

First Sunday of Advent



Baptism



The following child will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Antoni Karol Kruszynski son of Magdalena & Filip

We welcome Antoni and congratulate his parents and godparents.

Weddings



The following couples are planning to be married:

Malgorzata Ewa Niewiada daughter of Krystyna & Zbigniew

Jeffrey Gordon Henry McVean son of Karen & Larry

Marta Wojcik daughter of Danuta & Krzysztof Tomasz Andrzej Sawarski son of Danuta & Andrzej

We wish them all God's blessing.

CHANGE FOR LIFE 2017



The Group Pro Life will be collecting the bottles following each Mass during this weekend December 2nd and 3rd.

Each offering given, no matter how small, will be a big help in the concrete good, which will come to be thanks to you.

Kate McGee, Toronto ON

First reading: Isaiah 63.16b-17; 64.1,3-8
Responsorial Psalm: Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.3-9
Gospel: Mark 13.33-37

Rose # 13 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE & DONUTS will be sold today by Franciscan Lay Order for the needs of the parish.

A new Coffee & Donuts schedule for 2018 is available in the parish office.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – is available in special envelope by the entrance to the church, as well as in the main hall. Please pick up one!

2018 PARISH CALENDAR – was issued already and is available in the parish hall today. Cost \$5.00. Our new calendar illustrates parish life as well as informs about all important parish events. We encourage each family to have one.

CHRISTMAS CARDS & BLESSED CHRISTMAS WAFERS (OPLATEK) are available in the parish hall.

A GIFT FROM THE HEART



In our parish, for several years now, Christmas packages are organized for kids in orphanages in Poland. In the previous years, we sponsored "Grand Packages" for children in different orphanages.

This year we would like to continue this tradition with sponsoring Christmas gifts for the children in Poland as well as children in need in Cameroon where Fr. Ludwik Stryczek OMI is beginning a new mission.

We also remember about those in need in our local community. The Parish Council, The Knights of Columbus along with our youth are organizing our annual food drive for the Mississauga Food Bank, as well as slightly used clothing. Non-perishable food items will be collected in the parish hall and by the church entrance today only - Sunday, December 3rd.

A new Catholic mission is being formed in Cameroon. Fr. Ludwik Stryczek OMI, who has been assigned to establish the mission, writes:

"I would like to share with you great news but also a great worry. The bishop of Garoua has published a decree erecting a new mission-parish of St. John the Baptist in Paderme, which is located along the border with Chad. This new mission-parish consists of 27 communities (villages). The most distant community is a village called Boeli, approx. 55 km. The new parish consists of approximately 1000 baptized members, and 2000 catechumens. We have 135 Christian families, which is our great joy, as families are the strength of our Church. As I mentioned above, this great news comes along a great worry, as there is a lot to organize, trying to make sure to come up with the necessary basics to work.

*We are in urgent need of:
- a tabernacle for the chapel
- water, a deep well
- fence for at least part of the property
- construction of an outdoor place for praying, as well as construction of the church itself*

We ask all parishioners, or perhaps one family to sponsor the tabernacle for the new erected mission in Cameroon.

More information can be obtained by contacting Maryla at the parish office.

From the Pulpit

ADVENT TIME

The *Rorate Caeli* Masses are an excellent way to prepare for the time of Christmas. These Masses honor Mary for accepting the news of the angel Gabriel, and becoming the Mother of God. We prepared a special program, similar to last year, of Rorate Caeli Masses for children. "I AMJesus talks about himself" – that's the topic of this year's Rorate Masses, prepared especially for children. All children are invited from Monday, December 4th to Friday, December 8th at 7:00pm.



DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LANTERNS!

GROUP MASS INTENTION

Due to the Rorate Caeli Masses and Christmas Season there will be no Group Mass intentions as well as Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesdays: December 6th & 13th & 20th. All offered intentions will be read on Wednesday, December 27th.

MEMORIAL OF SAINT NICHOLAS – Wednesday, December 6th St. Nicholas (270 - Dec. 6, 346) is the common name for Nicholas of Myra, a saint and Bishop of Myra (part of modern-day Turkey). Because of the many miracles attributed to his intercession, he is also known as Nicholas the Wonderworker. He had a reputation for secret gift-giving.



