



Once, when out hiking in the forest, my wife and I lost track of our little girl. Holding our son close and shouting out our daughter's name, we spent anxious moments frantically searching for her in the bush. Only a parent can know the relief we felt upon discovering her to be safe and sound. Or, perhaps, could a shepherd also be familiar with such emotion? Jesus, the Good Shepherd, says "My sheep know my voice." The first step on the road to follow Jesus is to listen. To have familiarity, even intimacy, with the voice of the Good Shepherd means to spend time listening to the Word of God. But Jesus' teaching on the Good Shepherd suggests more is then required of us: "I know them, and they follow me." After listening, we must respond to the embrace of the Good Shepherd. Discerning our own specific vocation, we ask how this journey can take us yet closer to God. Paul's and Barnabas' vocation as to preach the Word, even when opposed. Jesus found his own message contested and contradicted by the religious authorities; they even wanted to stone him. While it is unlikely this would happen to us today, it is always good to ask: how I can respond to the loving call of the Good Shepherd through my actions this week?

Joe Gunn, Ottawa ON

First reading: Acts 13,14,43-52
Responsorial Psalm: We are his people: the sheep of his pasture.
Second Reading: Revelation 7,9, 14b-17
Gospel: John 10,27-30

Rose # 30 will lead the rosary this week.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served today by **Youth Group** until **12:00pm** only due to the **First Communion**.

MOTHER'S DAY!

We thank our mothers for their unconditional love and care.

We thank them especially for the gift of life.

We wish all mothers good health, happiness, and many of God graces.

May Mary, our Mother, be a source of strength and an example for them of never ending love and compassion.



SECOND SHARELIFE COLLECTION for **Share Life** was **\$51,747.00** and we would like to thank for your support!

We thank you sincerely!
God bless!

From the Pulpit

PUBLICATION OF BANNS OF ORDINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Pawel Stankiewicz is scheduled to be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at **7:00pm** on **Thursday, June 20, 2019** at the **Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton, Ontario**. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this Ordination should not take place, please notify your Parish Priest.

Let us all pray that **Mr. Pawel Stankiewicz** will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

Weddings



The following couples are planning to be married:

Karina Prucnal daughter of *Edyta & Andrzej Filip Alexander Batruch* son of *Malgorzata & Igor*

Paulina Plata daughter of *Urszula & Robert Artur Kuczynski* son of *Teresa & Andrzej*

Sages Brethour daughter of *Anna & Robert Razvan Laurentiu Ambrus* son of *Ioana & Arpad*

We wish them all God's blessing.

Anniversary of Marriage

Congratulations and may God bless to the following couples:

25th anniversary Malgorzata & Marek Mierzwa
25th anniversary Beata & Zenon Pietrzyk
39th anniversary Urszula & Leszek Stach
64th anniversary Anna & Henryk Lopinski
66th anniversary Marianna & Jozef Janicki

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

Parish Family Album

At the request of many parishioners who have returned from winter vacation, and would like to have their picture in the parish album, there is one more day reserved for picture sittings, **Thursday, June 6th from 3:00pm - 9:00pm**. The album will be ready end of September. The main celebrations of the 40th anniversary of our Parish will take place **October 6th**, and our guest will be **Bishop Wieslaw Smigiel of Torun (Poland)**



First Holy Communion

This year a total of 118 children from our parish will receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time.

First Communion in English is held on Saturday, May 11th at 4:00pm.

First Communion in Polish is held on Sunday, May 12th at 2:30pm

May the Good Lord Jesus Christ become their protector and guide on their journey through life. We congratulate their parents for bringing them to our Lord's Table and for showing them the importance of God in their love towards other people and their goodness among those we live with.

GOD BLESS THE CATECHISTS for their dedication in preparing the children to receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 12th (Polish Group):

Teresa Bielecka, Malgorzata Hubisz, Dorota Sciuk, Aneta Merta, Victoria Wszeborowski, Justyna Armatowicz, Diana Czubat, Caroline Smolko

on Saturday, May 11th (English Group):

Michelle Mierzwinski, Nicole Goralski, Nadia Strach, Justyna Teper, Claudia Podolak, as well as Fr. Pawel Pilarczyk, and Magdalena Hofman (Coordinator).



WHITE WEEK

We ask that all children participate in all evening Masses at 7:00pm during the white week.

The end of the catechetical year will take place on Friday, May 24th at 7:00pm Mass.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HOLY COMMUNION

All children who received their First Holy Communion last year are invited to participate in a special anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26th at 1:00pm**. They are asked to come dressed in their First Communion attire, and gather before the Mass in the parish hall (downstairs) at **12:30pm**.

GROUP INTENTIONS – Due to the White Week for the First Communion Children there will be no Group Intention for the Mass on **Wednesday, May 15th & May 22nd**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – **May 19th** –We ask those parishioners who normally attend Mass at **2:30 pm** to take into consideration that the Communion Masses gather family and friends of the First Communion children. We ask that you mind the reserved pews for the participants and we thank you for your understanding.

In Short

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The name derives from the gospel readings on this day which are taken from the 10th chapter of John. In this reading Christ is described as the Good Shepherd who, by dying on the Cross, lays down his life for his sheep. He cares for us with the greatest tenderness while he is aware too of other people who are waiting to hear his voice. There must be only one flock, only one shepherd! How does Christ view our church divisions when his love for us is patterned on the love he shares with his Father, and his work is to introduce us into that loving communion? Jesus defines himself in terms of his uncompromisingly selfless love for his flock and his willing obedience to the Father, proven by his voluntary death. It is through Jesus, the one who was rejected and crucified, that the world is saved, Peter preaches in Acts. John's letter prepares us, God's children, to share Christ's rejection; but we will also share our shepherd's communion with the Father when at last we see God face to face. That vision will transform us!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS – **May 12th** - On the fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ the Good Shepherd continues to lead his people through his Bishops, priests, and deacons, and calls many to follow him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people throughout the year. The whole Christian community shares the responsibility for fostering vocations. The first step is to live in a full Christian manner. Families with a lively spirit of faith, love and reverence contribute greatly to this work. Spiritually active parishes, where people take a full part, help to promote vocations.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING - on **Tuesday, May 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.

