

As Christians, we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We must keep our fervor in spreading the god news of the gospel. Unfortunately, there are many forces trying to suppress our faith. Our own culture would prefer that we hush up about it. Sadly, there is even a growing attitude among Christians that we should keep our faith to ourselves. What could be further from our vocation? A relationship with Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is our source of happiness and fulfillment. It is the only path to eternal life. In a world starved of true joy, how can we not spread the message of God's love? If you found the cure for cancer, would you keep it to yourself? Let us not shy away from proclaiming our faith. This does not mean shouting on street corners, but rather witnessing within the context of a relationship. Pray for the opportunity, and always be an example of holiness. When the right time comes, have that crucial conversation with your friend, co-worker or family member. Remind them that Jesus loves them and wants a relationship with them more than anything. Be not afraid; the Holy Spirit is with you. May we go forward as faithful Christians to enlighten the world with our faith!

Connor Brownrigg, Ottawa, ON

First reading: Isaiah 58, 6-10 Responsorial Psalm: Light rises in the darkness for the upright. Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16

Rose # 35 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by Domestic Church for the parish

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION will be taken to cover the costs of the memorial

"A Quiet Moment" and its installation.

Renovation Fund envelopes placed in the main church hall can be used for this collection.

AND EUCHARISTIC LECTORS MINISTERS - new schedules for Polish Masses can be picked up in the sacristy.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH -Feb.5th Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS - Receipts will be mailed on February 15th to all parishioners who gave offerings over \$50.00.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Baptisms In Short



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

James Styczen Botelho son of Lisa & Brian Ellie Rose Bezanson daughter of Mariola & William

Lilianna Melina Piekarski daughter of Natalie & Damian Sebastian Gregory Chudzicki son of Stephanie & Grzegorz Michael Gabriel Tokarz son of Ewa & Maciej

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

FRAUD ALERT

Again, we would like to bring to your attention cases of extortion of money from Polish seniors. The scammers claim that a family member or friend of the victim is having legal problems, and money is needed right away in order for the person to be released from police custody.

The Peel Police states that no police activity of this kind is ever done over the telephone. It is done in-person, and police have the duty to identify themselves properly. In the case of a telephone call asking for a loan, please remember to not act in haste and postpone the transfer of funds (preferably for a few days) and not give in to the pressure of the scammers. There have already been several victims from our parish of this crime, losing a lot of money.

2017 Parish Campaign **ShareLife Sunday Collections** April 2 | May 7 | June 4

Living the Gospel...

ShareLife is more than an annual appeal – it is the way that we bring the hands of Christ to those in need! One of the core directions of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love, and our support for ShareLife helps to bring this to life, not only in our archdiocese, but also around the world.

Each year, thousands of people turn to a ShareLife agency for help. Our agencies provide service in an environment that is infused with Catholic values, bringing the Gospel message to the marginalized.

When we support ShareLife, we are making more than a financial contribution – we are demonstrating that the Catholic community is actively making a difference in the social service network in our archdiocese!

> Thank you for your support of ShareLife!



In our parish, there had existed for many years a memorial dedicated to victims of abortion. This memorial was destroyed by unidentified persons last year, right before All Saints' Day.

The parish council has decided to set up a new memorial dedicated to both victims of abortion and euthanasia, honouring life from conception to natural death. The memorial will be a witness to the fundamental truth that human life is a sacred gift from God, and should be valued and protected in every moment of development, from conception to natural death.

The new memorial will be located near the new entrance to the church, next to the parking lot. It was designed by Canadian artist, Timothy Schmalz, whose work may be found in many churches around the world, public spaces, and even at the Vatican. The sculpture, made from bronze, is called "A Quiet Moment" and depicts the Holy Family affectionately surrounding the Baby Jesus. It is a symbol of love and care for life from conception to natural death.

https://www.sculpturebvtps.com/

NEW AUDIO SYSTEM

We installed a new audio system in our parish hall. The entire system comes from the same company RDUCH ELEKTROAKUSTYKA that installed our church sound system. We installed all new speakers, sound buffers as well as digital microphones of best quality and longevity.

AUDITIONS FOR THE PARISH CHOIR - will take place on February 6th & 7th from 8:15pm in St. Maximilian Room (New Catechetical Centre – downstairs).

"SOUL DOCTOR" - Your home is where your heart is - a documentary on a remarkable story of Bishop Wieslaw Antoni Krotki, a Polish Missionary among Canadian Inuit. The call of the heart that led a youth from Jaworzvnka to the most demanding missions in the snows of the Arctic, where he became a soul doctor. DVD's -\$15.00 are available in the parish office.

In Short

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK - Saturday, February 11th – The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on Tuesday, February 14th following Holy Mass at 7:00pm and the exchange of the Mysteries of

the Living Rosary. After Mass, a meeting will be held in the Knights of Columbus room at the John Paul II Cultural Centre

BAND OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS MEN'S **CONFERENCE** - Saturday, February 18th from 9:00am to 4:30pm at Canada Christian College 50 Gervais Dr., Toronto. Serviam Ministries is hosting its 2nd Annual Men's Conference. Join Fr. Larry Richards and Archbishop of Montreal, Christian Lepine, for a day of prayer and fellowship, and the chance to be emboldened and challenged in your faith by becoming the man God created you to be. Day includes Mass, confession and adoration. Special father/ son rates available. Priests, Religious and seminarians get in free. Registration at info@ServiamMinistries.com to More ensure a spot. www.serviamminiatries.com/events/step-up or call at 1-888-522-2070

ATTENTION COUPLES PLANNING THEIR CHURCH MARRIAGE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

The next course will be held from **Feb. 27**th – **April 3**rd **2017.** Classes will be held on Monday from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, for a total of 6 classes. Cost \$100.00 Sign up – parish office.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE FOR SECOND UNIONS - couples should attend a specialized marriage preparation offered by the Catholic Family Services 416 921-1163.

