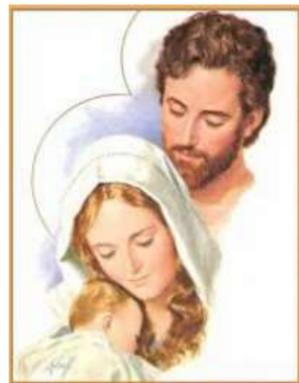




Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



BLESSING FOR CHILDREN
on the occasion of the **Feast of the Holy Family** (Dec. 31st) will be held after the Holy Mass at **9:30am & 1:00pm.**

Baptisms

The following children will receive the **Sacrament of Baptism:**
Leon Alexy Sofowora son of Sabrina & Kolawole
Lilyanne Gromadzki daughter of Eufeliza & Damian
Malwina Matuszewski daughter of Malgorzata & Blazej
We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and godparents.

Anniversary of Marriage

Congratulations and may God bless to the following couples:

- 5th anniversary Beata Sowinska & Ryszard Kapustka
- 15th anniversary Monika & Bogdan Wiecha
- 20th anniversary Dorota & Marek Twarog
- 25th anniversary Beata & Artur Komendera
- 25th anniversary Violetta & Andrzej Maziarz
- 30th anniversary Wieslawa & Stanislaw Kostka
- 40th anniversary Malgorzata & Janusz Kaczmarek
- 44th anniversary Wanda & Ryszard Zebrowski
- 45th anniversary Barbara & Eugeniusz Wieliczko
- 47th anniversary Elzbieta & Marian Zajac
- 50th anniversary Halina & Zdzislaw Iwinski
- 50th anniversary Regina & Wladyslaw Gumowski
- 50th anniversary Danuta & Jerzy Jedrzejczak
- 53rd anniversary Alicja & Kazimierz Onyszko

We wish all of our Jubilee celebrant couples **God's grace and blessings on your journey together through life.**

TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION will be taken for the renovation fund.

WHAT IS NEW IN OUR PARISH?

There are **14,769** families officially registered with our parish. We kindly ask to contact the parish office of an address or phone number change so you can continue to be formally registered member of our parish.

In the year **2017** we welcomed **167** new members into our parish community through Baptism, **138** children received their First Holy Communion, **149** were confirmed, **49** marriages were blessed and **129** members passed from this life to eternal life.

Happy New Year!

Today we celebrate the **Feast of the Holy Family**, which is a part of the octave of celebrations of the Birth of our Lord. It allows us to reflect on the calling, dignity and the greatness of a Christian family. A family build on God's law becomes the center of life, love, loyalty, joy and happiness. It is a sanctuary of life and holiness; therefore, let us constantly pray for our families.

I have read all the recommended "what-to-expect" books. Yet nothing prepared me for how utterly unprepared I felt as our family of now-three walked out of the maternity hospital. I figured they would stop us at the door. Surely, they had seen my pathetic attempts at diapering and feeding. They did send us home and, even more surprisingly, I did eventually figure it out. However, I never felt ready as a parent. I was not ready for the feeling of the rush of love at my son's first smile, the gripping fear I experienced in the wake of fevers and late night hospital visits, or the overwhelming emotion washing over me as I saw him climb onto the yellow bus on his first day of school. That's the funny thing about parenting. Once you think you have figured it out, the kids are already onto the next stage: crawling, walking, running, dating, driving. Only now, 22 years later, I realize one checklist matters. We find it at the conclusion of today's Gospel, where Jesus' formative years are summed up in seventeen; and the favour of God was upon him." Reflect today on what helps you and your loved ones grow strong in character, rich in wisdom and eager for God's favour. Know that whatever role or task God does out; because of him we are more than prepared.

Caroline Pignat, Kanata, ON

First reading: Genesis 15.1-6; 17.3b-5, 15-16; 21.1-7
Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is our God, mindful of his covenant forever.
Second Reading: Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19
Gospel: Luke 2.22-40

Rose # 18 will lead the rosary this week.

