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Rev. Grzegorz Podsiadlo  
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## MASSSES:

**Saturday Evening:** 5:00 pm

**Sundays:** 7:30 am, 10:00 am (*Eng*)  
11:30 am (*Pol*)

**Holydays:** 7:00 am & 6:30 pm,  
8:00 pm (*Polish*)

**Weekdays (including Sat.):** 8:30 am  
Rosary Mon.-Sat 8:00 am

**CONFESSION:** Saturday,  
4:00 - 4:50 pm (*before the 5:00 pm  
Mass*) and before the 8:30 am Mass  
(*by appointment only*).

**BAPTISMS:** Class and  
arrangements must be made by  
contacting the Rectory. If you are  
a newly registered family you are  
required to be attending Mass for  
at least three months and using  
offering envelopes.

**MARRIAGES:** Requirements...  
Marriage preparation classes and  
Confirmation (*if you are Catholic*).  
Arrangements are to be made at  
least six months in advance. At  
least three meetings with the priest  
are required.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Classes are held for Parish registered  
members only on Sunday mornings  
from mid September to May. Children  
seeking their Sacraments must attend  
all 8 years of a Religious Education  
Program. Call 908-637-4269.

**R.C.I.A.:** Anyone interested in adult  
religious education or becoming  
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908-459-4483.

## VISITATION OF THE SICK:

Every first Friday of the month, at  
home or in the hospital, please call  
the church office, 908-637-4269.

## FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH NIGHT PRAYER:

In Polish from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

## BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP:

Every Monday from 5:00 pm in the  
Chapel. New members are always  
welcome!

**OUTREACH PROGRAM:** If you are  
in need please call the Parish Office at  
908-637-4269. All calls kept  
confidential.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY:** New  
members are always welcome! We meet  
every third Wednesday of the month at  
7:00 pm. Call Walt at 908-459-5861.

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Meets every first Friday of each month  
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### E-mail

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## PARISH REGISTRATION

Every family should be properly registered. New parishioners should register at the Parish Office. Children 18 and over should be registered as adults. Envelopes are the only means we have to verify parishioners attendance at Mass. Please use your envelope regardless of the amount you are able to include. Without verification of Mass attendance we cannot issue sponsor certification for Baptism, Confirmation, or any character references, etc. Please notify the Parish Office of any address change as soon as possible.

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 13/14, 2024

### **SAT** – Jan 13 (St. Hilary)

5:00p +Luke Stroud req Pat & Norm Willis

### **SUN** – Jan 14

7:30a +Edward Sosnovik req Walt & Trish Horzepa

10a +Rose Guiga req Vince Setteneri & Beth Wingle

11:30a Pol +Jan & Janina Gzella

### **MON** – Jan 15

10:00a +Joseph Godlewsky req Miller Family

### **TUES** – Jan 16

8:30a +Joseph Godlewsky req Mark Machacek

### **WED** – Jan 17 (St. Anthony)

8:30a +Joan Goral req Cheryl Barton & Family

### **THUR** – Jan 18

8:30a +-Names from the Christmas Rem Envs

### **FRI** – Jan 19

8:30a +Wladyslaw Kuczek req his children & grandchildren

### **SAT** – Jan 20 (Ss. Fabian & Sebastian)

8:30a +Jan Lubas req his family

5:00p +Mary Alice Barr Luteran req Swider & Betterly & Simmons families

### **SUN** – Jan 21

7:30a +Anita Needhammer req Lori Matuszek

10a +Elizabeth Barton req Cheryl Barton & Fam

11:30a Pol +-Names from the Christmas Rem Envs

**Altar Flowers** – are donated by our parishioners

**Bread & Wine** – is available

**Sanctuary Lamp** is lit this week in memory of Zofia & Jozef Mania

**Divine Mercy Candle** is lit this week in memory of Zofia & Jozef Mania

**Family Christmas Candles** sponsored by:McKenna, McArdle, Medore, Hourihan, Gaynor, Koonz, Maza, Thurgood, Swider, Horzepa, Crawford, Granata, Gac, Pilny, Bielecki, Grudzinski, Gunther, O'Neill, Zubel, Szurnicki, Talajczyk, Borzecki, Mysona, Dziewierz, Kaczmarek, Szmigielski, Buga, Lubecki, Grzybczyk, Szczeblewski, Lukijaniuk, Gzella, Pawlikowska, Grzybczyk, Turbek, Jacek, Wheeler, anonymous, Reed, Greco, Leta, Saulewicz, Hancock, V. Dait, O. Dait, Smith, Wyss, Yturbe, Ronoski, Crawford, Baldwin, R. Willis families

### **TOGETHER IN CHARITY**

This weekend at all Masses we are asked to take up the annual Together in Charity collection. All monies will be forwarded to Catholic Charities' Parish Emergency Assistance Fund. We, as a parish, are able to use these funds for any of our parishioners in dire need. They will pay rent, medical, vehicle, heating bills and more. Our church has used this fund in the past to help our parishioners. Please give generously in today's second collection.

