

ST. CASIMIR’S PARISH

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December 20, 2020

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Kazimierz SIWEK

Franciszka KUMOREK

Eternal rest grant them, Lord

CHRISTMAS EVE

Let us make an effort to observe the traditional Christian preparations regarding our Christmas Eve Supper. This magnificent event is perhaps the only occasion in the entire year to integrate the family around a Christmas table. May this vigil repast begin with a prayer followed by a short reading from the Holy Scripture on the birth of Christ? After sharing of the Christmas wafer, we encourage you to sing Christmas carols.

CHRISTMAS 2020

CHRIST IS BORN!

Dear Parishioners! In this special season of Christmas, we wish you all the best and we embrace you all in our prayers, especially l the sick and lonely among us. Let the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ grant us the real love which never stops, and let peace, faithfulness and mutual understanding dominate in our families! Let Jesus Christ bestow us with His light to live a life which allows us to see God in other people.

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Christmas Program: ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆

December 25th - Christmas, English Mass at 9:30 a.m. Masses in Polish at: 8:00, 11:00 & 1:00 p.m. **There is no evening Mass.**

December 26th - St. Stephen, the First Martyr. Masses in Polish: 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 27th – The Holy Family Masses in Polish: 8:00, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

New Year - January 1st, English Mass at 9:30 a.m. Masses in Polish at 8:00 a.m., 11:00 and 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. As Catholics, we are obligated to attend Mass on New Year’s Day.

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 through the Parish TV www.kazimierz.org and YouTube. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy starts at 3pm and Rosary at 4pm & 5pm daily.

DESPITE YOUR ABSENCE...

Despite churches closed for public Masses, we are with you and we feel your presence in the church. During this time of great trial of our faith, we invite you every day to our church for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to pray for the end of the pandemic, which takes place from 3pm to 6pm. However, you have to sign up for a free time segment, and we must remember that only 10 people can be in the church. If we see that there are 10 people, we have to wait or come later.

We invite you to participate in Masses and devotions from our church Online, www.kazimierz.org - Parish TV. Holy Masses are celebrated every day, on Sundays, according to the regular schedule in our parish. Stay with us.

The pandemic is also having a great negative impact on the financial health of our parish. Sunday offerings in March-November fell by 40% compared to 2019. In June, only half of the faithful returned to the church and the burden of supporting the parish was mostly on their shoulders, with only 10% of those who stayed at home and participated in Masses through parish TV; they felt responsible for their parish and sent Sunday offerings, or they brought them to the mailbox. Therefore, we ask everyone to remember and support their parish in these difficult times. Offerings can be brought to the parish office, thrown into a letterbox, or mailed. It is also possible to make a donation by credit card on our website by using the link: Online Donation and then selecting our parish.

ADVENT RETREAT

Despite the closed churches for the celebration of Holy Masses, we will experience Advent retreat in our parish, led by Fr Adam Filas OMI. The retreat will take place today, on the 4th Sunday of Advent. May these Advent Retreat that we will experience, thanks to reflection on the Word of God and the sacrament of reconciliation, prepare us to live Christmas more deeply.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILATION

Pre-holiday cleaning, buying gifts for loved ones, the hustle and bustle of promotions - all this can become a distraction that will obscure the meaning of Christmas. Meanwhile, the Christmas "explosion" of kindness is primarily a sign of faith that God is the source of good, that only God-given believers can give gifts to others. And the greatest gift, the "greatest promotion", happens in the confessional where a priest says the words "and I forgive you", the new birth of God's children takes place, without which the Nativity of Jesus can remain only a Christmas decoration. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available in our parish every Sunday from 3pm to 5pm in the parish hall. Remember that there can only be 10 people in the hall with the priests.

