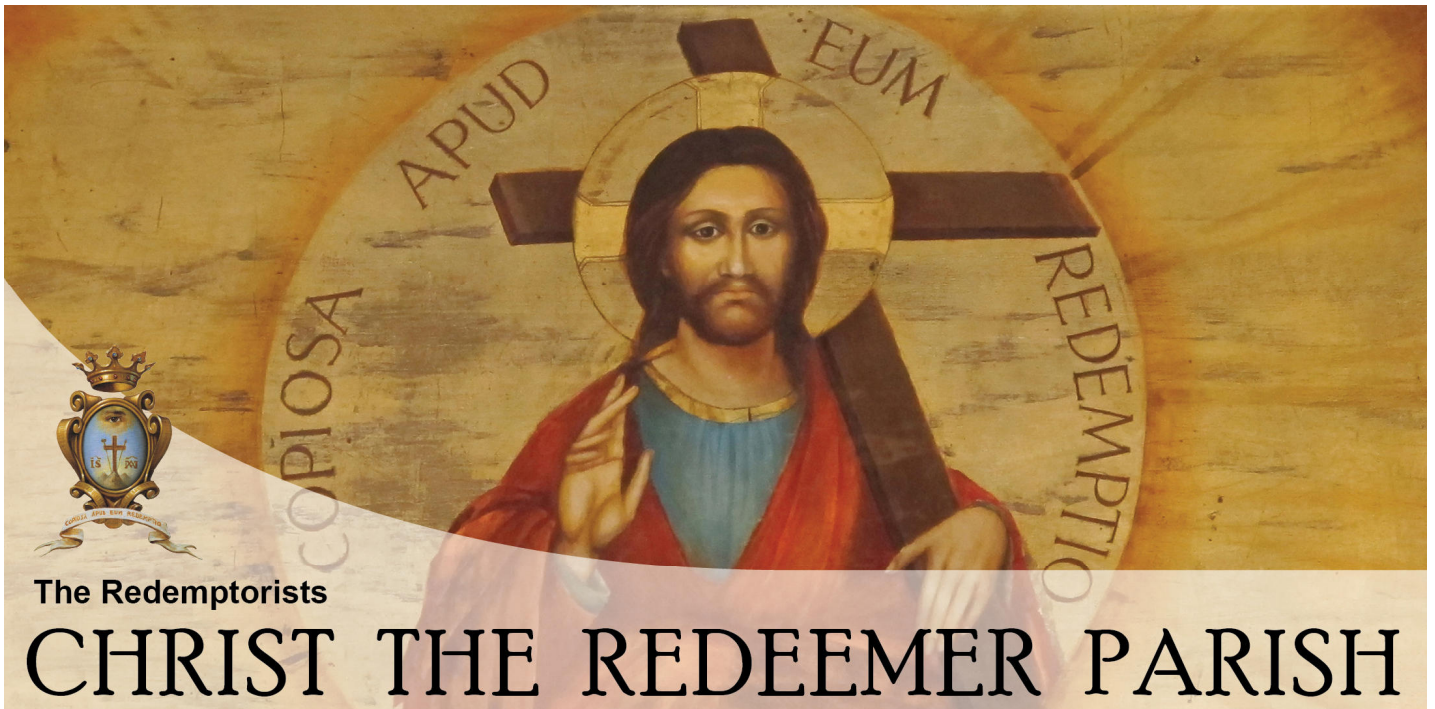


December 17, 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent



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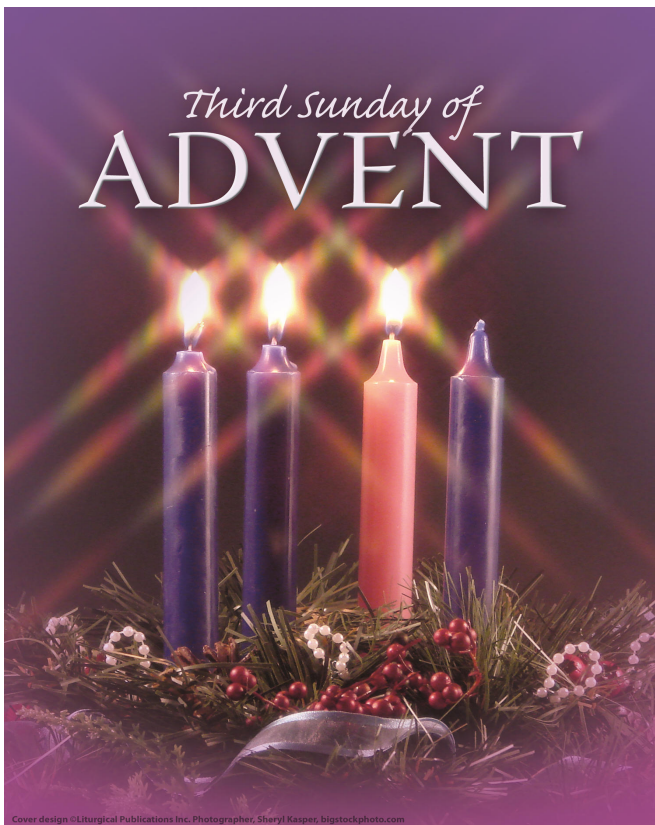
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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Christ the King Worship Site
Saturday 3:30 - 4:20 PM
Sacred Heart Worship Site
Saturday 8:30 - 9:00 AM - Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel

CONFESSION

(English & Polish)
Christ the King Worship Site
Monday - Friday 6:30 AM; Saturday 3:30 PM
Sacred Heart Worship Site
Wednesday & First Friday 6:30 - 7:00 PM
Saturdays 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM & 4:45 - 5:45 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00AM to 3:00PM.
Office closed on Thursdays. Saturdays and Evenings: By Appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 18 (Poniedziałek)

- CTK - 7:00AM †Marge Heffernan r/o John & Peg Reilly
SH - 8:00AM †Robert Petsko r/o Kim & Lou Petzinger
SH - 11:00AM †Tom & Theresa Kaschak r/o children & grandchildren
SH - 7:00PM (P) †Antoni Dmochowski r/o family

Tuesday, December 19 (Wtorek)

- CTK - 7:00AM †Margaret Heffernan r/o M/M Leonard Messineo
SH - 8:00AM (1) †Paul M. Koziel r/o aunt, Celia Solarek
(2) Boleslaw & Julia Skwira r/o family
SH - 11:00AM Mass and OLPH Novena in English
SH - 7:00PM (P) †Deceased Members of the Kania & Czarnecki Families r/o family

Wednesday, December 20 (Środa)

- CTK - 7:00AM †John Day r/o Sal & Connie Adamo
SH - 8:00AM †Izabela & Eugeniusz Klimek r/o daughter, sister-in-law & grandson
