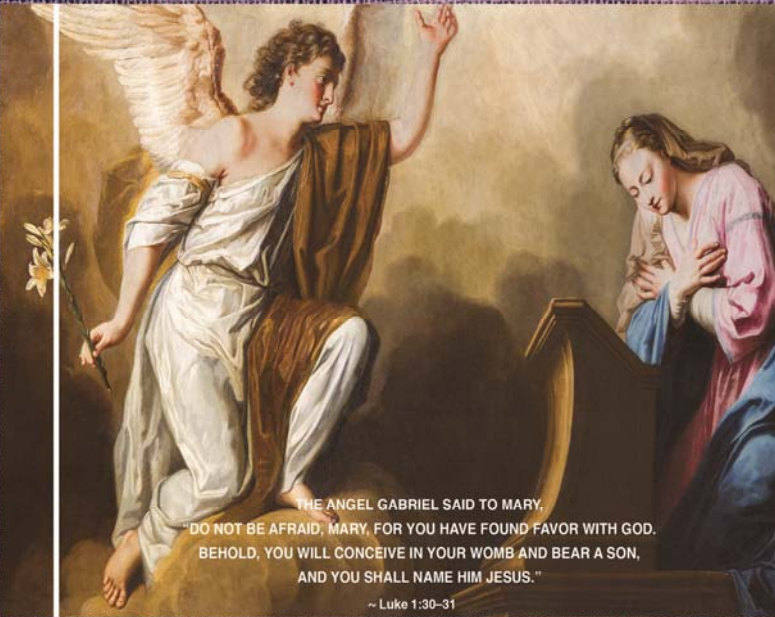




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DECEMBER 20, 2020 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE ANGEL GABRIEL SAID TO MARY,
"DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY, FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD.
BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB AND BEAR A SON,
AND YOU SHALL NAME HIM JESUS."

~ Luke 1:30-31

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MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASSES:

7:00 AM (English)
8:00 AM (Polish)

SATURDAY EVENING MASS:

5:00 PM (English)

SUNDAY MASSES:

7:00 AM (English)
8:00 AM (Polish)
9:30 AM (English)
11:00 AM (Polish)
12:30 PM (English)
6:30 PM (English)

EVE OF HOLY DAYS:

7:00 PM (English)

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7:00 AM (English)
8:00 AM (Polish)
9:00 AM (English)
5:00 PM (English)
7:30 PM (Polish)

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 4:00-5:00 PM
Holy Days: Confessions before every Mass

BAPTISMS: Make arrangements at least 6 weeks ahead of time. Baptisms are held every Sunday at 11:00 AM (Polish) and 12:30 PM (English)

MARRIAGES: Arrangements to be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding date. No Marriages on Sunday after 5:00 PM & on Saturdays after 3:30 PM

SICK CALLS: Any time. Call cell (516) 776-5486

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RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday:
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (secretary)
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (priest on duty)

Saturday:
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (secretary)

Sunday: Office is closed

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2020

05:00 pm +Richard Palmieri by Amato/Sofield Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

07:00 am +Florence Komminos by Family

08:00 am +Krystyna Popielewski od Iwony i Eligiusza Polak

08:00 am O Zdrowie i Błogosławieństwo Boże dla Anetki w Dniu Urodzin od Rodziców

09:30 am +Deceased Members of Grabowski and Długinski Families

11:00 am +Ted Gerwatowski od Polskiego Chóru

12:30 pm +Maryellen O'Driscoll by Hannah

05:00 pm +Melvin Duch by Duch/Olszewski Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest

07:00 am +John F. Dave and Deceased Family Memb.

08:00 am +Thomas Lanza od Hannah O'Driscoll

08:00 am O Zdrowie i Błogosławieństwo Boże dla Florence i Jane Prokopiak

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

07:00 am +Konstanty Halat by Maria and Stanley Konefal

07:00 am +John F. Dave and Deceased Family Memb.

08:00 am O Boże Błogosławieństwo i Pomoc Bożą dla Norman Riker

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020

St. John of Kanty, Priest

07:00 am +John F. Dave and Deceased Family Memb.

07:00 am +Mathai Niravath by Lisa

08:00 am +Robert Patrick Fogarty oraz przodkowie od Hannah O'Driscoll

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

07:00 am +Harry Monroe by Family

07:00 am +David Laucam by Parents and Brother

08:00 am +Franciszka i Józef Kurzyna od Rodziny

03:00 pm (ENG)

05:00 pm (ENG) Health and Blessings for Dan Mahoney

10:00 pm (ENG)

12:00 am (POL) +Stanisław Kopeć

12:00 am W specjalnej intencji Bogu wiadomej

12:00 am Italian Mass in Parish Hall

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, CHRISTMAS

07:00 am +Florence and Melvin Duch by Duch/Olszewski Family

08:00 am +Bronisława Surdyka od Rodziny Matuszak

09:30 am (ENG) Deceased Members of Popielarski and Schaefering Families

11:00 am (POL) +Janina Żelaznowska od Bożeny i Edwarda oraz Tristana Konefal

12:30 (ENG) +Stanley Kowalczyk by Family

NO EVENING MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2020

07:00 am +Clotilde J. Salazar by Alice Villegas

07:00 am +John F. Dave and Deceased Family Memb.

