

Sharing important news with family and friends can give birth to a feeling greater than the news itself. Bringing news back to our home communities is a more personal celebration of what have been achieved and recognition of who has helped along the way. Perhaps this connection to home is what led Jesus to choose Nazareth to proclaim the good news. At this point in the Gospel, Jesus was already becoming well known in Galilee for the teaching. The people of Nazareth gathered at the synagogue to see what the carpenter's son may have to say to them, to his friends and family. Think of a time when someone came to share exciting news with you. What was your response? Conversely, think of a time when someone came to share something that was upsetting or unexpected. Did you respond differently? Although it can be challenging to always accept the news we receive, we should ask ourselves why that person chose us as the recipient and what our response means to them. "Tis the season for New Year's resolutions". This year, resolve to show support and acceptance to those who bring us their news.

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First reading: Nehemiah 8.2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Responsorial Psalm: Your words, Lord, are spirit and life. econd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12.12-30 Gospel: Luke 1.1-4; 4.14-21

Rose # 12 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by the Families of JPII.

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

VOLUNTEERING

We are looking for volunteers for a period of 2 weeks to help prepare for setting up of the parish album.

Volunteers will be needed in the parish hall during the sittings; calling parishioners to remind them of the date and time of their sitting; helping with registration for our seniors, etc.

Please fill out a volunteer registration form and give it to one of the Fathers or call the parish office.

Thank you and God bless!



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Baptisms 2



The following children will receive the Sacrament of Baptism:

Oliver Henry Danico son of Ilona & Ravin Mia Bosiak daughter of Natalia & Kamil

We welcome Henry and congratulate his parents and godparents.



RADOSC - JOY **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** today - Sunday, January 27th at 4:00pm in the church hall. Tickets \$15.00 and Seniors & Children \$10.00 can be obtained from the group members. Admission by tickets only!

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 on 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.

PREPARING 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.

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 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.

Our guest for the Feast of Divine Mercy will be Archbishop Tadeusz Wojda of Bialystok.

Bishop Andrzej Przybylski of Czestochowa will be presiding over the celebrations of the Feast of the Assumption in Midland and in our parish.

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 6^{th} , and our guest will be Bishop Wieslaw Smigiel of

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 March 4th - 7th and March 9th in the parish hall. Up to 4 appointments can be made for the same time, as there will be 4 photographers. IPC Canada Photo Services Inc., a well-known Canadian company will be taking the pictures and producing the albums. 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. Parishioners are asked to register for photo sittings online, at kolbe.ca

The World Day for **Consecrated Life** Saturday, February 2

The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997)

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD & THE PURIFICATION **OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN** MARY

On February 2, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is also a day of a consecrated life where consecrated people take vows and dedicate their lives to God.

The date of Candlemas is established by the date set for the Nativity of Jesus, for it comes 40 days afterwards. Candlemas therefore corresponds to the day on which Mary, according to Jewish law (see Leviticus 12:2–8), should have attended a ceremony of ritual purification.

The gospel of Luke 2:22–39 relates that Mary was purified according to the religious law, followed by Jesus's presentation in the Jerusalem temple, and this explains the formal names given to the festival.

In Poland, the feast emphasizes Virgin Mary, as on that day Mary was purified according to the religious law, followed by Jesus' presentation in the temple.



Saturday, February 2nd Mass will be held at 8:00am (in Polish)

On Saturday we will come to church with our candles, which we will bless so that they remind us of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ for the entire year, especially during difficulties.

This feast also ends the traditional period of Christmas Carol singing.

In Short

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - Feb. 1st **VISITING THE SICK** (by our parish Fathers) – please forward names to the parish office. Masses are at 8:00am, 10:00am and 7:00pm. Confession starts at 6:00pm.