SH - 11:00AM †Leonard Vaccarella (Anniv.) r/o wife, Sylvia
SH - 11:30AM Exposition and Rosary
SH - 7:00PM OLPH Novena in Polish

Thursday, December 21 (Czwartek) - Peter Canisius

- CTK - 7:00AM †Leona Meyer r/o Joan Guglielmo
SH - 8:00AM †Eugeniusz & Izabela Klimek r/o family
SH - 11:00AM †Michael & Dorothy Tomasko r/o Brody & Mus Families

Friday, December 22 (Piątek)

- CTK - 7:00AM †Irene Jelski r/o Robert, Jennifer, Charles & Lindsey Porter
SH - 11:00AM †Katheryn Tomasko r/o Helen Michno
SH - 11:30AM Divine Mercy Devotions
SH - 7:00PM †Marianna Maciorowska r/o family

Saturday, December 23 (Sobota) - John Kanty

- SH - 8:00AM †Jan & Magdalena Chmiel r/o Maria & Marian Puzio
SH - 11:00AM †Kathryn Tomasko r/o Barbara & Ned Panfile
CTK - 4:30PM †Edward Hart r/o wife, Dolores & family
SH - 6:00PM †Ken & Elsie Foohey r/o Dottie & Bill Kraycirik

4th Sunday of Advent, December 24 (Niedziela) Christmas Eve

- SH - 6:30AM Godzinski
SH - 7:00AM †Jozefa Grabowska r/o son
CTK - 8:30AM †Betty & George Tomko r/o daughters, Marge & Betty Ann
SH - 10:00AM †Frank Fedorczyk Sr. r/o wife & children
SH - 11:30AM †Living & Deceased Members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Society
SH - 4:00PM Christmas Liturgy for children & parents
CTK - 10:00PM Midnight Mass in English (For All Parishioners)
SH - 12:00AM Midnight Mass in Polish (For All Parishioners)

The Sanctuary Lamp in Sacred Heart will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Kevin Patrick** at the request of his sister, Kathleen & niece, Erin.