08:00 am O zdrowie i Błogosławieństwo Boże dla Dan Mahoney od Hannah O'Driscoll

05:00 pm +James and Jane Murphy by Edward and Tina Holinski

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

07:00 am +John F. Dave and Deceased Family Members

08:00 am +Stefan Brzozowski od Córki z Rodziną

08:00 am +Maria Karpiński od Rodziny Słoma

09:30 am +Julia i Bolesław Miastkowski

11:00 am +Zofia Zelek od Synowej z Rodziną

11:00 am +Maria Kosicka (3 Rocznicza Smierci) od Córki z Mężem i Dziećmi

12:30 pm +Hani Sabet by Wife. Holy FamilyMass

06:30 pm For Parishioners



FIRST FRIDAY: 9:00 AM Mass in English and 7:30 PM Mass in Polish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Exposition, Adoration & Blessing. Confession 8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

FIRST SATURDAY: 7:30 AM Holy Rosary in Polish, 9:00 AM Mass in English with Exposition, Adoration & Blessing

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP: Saturday at 8:20 AM in Polish, at 4:50 PM in English

NOVENA TO GOD THE FATHER: Every first Sunday of the month after 12:30 PM Mass

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: Every 13th of the month at 7:00 PM from May to October

GORZKIE ŻAŁE/LAMENTATIONS: Lent, every Sunday at 3:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Lent, Wednesday in English at 7:30 PM, Thursday in Italian at 8:00 PM, Friday at 7:30 PM in Polish

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: May, Monday through Friday at 7:30 in Polish

HOLY ROSARY: First Friday after 9:00 AM Mass in English, at 7:00 PM in Polish, First Saturday at 7:30 AM in Polish, additionally October, Monday through Friday at 7:30 PM in Polish

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: First Friday after 9:00 AM Mass in English, First Saturday after 8:00 AM Mass in Polish

LIST KSIĘDZA PROBOSZCZA

Drodzy Parafianie. Święta Bożego Narodzenia są w tym roku szczególne. Gdyby brzemienna Maryja i Józef podróżowali do Betlejem w czasie obecnej pandemii to wielu mieszkańców Betlejem i okolicy miałoby inteligentne wytłumaczenie, że nie możemy Was przyjąć na nocleg, bo obawiamy się wirusa a wy podróżując z daleka, jesteście niebezpieczni. Jednak dwa tysiące lat temu zamykano drzwi domów i gospody przed Maryją i Józefem nie z powodu pandemii a z braku serca i chęci, aby udzielić schronienia podróżującym. Jezus narodził się poza miastem w pasterskim schronisku dla owiec. Nie dane mu było przyjść na świat w ludzkim domu. Dzisiaj, Maryja z Józefem ponownie pukają do naszych domów i drzwi naszych serc. Czy je otworzymy, zapraszając do naszych rodzin? Bądźmy w tym trudnym czasie pandemii szczególnie wrażliwi na potrzeby bliźnich, naszych rodzin, braci, sióstr i przyjaciół. Kiedy tak wiele drzwi naszych biur, miejsc pracy, domów a nawet kościołów jest zamkniętych, tym bardziej otwierajmy drzwi naszych serc. Umiejmy rozpoznawać potrzeby i oczekiwania naszych bliskich, aby w te Święta Bożego Narodzenia nie zabrakło dla nikogo domu, schronienia, pomocy i życzliwości. Umiejmy przekraczać potęgą naszej miłości granice pandemii i nieczułość naszych serc. Jeżeli nam się to uda to będzie prawdziwe Boże Narodzenie. Jestem dumny z Was, że mimo trudnych czasów pamiętaliście o Kościele Św. Jadwigi, że okazaliście tak dużo dobra i troski o naszą wspólnotę i o siebie nawzajem, że budowaliście nowy wymiar miłości pomimo wymaganego dystansu i maski na twarzy. Jako Wasz Ksiądz Proboszcz w imieniu naszych księży i całego zespołu parafialnego życzę wam błogosławieństwa Bożego dla was i waszych rodzin oraz zdrowia i nadziei na lepsze dni. Niech przychodzący Chrystus umocni waszą nadzieję, ochroni od niebezpieczeństw i obdarzy zdrowiem. Niech dzieci i młodzież cieszą się opieką Św. Rodziny w trudnym i jakże nowym zdobywaniu wiedzy a dorośli nie znajdują zawsze dobrą pracę. Radosnych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia. Ks. Piotr Rozek, Wasz Pastor



LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners. Christmas is special this year. If expecting Mary and Joseph traveled to Bethlehem during the current pandemic, many people in Bethlehem and the surrounding area would have an intelligent explanation that we cannot accommodate you because we are afraid of the virus and you are dangerous when you travel far away. However, two thousand years ago, the doors of houses and taverns were closed to Mary and Joseph not because of a pandemic, but because of a lack of heart and a desire to shelter travelers. Jesus was born outside the city in a sheep shelter. He was not allowed to be born in a human home. Today, Mary and Joseph are knocking again on our homes and on the doors of our hearts. Will we open them by inviting them to our families? During this difficult time of the pandemic, let us be especially sensitive to the needs of our fellowmen, our families, brothers, sisters and friends. When so many doors of our offices, workplaces, homes and even churches are closed, let us open the doors of our hearts even more. Let us be able to recognize the needs and expectations of our loved ones so that during this Christmas there is no shortage of home, shelter, help and kindness. Let us be able to exceed the limits of pandemic with the power of our love and the insensitivity of our hearts. If we can do it, it will be a real Christmas. I am proud of you that, despite difficult times, you remembered the Church of St. Hedwig, that you showed so much good and care for our community and for each other that you were building a new dimension of love despite the required distance and mask on the face. As your parish priest, on behalf of our priests and the entire parish team, I wish you God's blessing for you and your families, as well as health and hope for better days. May coming Christ strengthen your hope, protect you from dangers and give you health. Let children and young people enjoy the protection of St. Families are faced with difficult and new learning and adults do not always find a good job. Merry Christmas.

Fr. Piotr Rozek, Your Pastor

Merry Christmas



**CHRISTMAS EVE
DECEMBER 24, 2020**

3:00 P.M. (ENG) additional Mass
 5:00 P.M. (ENG)
 10:00 P.M. (ENG)
 12:00 A.M. in Church (POL)
 12:00 A.M. in Parish Hall (ITALIAN)

**CHRISTMAS DAY
DECEMBER 25, 2020**

7:00 A.M. (ENG)
 8:00 A.M. (POL)
 9:30 A.M. (ENG)
 11:00 A.M. (POL)
 12:30 P.M. (ENG)
No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

ADDITIONAL MASS

Since we cannot predict the attendance during the Mass this Christmas—we decided to provide additional Mass on Christmas Eve at 3:00 P.M. so that we avoid having crowds. Anyone that feels uncomfortable participating in Mass in the church is welcome to come to one of our two Sacristies where we will provide adequate seating observing social distancing.

PASTERKA

Aby zagwarantować bezpieczeństwo osób zgromadzonych w kościele, w przypadku wysokiej frekwencji podczas Pasterki, wierni będą mogli zgromadzić się przy Szopce Wigilijnej na zewnątrz kocioła. Przed świątynią wystawione zostaną głośniki. Ponadto, osoby, które nie będą się czuły komfortowo, zapraszamy do jednej z naszych Sakrystii lub na balkon chóralny, gdzie krzesła ustawione będą zgodnie z zaleceniami bezpieczeństwa i zdrowia.

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

Monday, December 21 from 4.00-6.00 P.M.
 Tuesday, December 22 from 6.00-8.00 P.M.
 Confessions in both English and Polish

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers)

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available in the church and in our office for a donation of \$5.00. Donations will be used for our many renovations.



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OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS, DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

A PASTORAL LETTER BY THE MOST REVEREND JOHN O. BARRES ON THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF ST. JOSEPH AS PATRON OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASSES AT LIMITED CAPACITY

- Daily and weekend Masses are resumed. Morning Mass at 9 o'clock has been permanently removed from the schedule.
- The dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass remains in effect.
- Masks must be worn while at Mass.
- Holy Communion will be distributed after the Mass. Eucharist taken in hand is recommended.
- Collection will be taken by Ushers practicing safety guidelines. You can also make your donations by placing it in the baskets that will be at the door of the church. Use of on-line giving is encouraged.
- There will be no exchange of the sign of peace.
- Rectory Office is open during regular office hours: (from 9 am –till 5pm) however parishioners are urged to make calls and limit visits (must wear masks)
- Church will be open for a private prayer daily from 9am-7pm.

ST. HEDWIG'S FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Faith Formation classes are held on Thursdays:
 Grades 1-5 from 5:00 - 6:00pm
 Grades 6-8 from 6:15 - 7:15pm



Structure of the catechetical program:

1. Religion lessons in the remote learning system on the zoom platform. (additionally some assignments, homework and info will be placed on parish website, email or google classroom)
2. Once a month Thursday Mass at 5:00pm - no zoom class at that day.
3. Sunday Mass and other devotions services.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

December 6, 2020

\$6,539.00

God Bless for your donations

Pray for the Sick, the Elderly and the Homebound

Christine Brown, Lily Simon, Zarina Liwag, Sandra Jean Pierre, Thomas Vita, Fernand Arty, Baby Sigler, Alina Romanczuk, Rosemarie Hermann, Joe Emerson, Dan Mahoney, Vincenza Virdone and Mary Ann Keegan and Michael Watts.