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> March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.

For Polish Masses, see Mass Intention schedule.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Isabella Penna

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The purple color of the liturgical vestments indicates to us that we have begun a new period 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 our own lives. In this holy time of 40 days of penance, through prayer and meditation on the Passion of the Lord, we also prepare for a fruitful experience of 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 go to confession and the Easter Holy Communion.

LENTEN RESOLUTIONS

Gazing at the Crucified Savior, who for us renounced everything and offered his life as a sacrifice, let us with a willing heart undertake the effort of voluntary mortification in Lent, as compensation for our sins and those of our neighbors. Let us make good resolutions, let us refrain from participating in loud entertainment, from drinking alcoholic beverages or smoking cigarettes, in order to compensate God in this way for the sins of drunkenness, licentiousness, language, dishonesty and lack of humility. Let us not forget that Lent is a time of seriousness, prayer and penance. So let it not be disturbed by noisy meetings or deliberately organized entertainment events, especially for children and young people. 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 in a family circle, sharing what is born in us under the influence of this reading. In this way, the time of Lent will become not only a time of transformation in our own lives, but also of drawing closer to our loved ones, strengthening family and interpersonal ties.

LENTEN CAMPAIGN OF SOBRIETY

Let us also open ourselves more boldly and more radically to the Lenten campaign of sobriety. The Church calls us to individual and communal prayer for sobriety and to abstinence during this penitential period. May there no longer be among families and us individuals who suffer from the addiction of alcoholism, nicotine addiction or drug addiction.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Passion devotions are to help us experience the holy time of Lent more deeply and fruitfully. For example, the Stations of the Cross will be celebrated in our church on Fridays at 6:30 pm, and for children and altar servants on Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. For participating in these devotions, one can gain full indulgence under the usual conditions.

LENTEN LAMENTATIONS

We invite you every Sunday at 6:15 pm to contemplate the Passion of the Lord – Lenten Lamentations.

DEVOTION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

This coming Thursday, March 13, we invite you to the Fatima devotion at 6 pm. Bring battery-powered lanterns. Fatima devotions are Marian devotions held on the 13th of the month. This day is not accidental, because the Mother of God appeared to three shepherd children, St. Jacinta, St. Francisco and Lucia, for 6 months from May 13, 1917 to October 13, 1917.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

The Parish Financial Report for 2024 is available at the parish office. We would like to thank all parishioners who regularly support our parish. The 749 families support our parish financially, and 1,649 families are registered in the parish. Everyone should feel responsible for our common good. We would also like to thank the Financial Committee, which is responsible for the material goods and financial control in our parish. The current composition of the Financial Committee is as follows: Margaret Holowko, Baran Stefania, Musiał Zbigniew, and the accountant is Mark Garczynski.

RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH PEWS

By decision of the Finance Committee, we have decided to renovate the pews in our church. The direct reason for deciding to renovate the pew tops is their damaged varnish due to the use of disinfectants during the pandemic. The renovation will consist of completely removing the old varnish from the wooden tops of each pew. After thorough cleaning, the pews will be re-varnished. During the renovation, several pews will be removed from the church and the renovation will be carried out in the AA group room downstairs under the church. The renovation of the pews will take several months. A Polish company will carry out the work and the cost of renovating all the pews in the church, except for the choir, is \$55,000. We have already received the necessary consent to carry out this work from the Archdiocese of Toronto. Similar work was done last year in St. Teresa's parish and the renovated pews look beautiful.

REPLACEMENT OF ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION IN THR POLISH SCHOOL

We are finishing work on replacing the electrical installation in the premises of the Polish School. The current cables are old, the wires are covered with material, and in a building for public use this is unacceptable. We would like to thank the electrician Marian Turczynski and Stanislaw Cop for the enormous amount of work they put into modernizing the lighting in the premises of the Polish School. They have been working every day for the good of our parish as volunteers for several months.