ADULTS PREPARING FOR

CONFIRMATION - Meetings for adults preparing for the sacrament of confirmation will take place on following Fridays: March 3rd & 10th & 24th & 31st at 8:00pm in Br. Anthony Room. Classes will be held in Polish. All interested are asked to register themselves by coming to the parish office. A copy of the baptismal certificate is mandatory upon registration. ADULT CONFIRMATION is planned for Holy Saturday, April 15th 2017 at 8:00pm.

BURIAL OR CREMATION

The Sovereign Pontiff Francis, in the Audience granted to the undersigned Cardinal Prefect on 18 March 2016, approved the present **Instruction**. "Ad resurgendum cum Christo" regarding the burial of the deceased and the conservation of the ashes in the case of cremation. To rise with Christ, we must die with Christ: we must "be away from the body and at home with the Lord". With the Instruction Piam et Constantem of 5 July 1963, the then Holy Office established that "all necessary measures must be taken to preserve the practice of reverently burying the faithful departed", adding however that cremation is not "opposed per se to the Christian religion" and that no longer should the sacraments and funeral rites be denied to those who have asked that they be cremated, under the condition that this choice has not been made through "a denial of Christian dogmas, the animosity of a secret society, or hatred of the Catholic religion and the Church".

The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased, because this shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, "unless it was chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine". When, for legitimate motives, cremation of the body has been chosen, the ashes of the faithful must be laid to rest in a sacred place, that is, in a cemetery or, in certain cases, in a church or an area, which has been set aside for this purpose, and so dedicated by the competent ecclesial authority. The reservation of the ashes of the departed in a sacred place ensures that they are not excluded from the prayers and remembrance of their family or the Christian community. For the reasons given above, the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence is not permitted. Only in grave and exceptional cases dependent on cultural conditions of a localized nature, may the Ordinary, in agreement with the Episcopal Conference or the Synod of Bishops of the Oriental Churches, concede permission for the conservation of the ashes of the departed in a domestic residence. Nonetheless, the ashes may not be divided among various family members and due respect must be maintained regarding the circumstances of such a conservation.

In order that every appearance of pantheism, naturalism or nihilism be avoided, it is not permitted to scatter the ashes of the faithful departed in the air, on land, at sea or in some other way, nor may they be preserved in mementos, pieces of jewellery or other objects. These courses of action cannot be legitimized by an appeal to the sanitary, social, or economic motives that may have occasioned the choice of cremation. When the deceased notoriously has requested cremation and the scattering of their ashes for reasons contrary to the Christian faith, a Christian funeral must be denied to that person according to the norms of the law.

https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en

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100th ANNIVERSARY OF APPARITIONS OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On May 13, 2017, we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the appearance of Blessed Virgin Mary to three young Portuguese shepherds in Fatima, Portugal. We believe that the celebrations taking place in Fatima will be a time of special blessings.

Our parish is organizing a pilgrimage to Fatima, as well as other holy places in Portugal and Spain in May of 2017. It is currently sold out. Due to such high interest, we will organize a second pilgrimage from September 11th - 18th 2017. It is, however, a program for those on a stricter budget but who wish to visit Fatima in the year of the 100th anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions, as well as Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Cost \$2195.00plus taxed \$504.00 Total: \$2699.00 Direct fly to Lisbon by Air Canada Sign up & info Polimex 905 238-6683 ext. 427 ask for Mira

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, February 6th Saint Paul Miki and Companions

19:00 ₱ Miroslaw & all deceased from Barszcz &

Warnas families - mother & sister ♣ Lidia Nowotniak (3rd anniv.) – sisters & their families

TUESDAY, February 7th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Aleksandra - mother

10:00 In intention of Senior Kolbe Club members

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Marek & Michal and for health for Katarzyna

WEDNESDAY, February 8th

8:00 ♥ all deceased from Filipowicz & Sztorc & Gwiazda families

♥ Stanislaw & Teofila Bienasz – son & family

19:00 Group Intentions

THURSDAY, February 9th

19:00 Aleksander Woinarowicz - family

♣ Stanislaw Bazylewicz (1st anniv.) & all deceased from Bazylewicz & Dyda families - son Piotr &

FRIDAY, February 10th Saint Scholastica

8:00 \$\frac{1}{2} \text{ Zofia & Anna & Ignacy Wisniewski - family} 19:00 Pronislawa & Kazimierz Oblak (anniv.) family

♣ Maria Wicherek (9th anniv.) – son Jacek SATURDAY, February 11th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Oliwia Klej on her 31st birthday

17:00 \$\frac{1}{2} Jaroslaw Pieruczuk (16th anniv.) – mother & brothers & sister

19:00 \$\Psi\$ Adela Ryszka (42nd anniv.) - daughter SUNDAY, February 12th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Maria & Ludwik Kogut on their 48th wedding anniversary

9:30 Alvaro Suarez & Walentyna & Piotr & Maciej Balkowski

11:00 Fr. Stanislaw Kowal, OMI (9th anniv.)

14:30 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Zdzislaw Stopa -wife & children

19:00 P Halina & Antoni Szelest & Tadeusz Uranowski

- children