

ST. CASIMIR'S PARISH

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February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

LENT

The purple color of the liturgical vestments indicates to us that we have entered a new season of the liturgical year, which is Lent. Today we are experiencing the First Sunday of Lent. It is a time of penance and transformation of one's life. In this holy time of 40-day penance, through prayer and meditation on the Lord's Passion, we also prepare ourselves to fruitfully experience the joyful feast of the Resurrection of the Lord. The church commandment obliges us during this period to refrain from participating in various games and to join confession and Holy Communion. Easter.

RENOVATION FUND

Today we have a second collection for the Renovation Fund of our parish. The envelopes are in the annual kits and at the back of the church.

LENTEN PROVISIONS

With our eyes focused on the Crucified Saviour, who renounced everything for us and gave his life in sacrifice, let us undertake the effort of voluntary mortification in Lent as a reward for our sins and those of our neighbours. Let us make good resolutions, let us refrain from participating in noisy entertainment, from drinking alcoholic beverages or smoking cigarettes, in order to make up to God for the sins of drunkenness, promiscuity, language, dishonesty and lack of humility. Let us not forget that Lent is a time of seriousness, prayer and penance. So, do not let it be disturbed by loud meetings or intentionally organized entertainment events, especially for children and teenagers.

DEEPENING FAITH IN LENT

In Lent, it would also be good to find time for valuable reading, helping us to deepen our faith, for meditation on the word of God, reading the Holy Scriptures. This can be done with the family, sharing what will be born in us under the influence of this reading. In this way, the time of Lent will become not only a time of transformation of our own lives, but also of getting closer to our loved ones, of strengthening family and interpersonal ties.

WAY OF THE CROSS

We invite you to the service of the Way of the Cross, which is celebrated every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross for children will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. For participation in

the Way of the Cross and Bitter Lamentations, you can get a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions.

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

We invite you every Sunday at 6:15 pm for consideration of the Lord's Passion - Lenten Lamentations. This year, Fr. Kazimierz will deliver Passion sermons, reflecting on the last words of Christ on the cross. The Seven Last Words (Sayings) of Jesus on the Cross are a collection of seven short sentences spoken by Jesus during his crucifixion just before his death. They are found in the four Gospels.

DEVOTIONS

This week is the first Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the month. The first Wednesday the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will start at 6:30 followed by the Multiple Intentions Mass at 7 pm; the first Thursday - we pray for a vocation to priesthood and religious life; the first Friday - occasion to go to confession starting at 6:00 pm and the first Saturday - a day dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. First Friday devotion will start at 6:15 pm with the Way of the Cross and devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; first Saturday of the month - Devotion to the blessed Virgin Mary will start at 6:00 p.m.

ROSARY MYSTERIES EXCHANGE

Roses of the Living Rosary will exchange their mysteries on the first Sunday of the month before 11:00 a.m. Mass.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE OF CURSED SOLDIERS

Wednesday, March 1, is the National Day of Remembrance of the "Cursed Soldiers" and since 2011, it has the rank of a national holiday. In our prayers, let us remember all those who fought for the freedom and sovereignty of our homeland in the difficult times of the communist regime.

FEAST OF ST. CASIMIR

Saturday, March 4, is the liturgical feast of St. Casimir, the prince, patron of our parish. However, the solemn parish indulgence will be celebrated on Sunday, March 5 at 11:00 am. In a solemn concelebrated Mass at 11:00 am, the invited priests will take part. Those who will attend the Mass in the church, will be in a state of sanctifying grace, receive Holy Communion and pray for the intentions given by the Holy Father, they will gain a plenary indulgence.

WYD 2023 COFFEE & PACZKI

Please come and enjoy coffee and paczki in the Parish Hall on March 5 after every morning Mass as the Knights of Columbus of Cardinal Wyszynski Council assists St. Casimir's Youth Group in raising funds for their World Youth Day 2023 Pilgrimage to Lisbon, Portugal. While you are enjoying your coffee, please look over the "tealish" organic specialty tea selection that the youth group is selling to offset their pilgrimage expenses.

