

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

On Wednesday, February 13th

Fr. Grzegorz Nowak 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.

Baptisms

The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Ella Maria Slusarczyk daughter of Victoria & Michael

Oliver Koszowski son of Karolina & Marcin

We welcome those children and congratulate their parents and Godparents

ADULTS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION - Meetings for adults preparing for the sacrament of confirmation will take place on following **Fridays: March 15th & 22nd & 29th & April 5th at 8:00pm** in Sister Faustyna Room (new Catechetical Centre). Classes will be held in Polish. All adults interested are asked to contact the parish office at 905 848 2420. *A copy of the baptismal certificate is mandatory upon registration.*

Children's Heart Foundation is asking for help for Wiktor

Wiktor was born in 2010 with a serious heart defect. He underwent life-saving heart surgery when he was just 10 days old. Wiktor has a type B aortic dissection, aortic valve stenosis and inter ventricular septal dissection.

The family's financial situation has worsened, due to constant added expenses. Wiktor's family is asking people of good will for help and financial assistance. So that Wiktor may live, he must undergo an operation in Germany, the cost being incurred by the family.

Please send donations to:
Dina Radziwiłłowa Children's Heart Foundation
ul. Narbutta 27 lok.1
02-536 Warszawa
For Polish zlotys, account #
17 1160 2202 0000 0000 8297 2843
SWIFT BIGBPLPW
(must add the following):
ZC 8495 WIKTOR KUDAN
or send donation via our Credit Union, Account # 0122923

Thank you and God bless.

From the Pulpit

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish 40th Anniversary

This year St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish celebrates the 40th Anniversary of its establishment. Parish Council has prepared many events to thank God for our parish, but what is most important, is to prepare spiritually for this momentous occasion. Among other things, we have planned:

◆ **Friday, March 1st and Sunday, March 3rd at 8:00pm** in the parish hall complimentary screenings of "Fatima, Message for our Times", and a meeting with the director Jaroslaw Manka and Slowomir Skiba, president of the "Polonia Christiana Foundation" of the Institute of Father Piotr Skarga. **Free movie tickets will be distributed next Sunday, February 17th in the parish hall.**

◆ **In September**, there will be 3 meetings with Father Professor Sergiusz Nizinski, exorcist from Poznan.

◆ **The first week of October**, there will be a Marian retreat, according to the Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary of St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort, preached by Polish missionary **Father Grzegorz Pawlus, OMI**

◆ The main celebrations will take place **October 6th**, and our guest will be **Bishop Wieslaw Smigiel of Torun.**

For the 40th Anniversary of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, we would like to prepare a Parish Family Album with pictures of the families of our parish.

This will be a beautiful keepsake, and as well, a good opportunity to get to know each other.

The picture taking sittings will take place Tuesday, March 5th – Friday, March 8th in the parish hall.

Monday, March 5th & Saturday, March 9th are already booked. Additionally, there will be an option for picture taking on March 15th & 16th and March 29th & 30th.

During each sitting, one free picture will be taken for the album. You will receive a complimentary album. There will also be an option to purchase pictures and picture packages. You can also purchase more albums for \$25.00 each.

Parishioners are asked to register for photo sittings online, at kolbe.ca or in the parish office. At the same time, next Sunday, February 17th volunteers and Parish Council members will be helping with registration in the parish hall. More than five hundred families registered for the album already. Thank you!

Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins

As part of Marriage Sunday 2019 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour couples celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2019. If you (or a couple you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th+ wedding anniversary in 2019, they are invited to join in this special celebration. **The Mass will take place at 4:00pm today - Sunday, February 10th at St. Clare of Assisi Parish (150 St. Francis Avenue, Woodbridge).** A reception will follow Mass.

All are welcome to attend - couples celebrating milestone anniversaries are asked to register online to ensure reserved seating. Registration and other important information can be found at: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

To Married Couples throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto,

As we celebrate Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto, I wish to congratulate and thank married couples who strengthen our community through their daily witness of love, commitment and selflessness. Your ongoing "yes" provides hope and inspiration for the community, strengthened by God's grace and the love and prayers of family and friends. We also extend our loving support to those who have lost a spouse or have experienced the pain and suffering of a broken relationship. If you are in need of assistance during these difficult days, I encourage you to seek out programs and resources in your own parish or throughout our diocese so that we may accompany you through the healing process.