The Sanctuary Lamp in Christ the King will burn this week for the repose of the soul of **Joseph Cichon** at the request of his wife, Patricia.

The Altar Bread & Wine in Christ the King is consecrated this week in memory of **Theresa Picciano** at the request of the Melusky Family.



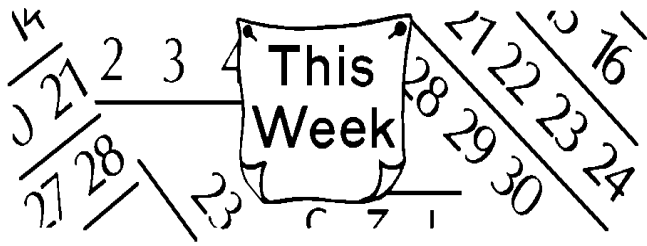
John the Baptist came to testify to the light, who is Jesus Christ. Like John, we are called to testify to that same Light. We do so by living lives of faith and bringing the joy of the Gospel to everyone we meet. We are people of joy who rejoice at his birth and eagerly await his coming again. We share that joy by tending to the needs of the poor, helping those who are broken, and witnessing to the freedom that a life in God brings. May we take our task of being joyful witnesses to the good news seriously as the celebration of Christ's birth fast approaches.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"There is one ... coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." Untying sandal straps was no prestigious job. In the days of John the Baptist, those straps would have been especially unpleasant to deal with. Besides the usual odors that accompany sockless leather footwear, there would have been the grime and dirt from the sandy roads and paths that swirled around the people who went everywhere on foot. Taking off someone's shoes upon their arrival was the task of the lowly servants. So when John says he's unworthy of doing this task for the "one who is coming after me," he is putting himself in a very humble position. And rightly so.

John realizes that the Christ-the Anointed One, the Messiah-is so far above him, so far above any of us, that we are truly unworthy of him. Indeed, the Son of God is not just the greatest of men; he is God-made-man and in his presence we most appropriately should bow in humble homage. Yet this God chose to stoop down to our human level and walk among us. He chose to get his sandals dirty. And still today he chooses to allow us to encounter him as a friend and companion.

But as John reminds us by his example, this encounter with the Lord is not the result of our own merits or accomplishments. We are sinners who stand in need of Christ's help. But thanks be to God, he is always willing to extend this help to us. As St. Paul says in today's epistle, "May the God of peace make you perfectly holy." Indeed it is God who does the perfecting, not us by our own power. So let us approach the Lord this Advent season with a spirit of hopeful humility, trusting that God alone can make us worthy of welcoming his Son.



TODAY, DECEMBER 17

WE INVITE ALL PARISHIONERS TO ATTEND THE POLISH RETREAT, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO SPEAK OR UNDERSTAND POLISH.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP MEETING in Christ the King Church at 1:00PM.

GUITAR LESSONS FOR CHILDREN - Sacred Heart auditorium - 3:30-6PM. A small fee will be due.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES - Christ the King School - 5:30 - 6:45PM.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE – 7:30PM in Sacred Heart Church.

Ogłoszenia Parafialne

NIEDZIELA, 17 GRUDZIEŃ

TRZECIA NIEDZIELA ADWETNU

Rozpoczynamy rekolekcje w języku polskim. Rekolekcje w tym Adwencie wygłosi O. Piotr Podraza, C.Ss.R. – Zachęcamy wszystkich do udziału w tym szczególnym czasie łaski.

PONIEDZIALEK, 18 GRUDZIEŃ

LEKCJE GITARY - godz. 15.30; próba polskiej scholi dziecięcej - godz. 18.00.

WTOREK, 19 GRUDZIEŃ

KATECHEZA – Christ the King School – 5:30-6:45PM.

Oplatek (Christmas wafers) is available at the parish office for \$2 per package during regular business hours.

Oplatki na Wigilię Bożego Narodzenia, do nabycia w Biurze Parafialnym, w cenie \$2 za paczkę, w godzinach urzędowania.



