

ST. CASIMIR’S PARISH

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November 1, 2020

Solemnity of All Saints

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.
For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.
ALL SOULS’ INTENTIONS

November is a time of prayer for our dearly departed. We recall those who have left to be in God’s Kingdom: our parents, siblings, relatives, friends, clergy, neighbors and all those whom we encountered in our lives and to whom we owe a debt of gratitude. In our prayers we offer them up to God’s Mercy. In addition to our private prayers and Mass intentions, the Church has a tradition of Remembrance Intentions (wypominki) dating back to 993. Saint John Paul II teaches us that “It is important and proper to pray for the dead because, even if they died in grace and in friendship with God, perhaps they still have need of further purification to enter into the joy of heaven.” One of the forms of help we can offer them is through wypominki – where we list the names of our departed family and friends on special remembrance envelopes and the Church community prays for them. Oblate Fathers residing at the Provincial House in Toronto celebrate 30 Masses in November in the intention of all those listed on remembrance envelopes.

November 1st: Feast of All Saints. We pray for all the faithful departed and remember our loved ones who have passed away.

All Souls Day: On November 2nd the Church prays for the souls in Purgatory. We believe that following purification in Purgatory, these souls will also be rewarded with Eternal Life. We can help them in their journey by offering Mass intentions and prayers for them. All are invited to join as we pray for the faithful departed each day from November 1st to November 7th.

You may print the names of those you wish to pray for on the All Souls envelope and drop it off in the basket in front of the altar or at the office. *All Souls Envelopes* are at the back of the church. Due to the pandemic and the limitations of the Ministry of Health on the number of congregations, prayers in cemeteries on the occasion of All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day will not be held this year. Please privately go to the cemetery at any time and pray for the deceased.

WHY WE PRAY FOR THE FAITFUL DEPARTED?

“God welcomes and hears prayers for the dead more often than those we offer for the living. People who passed away need this help more, as they cannot help themselves, just like the living, and deserve that God save them.” St. Thomas Aquinas

Prayer for the dead has been known and practiced since the first centuries of the existence of Christianity. Ancient Christians

called the day of death “*the day of birth*” for a happy life in eternity and remembered it solemnly in their liturgical prayers. The Church invites the faithful to pray for their loved ones. She does this in accordance with the Scriptures, which says that “*it is holy and salutary to pray for the dead, that they may be freed from sins*” (2 Mac 12:46). The most important prayer to God for those who have passed away into eternity has always been the Holy Mass. The custom of praying for the dead was initiated by St. Odilon, Abbot of the Benedictine Order in Cluny, France. This pious monk lived at the turn of the ninth and tenth centuries. In 998, he issued an ordinance concerning Benedictine monasteries that were already numerous all over Europe where he ordered the monks to celebrate Vespers for the deceased brothers on the evening of November 1, after the solemn Vespers in honor of All Saints. On the next day, November 2, all the religious priests were to offer a Holy Mass for all the dead. This custom, initially known only in the Benedictine Order, was first introduced in Liege, Belgium, and then in other dioceses. It was also adopted by Rome and hence spread to the whole Church.

THE MASSES & DEVOTIONS THROUGH THE PARISH TV

The Masses at the St. Casimir’s Parish are celebrated daily at 8 am and 7 pm; on Sundays 9:30 am in English & 11 am, 1 pm and 7 pm in Polish are available through the Parish TV www.kazimierz.org and YouTube. Rosary every day at 6:30 p.m.

INDULGENCE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Nov 1 – Nov 8 the faithful can receive a plenary indulgence given that they: visit a cemetery and pray for the deceased (Our Father, Glory Be), pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, go to confession and receive Communion and be free of attachment to sin. The indulgence can only be offered for the deceased. The faithful can receive a partial indulgence until the end of November.