MARCH BREAK

The Polish School of St. Casimir informs that during the "March Break" there will be no Polish and religion classes to March 15 inclusive. The next classes will start March 22.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

From September 28 to October 9, a pilgrimage to Italy will take place on the announcement of the Holy Year 2025. During the 12-day pilgrimage, we will visit Rome, the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, the church of Quo Vadis, the Catacombs, Monte Cassino, the place of residence of St. Father Pio San Giovanni Rotondo; the grotto of St. Michael the Archangel in Monte Santo'Angelo, Lanciano, Manopollo, the House of the Holy Family in Loreto, Venice, Padua, the Leaning Tower of Pisa, Florence, Assisi - the place of St. Francis, and St. Rota in Cascia. More information is provided by Polimex.

DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE

16th Annual Dynamic Women of Faith Conference will take place on Saturday, March 22, 2025 9:00am-4pm at the Old Mill Tikets \$65 (includes light lunch) until Feb. 14.

Speakers: Annie Karto: *Divine Mercy Flood My Soul* Lisa Canning: *Surrendering in Suffering: Discovering JOY*Fr. Marcin Serwin OMI: *Being a Priest - Being a Midwife*Dr. Stephanie Kafie: *Totus Tuus - 5 Ways to Live out "Totally Yours"* Dorothy Pilarski: *Your Life is Going to Change* Closing Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Robert Kasun CSB TO REGISTER GO TO dwf2025.eventbrite.ca

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2025

<u>Sunday Offering Envelopes for 2025</u> may be picked up at the back of the church. Parishioners using envelopes for their donations are eligible to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year. Unclaimed envelopes will be cancelled.

MASS INTENSIONS

We inform you about possibility of ordering Mass intentions at the Oblate Missions in the parish office. All mission intentions that were given in the parish office have already been fulfilled. We encourage you to give intentions that help missionaries in their work of evangelization.

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 + Maria Kloc - Bronia

MASS INTENSIONS AND DEVOTIONS

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 9

- 8:00 For members of the Holy Name of Jesus Society
- 9:30 For + Jadwiga Zaleski son
- 11:00 In thanksgiving asking for the God's blessing for Salomea Swierczek on the 100th birthday daughters with families
- 13:00 For + Ryszard Szwed on the first anniversary of death brother Jan with family
- 18:15 Lenten Lamentation
- 19:00 For + Lucyna Wedzik family

MONDAY, March 10

- For + Maria Grabowska (10th anniversary) children & grandchildren
- 19:00 For + Stefania & Ludwik Piersiak daughter & family

TUESDAY, March 11

- 3:00 For+ Helena and Franciszek Ciupak, Leonarda & Janek Kirejczyk family
- 18:30 The Way of the Cross for children
- 19:00 For + Helena Tynus sister with family

WEDNESDAY, March 12

- :00 For peace in our hearts, families, communities, in the world & for the God's mercy for our homeland
- 19:00 In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Kazimierz on his 70th birthday wife & children with families

THURSDAY, March 13

- In thanksgiving asking for God's blessing, gifts of the Holy Spirit & care of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Bożena Senkowska-Zukowska on her name day own
- 18:00 Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima
 19:00 For + Bogdan Chodynski & deceased from the Gal

FRIDAY, March 14

8:00 For + Ryszard Baruk – sister-in-law

family – Wanda with children

- 18:30 The Way of the Cross
- 19:00 For + Wieslaw Ostrowski (7th anniversary) sister

SATURDAY, March 15

- 8:00 For + Jozefa, Franciszek & Tadeusz Kupinski Milewski family
- 19:00 For + Stanislawa & Wladyslaw Pasciak grandson Jacek with family

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 16

- 8:00 For members of the Divine Mercy Society
- 9:30 For + Malinka & Vasil Boskovski & deceased from the Boskovski, Talevski & Mangorski families son with family
- 1:00 For parishioners
- 13:00 For + Mieczyslaw Nycz (9th anniversary) wife with family
- 18:15 Lenten Lamentation
- 19:00 For God's blessing, care of the Blessed Virgin Mary & gift's of the Holy Spirit in resolving difficult matters for Jolanta