

ST. CASIMIR’S PARISH

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December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

NEW YEAR’S EVE

On Tuesday, we come to the close of another year. Let us offer our prayers of thanks on this day and look at how we are living our faith in our relations with others. **The year-end liturgy will be held December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

January 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate the *Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God*. As we enter this new year of the Lord, we remember to place our trust in the mercy and grace of Him who is the beginning and end of everything. The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Patroness of the World Day of Prayer for Peace. May all who strive for peace trust in Her faithful prayers to the Father that we might be faithful instruments of the Peace of Christ in the world. For all our parishioners and guests of our parish - may it be truly holy year for you, your families and your friends. We are all called to build a better life - one that will lead to the ultimate goal of SALVATION. May your lives here on earth move towards that goal and be pleasing to God. Happy New Year to All! - Pastoral Team.

NEW YEAR

**New Year - January 1<sup>st</sup>**, 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.

**Is it necessary to go to church on January 1<sup>st</sup> , New Years Day?** On New Year's Eve, many of us get carried away by party madness until the break of dawn, in the meantime - we should start the New Years with a visit to the church. January 1<sup>st</sup> is one of those days in the liturgical calendar, when participation in the Holy Mass is obligatory for every Catholic. In the Catholic Church, on January 1st, the faithful do not celebrate, despite appearances, the arrival of the New Year, but instead the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God, which belongs to the limited group of mandatory holidays. This means that champagne fun with all its effects cannot be an excuse to not go to church, otherwise we take on a mortal sin.

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](http://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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5pm to 6pm in the parish hall. Remember that there can only be 10 people in the hall with the priests.

ROSARY TO THE BORDERS OF TIME

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 (20.12) – \$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

The Holy Family

Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

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

MONDAY, December 28<sup>th</sup> - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 1. For + Stanislawa & Stanislaw Garbacz – Jozef & Maria Tobola

2. For + Irena Glebocki – Maria Soltys

19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for Bozena on her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday – own

TUESDAY, December 29<sup>th</sup> – St. Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr

8:00 1. For + Henryka Albinowski – daughters & grandchildren

2. For + Genowefa & Mieczyslaw Lewicki – daughter with family

19:00 For + Jerzy & Bronislawa Latosik – son with family

WEDNESDAY, December 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 1. In thanksgivinf asking for further graces – Tobola family

2. For + Leonarda & Jan Kirejczyk – Sapkowski family

19:00 For + Eugeniusz & Jerzy Wieckiewicz & Jan & Zofia Cybulski – family

THURSDAY, December 31<sup>st</sup> – St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:00 1. For deceased from the Tobola & Wilk families – Jozef & Maria Tobola

2. For + Irena Glebocki – Maria Soltys

19:00 For + Jerzy & Bronislawa Latosik – son with family

FRIDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup> – The Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 For wisdom, holiness & courage for priests – Kazimiera Karpinska

9:30 For + Stanislaw Ligas – wife, children & grandchildren

11:00 For Parishioners

13:00 For + Mieczyslaw & deceased from the Zambrowicz, Ancerewicz & Wilkiewicz families – son with family

19:00 For + Jan Jasinski – daughter with family

SATURDAY, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors of the Church

8:00 1. For + Zofia Dudek & Stanislaw Galus – brother

2. In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for Julia & Wiktoria in their 1<sup>st</sup> birthday – parents

18:00 Devotion of the first Saturday of the month

19:00 For God’s blessing & needed graces in the Ziolkowski family – Tekla Ziolkowska

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 For the members of the Holy Family

9:30 For + parents Antonina & Bronislaw Hyc, Karol Iglar, Danuta & Wladyslaw Majka - children

11:00 For Parishioners

13:00 In thanksgiving asking for God’s blessing for Bozena, Paulina, Anna, Pawel & Patryk with families - own

19:00 For + God’s blessing asking for care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for daughter Maria Ziolo - mother