DEVOTIONS

This week is the first Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the month. The first Thursday - we pray for a vocation to priesthood and religious life. Adoration will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; the first Friday of the month - occasion to go to confession and the first Saturday of the month - a day dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. On the The first Friday devotion at 6:30 p.m.; the first Saturday – Devotion to the blessed Virgin Marry at 6:00 p.m.

MEMORIAL MASS

November is a time of reflection on life and death. This great mystery, which is the transition from the earthly journey to eternal life, fills us many times with sadness and even fear. The Risen Christ comforts us, assuring us that a more beautiful life in the Father's House awaits us behind the gate of death. On Sunday, November 29th at 11:00 a.m. a special Mass will be celebrated for those who died from our families in the past year. After the Mass there will be a rosary for the deceased. We encourage parishioners to send us photos of the deceased person: mother, father, husband, wife, brother, sister or child, which we will display during the rosary for the faithful departed.

MASS INTENSIONS FOR 2021

Mass intentions for 2021 may be requested in the parish office. We remind all parishioners that each family may request up to four Mass intentions per year, of which only one can be celebrated on a Sunday. **Intentions can be requested in person only at the parish office.**

We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office.

We thank you for ordering the Gregorian Masses. Anyone who wants to order Gregorian Mass is asked to contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation cannot be held in a confessional but rather in another location, where confidentiality may be ensured and where the distance required by the health officials can be maintained. **Sacrament of Reconciliation during a week** is available at 7: 30 a.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus room; on Sundays, 1/2 an hour before each Mass.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

We will soon **begin preparing donation envelopes for 2021.** Registered parishioners who do not currently use weekly donation envelopes but would like to, are asked to contact the parish office. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the beginning of the new year.

MISSION CARDS

The Friends of the Mission group reminds that cards, in Polish and English with twelve Masses a year for deceased and many other occasions, are available in the parish office (416) 532-2822 or call Bozena at (416) 602-9312.

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

We thank you for your financial support. The offerings can be made in the parish office by putting the offering envelopes in the parish mailbox in the wall, sending by mail or making the bank transfer.

2021 CALENDARS

The 2021 calendars with the Sever of God Brother Antoni Kowalczyk OMI, his history as a main motto for consideration, are available in the sacristy and the parish office. The price is \$5.00

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For deceased from the Saladziak & Haydar families & + Mary Galas - Stasia

GREGORIAN MASS 01.11-30.11

For + Zofia Dudek – daughter with family
For + Bronislaw Pikus – wife with daughters
For + Jacek Kaczynski – mother

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

All Saints’ Day
Sunday, November 1st
8:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes
9:30 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes
11:00 For Parishioners
13:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes
18:30 Rosary for the faithful departed
19:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes

MONDAY, November 2nd – All Souls’ Day
8:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes
18:30 Rosary for the faithful departed
19:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes

TUESDAY, November 3rd – St. Martin de Porres, Religious
8:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes
Rosary for the faithful departed
19:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes

WEDNESDAY, November 4th – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
8:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes
18:30 Rosary for the faithful departed
19:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes

THURSDAY, November 5th – Sts. Zachariah & Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist
8:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes
18:30 Devotion of the first Thursday of the month
19:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes

FRIDAY, November 6th – First Friday of the month
For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes
18:30 Devotion of the first Friday of the month
19:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes

SATURDAY, November 7th – First Saturday of the month
8:00 For deceased mentioned in the All Souls’ envelopes
18:00 Devotion of the first Saturday of the month
19:00 1. For + Halina Lapinska – daughter Elzbieta with family
2. Through the Immaculate Heart of Mary asking for stronger faith, hope & love for Malgorzata - Rafal

32th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 8th
8:00 For the members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
9:30 Fin thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for Kinga & Helena on their birthday
11:00 For Parishioners
13:00 1. For + Henryk Perkowski (6th anniversary) – daughter with family
2. For deceased members of the Parish Committee
18:30 Rosary for the faithful departed
19:00 For + husband Stanislaw & daughter Basia Glica – wife & mother