

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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January 3, 2021

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ewelina Aleksandra TOBOLA

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUE DECEASED

Violetta Giovanna KALMYKOW

Wojciech KNAPCZYK

Józefa ONOSZKO

Jadwiga GNIWECKA

Eternal rest grant them, Lord

Today we celebrate the *Epiphany of the Lord - The feast of the Three Wise Men*. The chalk will be blessed during each Mass.

To the pagan world, Jesus appears as one to be sought out; one deserving of homage. The Polish tradition on this day is to mark the letters K+M+B+2021 in blessed chalk on the doors of our homes. The letters stand for the names of the Three Wise Men: Kasper, Melchior and Balthazar. In so doing we are indicating our desire to seek Christ out, just like the Three Wise Men from the East. This is an important act of witness to our faith.

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](#).

STATISTICS OF OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

There are 1,779 families registered in our parish. In the year 2019 we had: 28 baptisms, 87 funerals, 4 sacraments of marriage, 11 children received the sacrament of Eucharist, 16 young people received the sacrament of Confirmation. We had over 100 pastoral visits to our sick parishioners. Our community is quite extensive, therefore let us take care of one another, raise our children and youth with kindness and concern for others, let us respect each other and above all, let us grow and develop spiritually within our families and our community.

DEVOTIONS

This week is the first Wednesday & Thursday of the month. The first Wednesday – Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help at 6:30 p.m.; The first Thursday - we pray for a vocation to priesthood and religious life.

STUDY DAYS

Next week our pastoral team will be participating in their annual STUDY DAYS from January 11th to January 15th. The parish office will be open according to the usual schedule; there will be no Masses that week. The Oblate Fathers ask all parishioners for prayers in their intention.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

In these special circumstances, we invite you not to be afraid of taking advantage of the sacrament of penance and reconciliation, because we all need to draw from the infinite source of God's Mercy! At the same time, we provide possible security measures: between the penitent and the priest there is insulation, a plastic curtain that does not let the air pass through and at the same time gives the penitent a sense of privacy. After every Sunday confession, the curtains are thoroughly disinfected. We would like to remind you that it is not possible to confess by phone or the Internet. According to the document of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, "there are no sacraments" in the virtual space. Confession, also in the present conditions, is possible only through individual and direct contact with the confessor, in compliance with all the recommendations of the Public Health.

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.

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. 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.

SUNDAY MISSAL 2021

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

MULTIPLE INTENSIONS' MASSES

The intensions for the multiple intensions' masses on the first and third Wednesday of the month can be order by email at parafia@kazimierz.org. The offering can be put in an envelope in the parish office mail box.

MASS INTENSIONS AT THE OBLATE MSSIONS

For Pope & Holy Church

For souls in purgatory

For health, God's blessing & return to Church for Piotr Masternak

In thanksgiving asking for the light of the Holy Spirit for family - own

GREGORIAN MASS - 01.01-30.01

For + Dominik Miazga – daughter with family

SUNDAY OFFERINGS

Sunday (27.12) – \$5,335

Christmas - \$23,405

Renovation - \$3,450

Advent Retreat - \$810

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

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 3rd

- 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

MONDAY, January 4th

- 8:00 1. For health, God's blessing & gifts of the Holy Spirit for Jola Gruca in her birthday - mother
2. For + Wladyslaw Pietrzyk – brother with family
19:00 For the Lectors & Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion

TUESDAY, January 5th

- 8:00 1. In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for children, grandchildren & great grandchildren - own
2. For + Barbara Kakolowicz-Laskowska – W.W. Jankowski
19:00 For + Jozef Kajmowicz (4th anniversary) – daughter with family

WEDNESDAY, January 6th – The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 1. In thanksgiving for salvation from the car accident for Marek – family & friends
2. For + son Ryszard & husband Mieczyslaw Fabis – mother & wife
18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
19:00 Multiple Intensions Mass

THURSDAY, January 7th – St. André Bassette, religious

- 8:00 1. For + parents Maria on the first anniversary & Stanislaw - daughter
2. For + Suzanna Buiny – Svetlana & Alfred
18:30 Devotion of the first Thursday of the month
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing on the birthday - own

FRIDAY, January 8th – St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest

- 8:00 1. For + Tadeusz Powezka – Zofia
2. For + Jadwiga Witt – Janina Sosiewicz
19:00 For + brothers Jozef, Stanislaw, Wieslaw & Marek – Regina Kis

SATURDAY, January 9th

- 8:00 1. For + souls in purgatory
2. For + Czeslawa Krasniewska – Stefania Baran
3. For + John Robert Zuccarini – Claudia Montini & Dan Rooney
19:00 For + Jan & Wladyslawa Gawlik & deceased from the Gawlik & Bojek families – daughter Maria

Baptism of the Lord

Sunday, January 10th

- 8:00 For the members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
9:30 For + Jozefa Myslicka – colleagues from the Copernicus Lodge
11:00 For Parishioners
13:00 For + Efreem, Roman & Helena Szudy - family
19:00 For + parents Anna & Antoni & deceased from the Glowacki family - son