### **HOUSE BLESSINGS**

If you are interested in having your house blessed for the New Year, please find a small form in the back of church. Fill it out and drop it into the collection basket. Fr. Greg will contact you.

### **WEEKLY OFFERINGS – January 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> week - \$1484

2<sup>nd</sup> week - \$

3<sup>rd</sup> week - \$

4<sup>th</sup> week - \$

### **Don't stop celebrating: After Christmas Day**

The secular world “prepares” for Christmas with months of garish decoration, holiday treats, and spending sprees, but when December 26 rolls around, the world already feels that Christmas is “over.” At most it will allow itself a day or two of recuperation from excess jollity and then get back to work. In a best-case scenario, decorations might stay up till January 1st or a bit later, for “ringing in the new year.” After that, the season of celebration is over. Catholics ought to have a totally different conception of Christmas. Before Christmas, we observe the penitential season of Advent, preparing for the great feast without too much overt joy. Traditionally, families would decorate the Christmas tree together before the great day of Christmas. Families would attend Christmas Mass together. It is very important for us not to surrender to the secular approach that, in a way, celebrates Christmas before Christmas and not afterward. We should really make an effort – in the way our homes are decorated, the way we observe Sundays and holy days, the stories we read and the other activities we do in the house – to keep the spirit of Christmas alive, even if at a “low burn,” especially throughout the period from December 26th to February 2nd. *Yes, this great feast is that big of a deal!* Such observance also becomes a countercultural catechesis in one of the central mysteries of the Christian faith: the Incarnation of the Son of God. This is the pivot point of all human history and of the story of each man, woman, and child.

### **YEAR-END CHARITABLE GIFT GIVING**

As you consider your year-end tax planning, we hope that you will consider making good use of the income tax charitable deduction and remember our church. All monies are greatly appreciated and will be well spent with the good of the entire parish in mind.

**Christmas Flower offerings were offered by the following families and in memory of the following people:**

**LIVING:** Madeline Francis, Szczeblewski Family, Jaworski Family, Linda & Donald Marciano, Nancy & Jerry O'Donnell, Rose & Walter Skarbek, Sue and Richard Drown and Marianne DeFronzo, Hancock Family, Tomczuk Family, Buga Family, Polish Rosary Society, members of the Szmigielski family, Mlynarczyk Family, Theresa VanHam, Seabeck Family, Krzyzanowski Family

**DECEASED:** Jadwiga Puchacz, Reanna & Vic Medore, M/M James McArdle, M/M Felix Medore, Greco & Leta & Reed families, Florence & Frank Greco, Sharon Stryker, Irene Wyss, Ann Picardo, Jan Lubas, deceased members of the Ziobro & Schleckmann & Stachowicz & Zamorski families, Jozef & Maria Mania, Nancy Penner, Jan Lubas, Jan & Genowefa Zielinski, Marie & John Choppy, James & Dolores Geswelli, Domenica & Eugene DeSantis, Nancy & Joseph & Dorothy & Michael Penner, deceased members of Gevens & Hogan families, deceased members of Surve & Hogan families, Steven Kasney Katherine Winkelman, Maria Wyka, Agata Grab, Zofia & Stefania & Wladyslaw & Elzbieta & Zygmunt, Grzegorz Gubernat, Agnieszka Pirog, Carmine & Connie Romano, Norman & Eleanor Willis, MaryAnn Boatman, Stewart & Frances Hoffman, Luke & Warren & Pauline Stroud, Thaddeus & Joan Wheeler, Ignatz & Jean Dubeil, Roe & James Watt, John & Barbara Cuthbert, Carol Sadowski, Anthony Marciano, Steven Marciano, Dr. Alyce & Robert Hunter, Janet Milita, Gloria & Addison Bradford, Isabella Todaro, Martha Propsner, Julie Devine, Frank Fenimore, Frank & Mary Mazzella, Carol Kemp, Donna Marie Tapp, Patricia Steiner, Frank Gomez, Jr., Victor Vilela, Susan Seger, Rev. Neil Davin, and Rev. Thomas Perunilam

