

All profits will go to help our youth who will travel to Poland for WYD 2016. Music provided by IMPRESS. All businesses willingly to sponsor this dance with any form please contact parish office.

**Tickets for dance \$50 each are available today in the parish hall following each Mass and during the week in the parish office.**

**All those who will buy a ticket for the Charity Ball on April 30<sup>th</sup> can claim the amount of \$20 on their income tax return.**

**We ask that you bring your ticket to the parish office with your name and address written on the back.**

## ATTENTION WYD YOUTH!



**All Youth is invited today, Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> for a meeting with Fr. Tomasz Koscinski, OMI at 8:00pm in the parish hall.**

**Below are the upcoming dates of meetings and the names of the leaders of each one:**

**May 8, 2016** Organization meeting – **Stanislaw Reitmeier**  
**May 22, 2016** Organization meeting - **Stanislaw Reitmeier**

## Foundering activities:

**April 24** – pierogies  
**May 8** – donuts  
**May 22** – donuts & hot meal  
**May 29** – pierogies  
**June 12** – donuts & hot meal

## Other Events

**ANNIVERSARY MASS** – **April 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am** for couples celebrating their wedding anniversary & **1:00pm** for the blessing of children celebrating their 1<sup>st</sup> baptism anniversary. Please forward the names to the office at 905 848-2420

**4 RIGHTS OF A SPIRITUAL LIFE** - The four rights of a Spiritual Life for married couples is organized by **Domus Ecclesiae**. We invite everyone on **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**, as well as on **May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 20<sup>th</sup>** (in English) in Sr. Faustina Room from 8:00pm to 9:30pm. On Saturday, April 30, May 7 and May 21 (in Polish) in Br. Anthony Room from 8:00pm to 9:30pm.

**CONCERT "TOUCH OF LOVE"** - A concert "The Touch of Love" by a choir Quo Vadis and a group Camerata directed by Krzysztof Jasinski from St. Eugene de Mazenod parish in Brampton, will take place today - Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at **John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre**. Tickets at \$35 can be purchased from the organizers. The concert will include performances by Kinga Mitrowska, Robert Baj, Krzysztof Jasinski and others. **The main theme of the concert is LOVE, therefore the message of Saint John Paul II, Fr. Jan Twardowski, St. Augustin, as well as Jerzy Skoczylas.** "The Touch of Love" previously performed in Brampton, Chicago or Buffalo was always a great success. Partial profit will go to support our youth heading to the World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow.

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE WITH THE ROSARY FAMILY TO AMERICAN CZESTOCHOWA & PHILADELPHIA SHRINES** - **May 6<sup>th</sup> - May 8<sup>th</sup>** **Cost: \$425.00** Info: Wieslawa 416 799-2122 or Teresa 905 495-7035. A valid Canadian passport or visa in a Polish passport is required.

**NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE** – Pro-Life group invites you to the **March for Life** in Ottawa, on **Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**. Theme of this year's march is "end of killing". Cost of the trip: \$60 per person. **Sign up & info Asia 647 472-0071 or Aneta 416 388-5404**



## CHAPEL OF THE DIVINE MERCY – ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Chapel is open 24/7 (The entrance is located beside the parish office) We invite all the faithful to prayer and perpetual adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. For further information/registration call: **Mr. Andrzej Chmura at 905 949-1237**



**JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE**  
**May 16<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> 2016**  
**led by Fr. Janusz Blazejak, OMI**

**Pilgrimage includes: Aix-en-Provence, ND de Lumiere, Lourdes, La Salette, Avinion, Cassis, Carcasson & Lyon.**  
**Cost: \$3458.00 + airport taxes Info: Polimex Travel 905 238-6683 (ask for Mira)**  
**More detailed info [www.kolbe.ca](http://www.kolbe.ca)**

## Mass Intentions

### MONDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>

**8:00** Special intention for God's blessings for Barbara and her children on her birthday  
**19:00** † Jaroslaw Moroz (28<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – daughter Krystyna  
 Special intention for God's blessings for children Filip & Zuzanna - parents

### TUESDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup>

**8:00** † Jan & Salomea Slysz – daughter & family  
 † Wieslaw Duda - family  
**19:00** † Kazimierz Kurianski – daughter & family  
 † Wladyslawa Matonog – granddaughter & family

### WEDNESDAY, April 20<sup>th</sup>

**8:00** Special intention for God's blessing for son Marcin on his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday  
 Special intention for God's blessings for Krolczyk & Gilowski families  
**19:00** **Group Intentions**

### THURSDAY, April 21<sup>st</sup>

**8:00** Special intention for God's blessings for Fr. Michal Pajak on his birthday  
**19:00** † Zenon Koczwarra - wife  
 † Maria & Jozef Kadluczka – niece & family

### FRIDAY, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

**8:00** † Aleksander Buczek - Alina & Teresa  
**19:00** **Special intention for God's blessings for Fr. Wojciech Stangel on his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday**  
 † all deceased from Augustyn & Lisik families & Tadeusz - family

### SATURDAY, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

**8:00** † Fryderyk Wisniowski – Niemiec family  
**12:00** **In the intention of the contributors and Canadian Polish Millennium Fund**  
**17:00** Special intention for God's blessings for Maria & Tomasz Koziel on their 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary as well as for God's blessings for family & Antoni  
**19:00** † Malgorzata Dubik (4<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – husband & children

### SUNDAY, April 24<sup>th</sup>

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**8:00** † Benedykt Maksimowski (10<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – wife & family  
**9:30** † Daniela & Antoni Rzekec – sons & their families  
**11:00** **Intention for couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries**  
**13:00** † Janina Kielbiewska & all deceased from Zmuda & Stocki & Baczynski families - family  
**14:30** † Wladyslaw Mroczek (2<sup>nd</sup> anniv.) - family  
**19:00** † Krystyna & Dominik Nowacki – daughter Marylka & family