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH -**February 2nd** – Please note, First Saturday Service will be held this time following the Mass

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH - Feb.3rd Exchange of the Mysteries of the Living Rosary for the English groups will take place following the Mass at 9:30am

SCOUTS KARNAWAL DANCE - Friends of the Polish Scouts ZHP cordially invite you for the KARNAWAL DANCE, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd at 7:00pm at JPII Polish Cultural Centre in Mississauga. Tickets \$60.00 & info: - Magda 416 270-6665 or Joanna 647 281-5008 Delicious Dinner & live band IMPULS.

HUNTING BALL organized by the CANADA HUNTING CLUB will be held on Saturday, February 2nd at Millennium Gardens Banquet Centre at 20 Polonia Ave., Brampton. Music provided by "POLANIE BAND". Tickets are \$70.00 and include a venison appetizer, hot supper & dessert. Tickets may be obtained through Piast Travel 416 531-8786 or 905 270-2600 or Pegaz 905 238-9994 or Jo & John 905

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-

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 Family Catholic Services. Information/registrations call: 416 921-1163

FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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

The Late: ♣ Eugeniusz Wieliczko 67, ♥ Stephen Garkowski 74, ♥ Julia Huczek 87, [†]Marek Kaczanowski 46, [‡] Aniela Zawilinski 99, † Cecylia Milewska 92, † Andrzej Potocki 66, \$\forall Stanisław Gdyczynski 71, \$\forall Karol Fujarczuk 86, ♥ Janina Hawrylewicz 73, ♥ Roman Sroslak 94. **Eternal Rest Grant unto Them and** Let Your Light Shine upon Them.

Catechism Meetings

January 27th 2019

CATHECHISM MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CONFIRMATION YOUTH

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will be held on Sunday, February 3rd at 4:00pm

FIRST COMMUNION in 2019 is planned for: English group –
Saturday, May 11th 2019 at 4:00pm

Polish Tuesday group – Sunday, May 12th 2019 at 2:30pm Polish Saturday group – Sunday, May 19th 2019 at 2:30pm

CONFIRMATION is scheduled for Saturday, March 30th 2019 at 4:00pm ☆

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, January 28th Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:00 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Jan Kedziak (19th anniv.) – daughter & family 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Maria & Jerzy on their 41st wedding anniversary Special intention for God's blessings for son Marcin

TUESDAY, January 29th

8:00 ♣ Stanislaw Siemiginowski – son & family 19:00 \$\forall \text{ Jadwiga & Marian Towarek & Kazimierz Daniel} ☆ Kazimierz Tomaszewski - sons

WEDNESDAY, January 30th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Boleslawa & Tadeusz on their 50th wedding anniversary husband Bronislaw Mazurkiewicz (1st anniv.) – wife & children

19:00 Group Intentions THURSDAY, January 31st

Saint John Bosco 8:00 🕏 Zofia & Tadeusz Smigiel – Kubow family 19:00 ♥ Stanislaw Bazylewicz (4th anniv.) & all deceased from Bazylewicz family – son & family Special intention for God's blessings for son Piotr

FRIDAY, February 1st

8:00 Franciszek Rabianski – wife & children ₱ Danuta & Mieczyslaw Szczupak – Emilia & family

10:00 P Marian & Zeneusz & Maria & Mariusz Gajos mother & sister & family

19:00 ♣ Stanislawa & Wladyslaw Debinski - daughters

SATURDAY, February 2nd The Presentation of the Lord

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

17:00 Anna & Jan-Kanty Dusza – daughter & family 19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for one year old Olivia Mary – grandmother & family

SUNDAY, February 3rd

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

9:30 Treofila & Stanislaw Bienasz – son & family

11:00 FOR PARISHIONERS AND BENEFACTORS 13:00 ♣ Tadeusz Chudzinski (4th anniv.) – wife Barbara

& children & grandchildren 14:30 \$\forall \text{ Jolanta Saganska} (1st anniv.) - daughter Teresa

19:00 Czeslawa Lyzwa (anniv.) - sons