DEAR PARENTS & CHILDREN

From March 13-17 (March Break), the parish is organizing a special activity program for children aged 6 to 12 called "Colors

of the Mission". Classes will be held from Monday to Friday from 9 am -12 pm. As part of the program, children will learn about the missionary world on all continents of the world through interesting activities, games and activities. If you are interested in these classes, please register by March 5 at the parish office at 416/532-2822.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2023 may be picked up at the back of the church; they are arranged in alphabetical order. If someone did not use envelopes in the past year, they did not automatically receive them. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

14th Dynamic Women of Faith Conference, Saturday March 25, 2023 at the Old Mill (Old Mill Subway Station) in Toronto from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration 8:00 a.m.; Opening Mass 9:00 a.m. celebrated by Bishop Robert Kasun. Conference will start at 10:00 a.m. with topics: *The Heroes of My Life Lead Me to Our Lady* - Sister Deirdre Byrne; *Healing and Forgiveness* - Dr. Josephine Lombardi; *Journey with Mother Mary* - Diana Filipiak, Kasia Ryba, Sandra Wojcik; Dorothy Pilarski - *Why Minister to moms?* Get inspired, Meet Like-Minded Women, Discover Your Mission! Early bird \$65 (before Feb. 15) Light lunch included. Free parking. For more information visit www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

PILGRIMAGE TO WILNO

The pilgrimage to Wilno in the Canadian Kaszuby on the Divine Mercy Feast will take place on Saturday, April 15, 2023. A coach bus is being organized from our parish, the tickets cost \$50 and are available in the parish office. We encourage you to participate in the pilgrimage.

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS?

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Come see a member of Cardinal Wyszynski Council after Mass on Sunday, March 5 and we will try to answer your questions. Please consider joining our council. For more information, visit kofc.org, kofc9296.org, or contact Membership Chairman Tomasz Gorny at 416-989-7973.

MASS INTENSIONS

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, please contact the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS AT THE OBLATE MISSIONS

For + Julia Karpel - Daniela & Edward Zagol with family
For God's blessing & health for the ladies from the Holy Rosary Society - Jozef
For + Danuta Roszak - H.J. Stępień
For + Waclawa & Antoni - daughter Maria
For + Stanisława Rawska - Zenia & Kazimierz Szydłowski

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

1st Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 26

8:00 For + Jozefa Dymek - daughter
9:30 For + Maria Strycharz - son & family
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Stanislaw Stawicki & deceased from Stawicki & Koterski families - daughter with family
18:15 Lenten Lamentations
19:00 For + Jozefa Sobkowicz (4th anniversary) - daughter with family

MONDAY, February 27

8:00 For + Wanda Kuszelewski - Anna Miasik with family
19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing for mother Jadwiga Zaleski on her 93th birthday - children with families

TUESDAY, February 28

8:00 For + parents Zofia & Stanislaw, brothers Wieslaw, Stanislaw & Jan Ostrowski - daughter & sister
19:00 For + Halina Lapinska (5th anniversary) - daughter Elzbieta with family

WEDNESDAY, March 1

8:00 1. For souls in purgatory
2. For + Jan Slodowy - sons Andrzej & Marek with family
18:30 Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
19:00 Multiple Intentions Mass

THURSDAY, March 2

8:00 For + Helena & Czeslaw - Fr. Kazimierz
18:30 Devotion of the first Thursday of the month
19:00 For + Jozefa & Jan Sawicki & Jan Leus - daughter

FRIDAY, March 3

8:00 1. For + Rosalia Bodzon - daughter with family
2. For + parents Gertruda & Alfons Linke & grandparents from both sides - Anna
18:15 Way of the Cross & devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
19:00 For + Wladyslawa & Tadeusz Idzik - son with family

SATURDAY, March 4 - St. Casimir

8:00 1. For + parents Wiktoria & Jan, siblings Stanislaw & Lucja, Jozef & Maria, Kazimierz & Eleonora, Adam, Anna & Andrzej, Eugeniusz, Zbigniew & Kazimierz Buczek - Armatys siblings
2. For deceased from Bielak & Molas families - Jozefa Molas with family
18:00 Devotion of the first Saturday of the month
19:00 For + Zofia & Michal Magda - son with family

2nd Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 5

8:00 For the members of the Holy Rosary Society
9:30 For + parents Jozef & Maria Kaczor, siblings Stanislaw & Irena, Tadeusz & Helena, Emilia & Olgierd, Jozef, Eweryst & Stanisława, Rev. Kazimierz & daughter-in-law Anna - daughter & sister with family
11:00 For parishioners
13:00 For + Karol Mysliwiec, Eugeniusz Iglar, Dominik Brzyzek, Jozef & Malgorzata Pawlik - Anna
18:15 Lenten Lamentations
19:00 For + Henryk Mazur - daughter with family