### 2023 OUTREACH REPORT CARD

We help not only our own parishioners but also people and families in our community and families in our local schools. We help with all sorts of bills from rent to food. Here is our 2023 Outreach Report Card: We received a total of \$10,715 in donations during 2023. Here is a breakdown of all expenses for 2023: Rent-\$2065.00, Electric-\$1529.90, Car insurance-\$173.90, Vehicle Repair-\$2090.03, Heating-\$403.78, Garbage-\$100.50, Food cards-\$2674.00(this includes Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas). Total expenses-\$9,037.11. Easter, we helped 35 families with 61 Easter Baskets and full meals, Thanksgiving we helped 27 families with full Thanksgiving dinners, and Christmas we helped 32 families with full dinners and Christmas presents enough for 90 children. We have super generous parishioners who come to the rescue every holiday, they truly take to heart the words of Jesus, "feed my sheep". May God bless you with abundant graces this New Year!

**The following names were taken from the Christmas Mass Remembrance envelopes and will be remembered at Masses throughout the Christmas season through January:**

**LIVING:** Bill & Marek & Alina & Marysia Hancock, Harry & Eva Runyon, John Wyss, Linda & Donald Marciano, Nancy & Jerry O'Donnell, Rose & Walter Skarbek, Sue and Richard Drown and Marianne DeFronzo

**DECEASED:** Greco & Leta & Reed families, Jozef & Maria Mania, deceased members of the Ziobro & Schleckmann & Stachowicz & Zamorski & Pasalk families, Richard Skow, George & Agnes Zukoski, Phil & Charlotte & Zygmunt & Mary Gramberg, Maryann Ramsden, Ann Picardo, Jose Luis Villa, Patricia Iadone, Irene Wyss, David L. & Florfence Ronoski, Nancy Penner, Carmine & Connie Romano, Norman & Eleanor Willis, MaryAnn Boatman, Jan Grab, Adam Talajczyk, Wieslaw Saulewicz, Franciszek Kusiak, Maria & Milan Dait, Norbert Kucharek, Stas Matt, M/M Kavczmav, Za wszystkie dusze w czysccu cierpiace a zwaszcza za te zapomniane przez wszystkich na ziemi, Emilia & Zdzislaw Lubecki, Wladyslaw Bakaj, Janina & Jan Gzella, Elzbieta & Polikarp Grzybczyk, Czeslawa Florian Gawel, Helen & George & David Francis, Lorenzo & Anne Chieppa, Grzegorz Gubernat, Ela Baran, Gorgina Sontay, Luke & Warren & Pauline Stroud, Stewart & Frances Hoffman, Russell & Pat DeSantis, Sarah Jeanette, Robert T. Willis, John & Rose & Leggio, Joseph & Gertrude & Ralph D'Angelo, Frank Marrone, Alan Milliken, Harlan Medford, Maria Dampier, Theresa Boylan, Nancy & Joseph & Dorothy & Michael & Joseph C. Penner, Michael McKenna, Doreen Whitmore, Maria Lukaszewicz, Genowefa & Jozef Kazmierczak, deceased members of the Kowalski, Wysowaty, Rinko, Gordish, Dziadak, & DeParis families, Alex & Joanne Scaff, Jack & Joan Tibak, Andrew Payti, Jadwiga Puchacz, Thaddeus & Joan Wheeler, Ignatz & Jean Dubeil, Roe & James Watt, John & Barbara Cuthbert, Carol Sadowski, Anthony Marciano, Steven Marciano, Dr. Alyce & Robert Hunter, Janet Milita, Gloria & Addison Bradford, Isabella Todaro, Martha Propsner, Julie Devine, Frank Fenimore, Frank & Mary Mazzella, Carol Kemp, Donna Marie Tapp, Patricia Steiner, Frank Gomez, Jr., Victor Vilela, Susan Seger, Rev. Neil Davin, and Rev. Thomas Perunilam

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### A Prayer for a Happy New Year

May the Lord make my New Year a happy one. Not by shielding me from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening me to bear it if it comes. Not by making my path easy, but by making me sturdy enough to tread any path. AMEN

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### PRAY FOR:

**Living:** John Lee, Christopher Muller, Doug Romaine, Ellen Cavaliere, Kathy Hurley

**Deceased:** Regina Lukijaniuk, Frank Gomez, Jr., Zbigniew Grzywna, Rosemary Washuta, Zofia Koc

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