ROSARY TO THE BORDERS OF TOME

St. Casimir’s Parish joins the prayer action *The Rosary to the Borders of Time*. The event is held under the slogan “*Let’s go back to God the Father*”. We all need to return to our Creator. We need an experience of God's Love. Even in the most difficult moments, we are not alone, our Father in Heaven watches over us, we just need to get down on our knees before him and entrust him with all ourselves. “*The Rosary to the Borders of Time*” is a very important event that, when lived with faith, can transform our hearts. Pray with us! The Rosary will be held on New Year's Eve, December 31, from 8pm to 12am in the church before the Blessed Sacrament. We will pray to our Father together, entrust our lives to him and ask to be filled with His Love. We strongly encourage you to participate. To participate, you must register at the parish office. Goals of “*The Rosary to the Borders of Time*”: 1. Prayer for the return of Poland, the world and us to God the Father. 2. The experience of God's Love and the Father's infinite mercy. 3. Lighting the light of Christ in our hearts, families and homes.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2021

Donation Envelopes for 2021 may be picked up in the parish office. The parishioners, who until now have numbers above number **544** has received the new numbers. We ask kindly to write down on the envelope your offering in the \$ place and not to use the envelopes from the previous years. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. The tax receipt will be sent in February 2021.

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. Intensions 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.

CHRISTMAS OPLATEK & SUNDAY MISSAL 2021

Christmas Oplatek and New Saint Joseph Sunday Missal, Prayer book and Hymnal for 2021 are available at the parish office during the office hours Tuesday to Friday 9am-12pm and 1pm to 5pm; Saturdays 9am to 12pm. Price \$5.

GREGORIAN MASS - 01.12-30.12

For + Czeslaw Kluska – daughter Alicja with family
For + Slawomir Bobel – Bobel family

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday (13.12) – \$1,750.
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.

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

4th Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 20th
8:00 For the members of the Divine Mercy Society
9:30 In thanksgiving asking for health & God’s blessing for Diane & Hubert Kloda on their 15th wedding anniversary & their children Natalia & Dominik – mother

11:00 For Parishioners
13:00 For + Miroslaw Wichorski – Bozena Chmiel
19:00 For + Anthony & Katherine Presz – son John Presz
MONDAY, December 21st – St. Peter Canisius, priest, Doctor
8:00 1. For + Etienne Pawlicki – Józef & Maria Tobola
2. For + Agnieszka Zawartka – Maria with family
19:00 For + parents Zofia & Eugeniusz Kozacz & father Jan Kaczor – children with families

TUESDAY, December 22nd
8:00 1. For + Irena Grodecka – daughter with family
2. For + Irena Glebocki – Stan Slugocki
19:00 For health & God’s blessing in the Lazarski & Szpargala families - own

WEDNESDAY, December 23rd – St. John of Kanty, priest
8:00 1. For + Stella Korwin-Kuczynski – Mark & Chris Korwin-Kuczynski
2. For + Antonina Karbowniczek - son
19:00 For + Adam Raginia – daughter Maria & Mike

THURSDAY, December 24th – Christmas Eve
8:00 For + Janusz Ossowski – son with family
22:00 For + Zofia Dudek on the 1st anniversary – daughter Michelle with family
24:00 1. For Parishioners
2. For + Wacława Polkowska – Maria Polkowska
3. For + parents Wiktoria & Henryk Senkowski, Helena & Walter Uglik, Krystyna & Ryszard Nosowicz & deceased from the family – Bozena
4. For + Jan & Maria Holowko – son Andrew with family

FRIDAY, December 25th – The Nativity of the Lord
8:00 For + Walenty & Anna Koltas – daughter with family
9:30 For + Bruno Majewski – wife with family
11:00 For Parishioners
13:00 For + Michal Gracon - wife with children
19:00 No evening Mass

SATURDAY, December 26th – St. Stephen, deacon & the first Christian martyr
9:30 1. For + Anna Wolny (anniversary) & her parents – Ewa & Henryk
2. For + Wladyslaw Pietrzyk – W.W. Jankowski
11:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for Bozena & Piotr & their daughters on their wedding anniv. – own
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for further God’ care, health & needed graces for Anna & Jan & their daughters with families - own

The Holy Family Sunday, December 27th
8:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing in the Panek, Piatkowski & Lesiuk families - family
9:30 For + Alen Rostalski – wife with family
11:00 For Parishioners
13:00 In thanksgiving asking for health & God’s blessing in the Raginia & Paterek families – Maria & Mieczyslaw
19:00 For + Waldemar Sidorowicz – friends & neighbours