To those assisting couples as they prepare for marriage and for those engaged in marriage enrichment programs or movements to support the sacrament of matrimony, be assured of my gratitude. Your ministry is essential in laying a foundation for healthy relationships and loving families, something so urgently needed in our world today.

A host of resources and additional information on Marriage Sunday can be found by visiting: www.archtoronto.org/marriage or feel free to connect with your own parish community. Thank you for all that you continue to do to value and enrich the sacrament of marriage in our homes and parishes, extending our love for one another to all those we encounter each and every day.

May God continue to bless you now and always!

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Thomas Card. Collins
Thomas Cardinal Collins
Archbishop of Toronto

In Short

World Day of the Sick

February 11

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 12th** 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.

CARNIVAL DANCE organized by the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** will be held on **Saturday, February 23rd** at JPII Polish Culture Centre at 4300 Cawthra Rd Music provided by POLANIE. Tickets \$50.00 Info: **Jozef 416 908-3801**

ANNIVERSARY MASS – **February 24th at 11:00am** for couples celebrating their wedding anniversary. Please forward the names to the office at 905 848-2420

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - The next course will be held from **February 25th – April 8 2019**. 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**

PILGRIMAGE TO QUEBEC – **June 7th - 9th** **Rosary Family** organizes a three day pilgrimage to Shrines of Quebec with an Oblate Fathers. Info & sign up Teresa 905 495-7035 or Wieslawa 416 799-2122

ShareLife

**2019 Parish Campaign
ShareLife Sunday Collections
March 31 | May 5 | June 2**

FAMILY FUN DAY – **Sunday, February 17th** from 11:00am - 5:00pm at JPII Polish Culture Centre Attractions for children and adults. Free admission!

POLISH CLOSED TABLE TENNIS TOURNAMENT – **Sunday, February 24th** info & registration www.centrumtabletennis.com or Chris at chris.smektala@gmail.com or 416 358-1183 or Chris at chriswspanialy@gmail.com or 647 241-2833

OSTATKI DANCE organized by the John Paul II Cultural Centre will be held on **Saturday, March 2nd** Music provided by Impuls and dinner by Chef Jan Gromada. Tickets \$55.00 can be purchased by contacting office at 905 306 9900

★ Mass Intentions ★

MONDAY, February 11th
World Day of the Sick
8:00 ☩ Henryk Rudzki (10th anniv.) - family
19:00 ☩ Jozef & Aniela & Maria Lambert – daughter & family
☩ all souls suffering in purgatory - Joanna Cierpich

TUESDAY, February 12th
8:00 ☩ Wladyslawa & Jan Cabaj & Marek Chaupeczak – family
19:00 ☩ all deceased from Slota & Sobilo families – children & grandchildren
☩ mother Lucyna Ulecka – son & daughter & their families

WEDNESDAY, February 13th
8:00 **Special intention for God's blessings for Fr. Grzegorz Nowak OMI on his birthday**
☩ Andrzej Burek (20th anniv.) – Goddaughter Natalia

THURSDAY, February 14th
Saints Cyril and Methodius
8:00 ☩ Renata Pikulska (2nd anniv.) – husband Slawomir & family
19:00 **Special intention for God's blessings for Armatawicz family**
☩ Jozef Ducki - son

FRIDAY, February 15th
8:00 ☩ Tadeusz Zmijak – wife & family
☩ Renata Pikulska (2nd anniv.) – mother Krystyna & children
19:00 ☩ Zofia & Czeslaw & Eugeniusz & Kazimierz Bubacz – Jan & Jadwiga
☩ Piotr Niemiec – son & family

SATURDAY, February 16th
8:00 **Special intention for God's blessings for Krystyna & Wladyslaw Liczner on their 59th wedding anniversary** – sons & their families
17:00 **Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Helena & Boleslaw Wojna on their 50th wedding anniversary**

19:00 ☩ Franciszek & Janina Wos – daughter & family
SUNDAY, February 17th
8:00 ☩ Elzbieta & Antoni Drobiecki – daughter & family
9:30 ☩ Monika & Zdzislaw Slawski – son & family
11:00 **FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS**
13:00 **Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Dominik - parents**
14:30 ☩ Anna & Jakub & Katarzyna & Pawel – granddaughter
19:00 ☩ Rozalia Gabiga – husband & children