Weddings

The following couples are planning to be married:

Joanna Bozena Kruszynska daughter of Malgorzata & Waldemar
Kevin John Gordon Pye son of Beatrice & Gordon Wayne

Anna Brozda daughter of Mariola & Kazimierz
Patrick Karp son of Anna & Krzysztof
We wish them all God's blessing.



We would like to take this opportunity and wish all of our parishioners a multitude of God's grace in this New Year 2018.

May God bestow his blessings on our parish organizations, catechists, animators, coordinators, members of the parish committees, volunteers, and all those who contribute to the building of our parish community. May God, the source of all blessing, impart His grace upon you.

And may He preserve and guide your spiritual and physical well-being. May He also sustain in you a steadfast genuine faith, unwavering hope and enduring love. May the God of Peace guide you in your life and work; may He always hear your prayers, and lead you to eternal life.

Thank you & God bless!

We would like to thank **Waldemar and Halina Paliga** for donating \$10,000.00 for the newly established mission in Cameroon led by Fr. Ludwik Stryczek, OMI.

We would also like to thank the pilgrims to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe for the beautiful gift for our parish - a gold plated chalice.

TWO CROWNS - Parish Council would like to invite to a new film "Two Crowns" revealing life of St. Maximilian Kolbe. Show in Polish will take place at JPII Polish Culture Centre on Friday, Feb. 16 at 7:30pm Tickets \$15.00 "Two Crowns" tells the so far unknown facts from the life of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, a martyr who was known for his work of faith in Auschwitz. However, this film goes further and shows to the world his work in Poland, Japan and Italy, his stage as a missionary and how he founded the movement of the "Militia of the Immaculata". Michal Kondrat directs this project where fiction and documentary bring us closer to the Saint.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Monday, January 1st

On Monday, January 1st we will celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and pray for much needed peace in the world. This Marian Feast is a holy day of obligation in our Catholic Church, calling us to attend Holy Mass where we encounter a wealth of graces.

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God falls exactly one week after Christmas, the end of the octave of Christmas. It is fitting to honor Mary as Mother of Jesus, following the birth of Christ. When Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God we are not only honoring Mary, who was chosen among all women throughout history to bear God incarnate, but we are also honoring our Lord, who is fully God and fully human. Calling Mary "Mother of God" is the highest honor we can give Mary. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the "Prince of Peace," the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God honors Mary as the "Queen of Peace" This solemnity, falling on New Year's Day, is also designated the World Day of Peace.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE - January 1st. The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH January 4th - Prayer for vocations at 6:30pm. "Golden Rose" Apostolate, which is an apostolate of prayer and fasting for priests working in our parish exists already for quite some time in our parish. Members of the "Golden Rose" Apostolate participate in the liturgy of the first Thursday of the month, during which they pray the rosary. Info: Marzena at 647-284-1631 or Beata at 416-453-2014.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - Jan. 5th Masses are at 8:00am, 10:00 am and 7:00pm. Confession starts at 6:00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH- January 6th - Mass and First Saturday Service are at 8:00am.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - The next Exchange of Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place on Sunday, January 7th 2018, after which the Rosary Group shares the Christmas Wafer (OPLATEK), in the parish hall at 10:30am. All are welcome!



PRAYER EVENING WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Adoremus Prayer Group invites on Saturday, January 6th 2018 from 8:00pm - 9:00pm in the church (following the evening Mass) for a prayer evening with the Blessed Sacrament. We praise and worship God in joyful songs, listen to a formation talk on selected themes in spirituality, do a guided meditation on the Gospel, pray for healing and receive individually a blessing with the Blessed Sacrament.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on Tuesday, January 9th 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.