PRaise AND WORSHIP GROUP ADOREMUS invites you on **Friday, May 24th** following the evening Mass from 8:00pm-9:00pm for prayer evening with Mother Mary.

RADOSC – JOY ENSEMBLE GROUP CONCERT – “Zakończenie Roku” Concert will take place on **Sunday, June 9th at 4:00pm** at the parish hall. Tickets \$15.00

Other Events

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

The Month of May is both named for and dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. **Join us daily at 6:30pm** for the Marian Devotions, and on Wednesdays along with the Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and on Saturdays following morning Mass. On Mondays we invite all children to join Marian Devotions.

During May, the church encourages Catholics to celebrate and deepen their relationship with Our Lady. One way to do this is through Marian devotions, or acts of prayer. The most familiar Marian devotion is the rosary, but there is a rich tradition of other devotions in the church. Some devotions are tied to images, such as the Black Madonna of Poland, or apparitions, such as Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Fatima.

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Marian litany originally approved in 1587 by Pope Sixtus V. It is also known as the Litany of Loreto, for its first-known place of origin, the Shrine of Our Lady of Loreto (Italy), where its usage was recorded as early as 1558.

PROCESSIONS TO ROSARY GARDEN – all parishioners are invited to join in a procession on **Monday, May 13th** following the evening Mass, in remembrance of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

ADVERTISEMENTS

All interested in placing an advertisement in our bulletin from **October 2019 to October 2020** are asked to contact parish office at 905 848-2420

New advertisements will be placed in the spots of those clients who have resigned.

Advertisements are taken on a first come-first serve basis.

Planning for the Altar Servers' summer camp in Barry's Bay (Kaszuby) is under way. The camp will take place July 22-31, 2019.

We are looking for volunteers for the positions of guardian, life guard and nurse.

Please contact Father Grzegorz Nowak, OMI if you are able to help out.

Pilgrimage

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND ON THE OCCASION OF THE 40th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PARISH
October 20th - 28th

In the program: Nazareth, Cana of Galilee, See of Galilee, Mount of Olives, Qumran National Park, as well as the Way of the Cross, King David's Tomb, Wailing Wall, and Bethlehem and many more.

Info: Polimex Travel
905 238-6683 ext. 427 (ask for Mira)



CARASSAUGA 2019

EXPERIENCE THE WORLD FESTIVAL OF CULTURE

May 25th & 26th From 12pm - 12am

The Polish Pavilion will be held at 1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd., Mississauga
You can discover the traditions and culture of people from countries all around the world, or learn more about your own.

We extend a warm invitation to everyone to come out and experience first-hand delicious Polish cuisine, Polish music, dance, games and fun.

Info: Janina 905 542-1237

IGNATIAN RETREAT –will take place at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster, Ontario from **June 30th to July 7, 2019**. Info: www.mocni.jezuici.pl For registration please contact Magda at www.magis.webs.com or email magis0007@gmail.com or 905 301-7544

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, May 13th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for children and grandchildren – parents & Grandmother
19:00 ✠ Zofia Golawska – daughter Zdzislaw & her children
✠ Jozef & Jadwiga & Jozef Rzakowski – daughter Halina

TUESDAY, May 14th Saint Matthias

✠ Ryszard Skrzypek (5th anniv.)
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Justyna Armatowicz on her birthday – friends
✠ all deceased from Luczak & Wielgus families – Susan & Lydia & Diane Wielgus

WEDNESDAY, May 15th

8:00 ✠ Zofia & Jan Borowski – daughter & family
✠ Zofia (4th anniv.) – sister Teresa & family
19:00 **In intention of First Communion Children**

THURSDAY, May 16th

8:00 ✠ Malgorzata Rabianska – daughter in law & grandchildren
19:00 ✠ Halina & Antoni Szelest – daughter & her husband
✠ Ignacy Blaziak – daughter & family

FRIDAY, May 17th

8:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Tina & Aleksandra & Elzbieta on their birthday – grandparents
✠ Elzbieta & Zygfryd Czubajlo – son & family
19:00 ✠ parents Maria & Wiktor & brothers Stanislaw & Franciszek Weglowski – daughter & sister & her children
✠ Jozef & Maria Junczyk –granddaughter Urszula

SATURDAY, May 18th

8:00 ✠ Aniela & Stanislaw & Tadeusz & all deceased from Brzezinski & Nowak families – daughter & sister
14:30 **Wedding: Karina Prucnal & Filip Batruch**
17:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for Katarzyna & Linda & Robert & their families
19:00 ✠ Zofia & Henryk Kaczmarczyk & Kazimiera & Zenon Kozlowski – children & family

SUNDAY, May 19th

8:00 ✠ all deceased from Zalecki family - family
9:30 ✠ Jozefa & Wladyslaw Kazimierzczak & Anna Kazimierzczak – son & husband
11:00 ✠ Fr. Teofil Szendzielarz OMI (22nd anniv.)
13:00 Special intention for God's blessings for Justyna & Stanislaw on their birthday
14:30 **Intention for Children receiving First Holy Communion (Polish Saturday Group)**
19:00 Special intention for God's blessings and for health for family