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, December 8th Solemn Mass will be celebrated at 7:00pm. Because the Oblates are a formation of Mary

Immaculate, they celebrate and honor this feast in a special way at the Retreat House on that day – our parish office will close on Friday, December 8th

NOVENA PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (December 8th) is held during morning and evening Mass beginning on Saturday, December 2nd.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE KNIGHTS OF MARY IMMACULATE - Acceptance of the new members of the Knights of the Mary Immaculate will take place on Friday, December 8th during the evening Mass. Sign up Teresa Watroba 905 495-7035

PARISH BULLETIN in the ADVENT PERIOD will be prepared well in advance. We ask all parish organizations to inform the parish office of all planned meetings until Thursday, December 7th.

In Short

OFFERATORY ENVELOPES FOR CURRENT & NEW USERS FOR 2018 – will be displayed in the parish hall in alphabetically order according to the family name from today - Sunday, Dec. 3rd 2017. All users of the envelopes are asked to write their name, last name and address on the first "beginning offertory" envelope in order to match the envelope number with the family name signed on it.

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH - December 7th – 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – December 12th - Holy Mass and the exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary will take place at 7:00pm Mass. Meeting following the Mass in the John Paul II Cultural Centre at 8:00pm

ADVENT ADOREMUS PRAYER GROUP MEETING - on Saturday, December 9th following the evening Mass in Br. Anthony Room. A catechesis "Prepare the Way for the Lord" will be led by Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk. We praise and worship God in joyful songs. All are welcome!

A.A - support group (reg. problems with consumption of alcohol). Oplatek for AA Group will be held on Monday, December 18th at 8:30pm. The next open meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 20th at 8:30pm in Br. Anthony Room. Info: Wojtek 647 920-5859

ANNIVERSARY MASS – December 31st at 11:00am for couples celebrating their wedding anniversary. Please forward the names to the parish office at 905 848-2420.

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)

MIKOLAJ at Polish Culture Centre – Sunday, December 3rd from 11:00am-5:00pm. Many attractions for children! Free entrance!

NEW YEAR'S DANCE at JPPII Polish Culture Centre – Sunday, December 31st at 7:00pm – Cost \$140.00 Included in the cost of the ticket is a hot supper by Jan Gromada & many attractions. Music provided by POLANIE. Info & tickets: 905 306 9900

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, December 4th

8:00 ☩ Alfreda Zankowicz (4th anniv.) – husband & family
19:00 ☩ Barbara & Waclaw Golec - family
☩ Czeslaw Szczepanek & all deceased from Szczepanek & Jaworski families

TUESDAY, December 5th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Barbara on her birthday
10:00 In intention of Senior Kolbe Club members
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Beata & Ryszard on their 5th wedding anniversary

WEDNESDAY, December 6th

8:00 ☩ Julian Lizon (31st anniv.) – son & family
☩ Zbigniew Stryjnik (18th anniv.) - family
19:00 ☩ Zofia & Wladyslaw Jankowski - grandson

THURSDAY, December 7th

8:00 ☩ Teresa Krzak (anniv.) – mother & sisters
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for mother on her birthday – children
Special intention for God's blessings for Elzbieta & Marian Zajac and their family

FRIDAY, December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 ☩ Jozef Jemiolo (2nd anniv.) - family
19:00 ☩ Anna & Stanislaw Kopycki – daughter & family
☩ Jakub Grad - family

SATURDAY, December 9th

8:00 ☩ Anna & Franciszek Rak - family
17:00 ☩ Antoni & Apolonia Maksimowski – son Edward & family
19:00 ☩ Leokadia Swiercz - son

SUNDAY, December 10th

Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 ☩ Zygmunt Trzeciakowski – daughters & their families
9:30 ☩ Victoria Kolek – Justin family
11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS
13:00 ☩ Stanislaw & Helena Wilk & Felicja & Stanislaw Chabinka
14:30 ☩ Lucyna Woloszczak (10th anniv.) – daughter & son & family
19:00 ☩ Leokadia & Marian Platek & Barbara & Ryszard Banasik

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS – DECEMBER 2017 THE ELDERLY

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