RADIO MARYJA OPLATEK will be held on Sunday, January 14th 2018. 2:30pm Mass at St. Maximilian Kobe and 4:00pm-banquet at Polish Culture Centre. Tickets \$60.00 can be obtain through: Joanna Szydłowska 905 819-1040 or Joanna Strzerek 905 845-3553 or Health from Nature Store at 416 532-9805 or Something Special Store at 905 629-2347 or John Paul II Culture Centre at 905 306-9900

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - The next course will be held from January 29th - March 12th 2018. Classes will be held on Monday from 8:00pm to 10:00pm, for a total of 7 classes. Sign up - parish office. Cost \$100.00

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

ADULTS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION - Meetings for adults preparing for the sacrament of confirmation will take place on following Fridays: February 23rd & March 2nd & 9th & 16th at 8:00pm in Sister Faustyna Room (new Catechetical Centre). Classes will be held in both languages Polish and English. All those interested are asked to contact the parish office at 905 848 2420. A copy of the baptismal certificate is mandatory upon registration.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND & JORDAN - April 30th - May 10th 2018 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Jordan under the spiritual direction of Fr. Janusz Blazejak. In the program: Haifa, Nazareth, Cana of Galilee, the Yardenit Baptismal Site, Petra, Jericho, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada and Dead Sea. Cost: \$ 3,990.00 (taxes included). Info: Polimex Travel 905 238-6683 ext 427 (ask for Mira)

MONDAY, January 1st 2018 - New Year's Day Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 19:00 - Sunday, Dec. 31st

FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS
8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for members of Holy Trinity Rose #56

9:30 ✚ Esperanza Estoy - family
11:00 ✚ Leokadia Mendel (2nd anniv.) -husband Marian & sons Henry & Richard

13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Dagmara on her 40th birthday - mother

14:30 ✚ Zofia & Marian & Stanislaw Olejek
19:00 ✚ Emilia Serwin - son & family

TUESDAY, January 2nd
St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 ✚ Emilia Zwarycz - son & family
19:00 ✚ Helena Rychlik - daughter Stefania & family ✚ Kazimierz Kandefer - daughter & family

WEDNESDAY, January 3rd
8:00 ✚ Krzysztof Zubalski - cousin ✚ Maria & Roman (anniv.) - daughters

19:00 **Group Intentions**

THURSDAY, January 4th
8:00 ✚ Włodzimierz Bozym - wife & family ✚ Janina Wisniewska - niece & family

Special intention for God's blessings for Martin Guzda on his birthday - parents

FRIDAY, January 5th
8:00 ✚ Kazimierz & Maria Balasa - son & family

Special intention for God's blessings and for health for mother Natalia on her 93rd birthday - daughter & family

10:00 ✚ Czeslaw Zebrowski (anniv.) - son Ryszard & family

19:00 ✚ Tadeusz Widota (3rd anniv.)

SATURDAY, January 6th
8:00 Intention for Rosary Family & Knights of Mary Immaculate

12:30 **Wedding: Malgorzata Niewiada & Jeffrey McVean**

14:00 **Wedding: Marta Wojcik & Tomasz Sawarski**

15:30 **Wedding: Joanna Kruszynska & Kevin Pye**

17:00 ✚ grandmother Herys & parents from both families - Bialczyk family

Special intention for God's blessings for Jan Niedziela on his 80th birthday - wife & children

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Bozena and her family

SUNDAY, January 7th
Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Intention for members of the Holy Rosary Family & Knights of the Mary Immaculate

9:30 ✚ Mitchell Kmiecik - wife & children

11:00 **FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS**

13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Szaflarski family

14:30 ✚ Marianna Basak (anniv.) - son Jan & family

19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Wetoszka Family

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The following members have left our community, and entered into the eternal life with the Lord in December:

- The Late:** ✚ Ryszard Groth 60,
✚ Walter Szumski 87, ✚ Edward Wielgus 92,
✚ Andrzej Lipiec 37, ✚ Kazimierz Mních 87,
✚ Franciszek Boczkowski 66, ✚ Maria Budziak 91,
✚ Anna Muniak 91, ✚ Beata Kot 54.

Eternal Rest Grant unto Them and Let Your Light Shine upon Them.