Thank you to all our parishioners and friends who participated in our Giving Trees and the Holy Name Society Toy Drive at both worship sites. The response and your generosity were overwhelming. A special thank you to our Angel Helpers, who sorted, packed and delivered the gifts and gift certificates to our less fortunate parishioners and friends. I know that many had a much better Christmas and were touched by your generosity and love. May our Lord God and Loving Father bless you all! Thank you again!!!

Fr. Stan

Please Note...

For families and individuals who are registered at Christ the Redeemer Parish to be in good standing, they must attend Mass at Christ the King or Sacred Heart Church on a regular basis and use the church envelopes.

- Regular basis is not less than 75% of the time.
- The use of church envelopes is the only way we can determine attendance.

The amount of the donation in the envelopes is never a determining factor. The use of your envelope each week will tell us that you are attending regularly. This will avoid problems or embarrassments in the future.

WAŻNE!

Drodzy Parafianie.

Prosimy, aby każda rodzina oraz osoba indywidualna zarejestrowana w parafii Sacred Heart używała kopert które otrzymujecie od parafii. Jest to podstawa do wydawania jakichkolwiek zaświadczeń (np.: ze dana osoba może być ojcem chrzestnym itp.)

- Minimum 75% obecności w niedziele i święta w ciągu roku
- Często jedynym sposobem na poświadczenie wymaganej obecności, jest rejestr na podstawie kopert.

Wielkość ofiary (lub jej brak) nie jest brana pod uwagę! Używanie przez was kopert w każdym tygodniu potwierdza wasze regularne uczestnictwo w niedzielnej Mszy Św. i pomaga w bezproblemowym załatwieniu jakichkolwiek formalności związanych z życiem w Kościele (ślub, bierzmowanie, pogrzeb...)



The next **First Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima** will take place on **January 6th** after the 11:00AM Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

The next Altar Rosary Society Mass will be held **January 21st** at 10:00AM.

PRAYER & PRAISE GROUP

The next Prayer & Praise Group Meeting will be held on **December 18th** in Christ the King Church at 1:00PM.

60'S PLUS CLUB

GOOD FOOD. GOOD CONVERSATION. GOOD FRIENDS.

All Parishioners aged 60 and over are invited to a complimentary dinner.

Every Third Sunday of Every Month

Please call Kathy at 908-874-8323 if you will be attending.

Time 2pm-4pm

St. John Neumann Center The next gathering will be on **December 17th**.



Meets once a month on the 2nd Monday at 7pm. Call Mary Carol Niezgoda at 908 575-2797 for location and details. New members always welcome. We will teach anyone interested how to crochet and/or knit. If you would like to be a member but prefer to work at home we would be happy to pick up your item(s); just contact Mary Carol. Donations of yarn are always appreciated especially "baby" yarn, i.e., yarn approved for baby items. If you prefer to donate cash we will purchase yarn for you. All item(s) we make are donated to various local charitable organizations, i.e., Pregnancy Aid Center...



The Caritas Team would like to say a special Thank You to all of the anonymous donations we receive on occasional as well as weekly basis. Your generous contributions allow the food pantry to operate and feed several families in the Manville area. We could not be a success without you. Thank you for all you do it is appreciated by the team and our guests.



HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The next Holy Name Society Meeting will be held on **January 8th** in the St. John Neumann Center at 6PM.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:

On many Sundays, especially during Advent and Lent, we hear a reading from one of the prophets. What is significant about them for us? Didn't Jesus fulfill all their predictions?

Answer:

Lent and Advent are the times of the church year when the prophetic word forms an important part of the liturgical season. Isaiah, Jeremiah, Baruch, and Zephaniah are just some of the prophets who offer powerful and essential lessons for Christians of any era. Prophets do not predict the future--they are very much concerned about the present, calling Israel to follow once again the word of God.

The prophets witness to a life of faith. In the midst of an intense relationship with God, the prophets are very aware of their unworthiness to embrace this call from God, and struggle to accept the mission God entrusts to them.

The prophets speak on behalf of God. Each testifies that the word spoken is not from them, but from God. This lands them in trouble, at times, with their audience. Jeremiah, for example, felt betrayed by God as the prophetic message was delivered. People did not like the message because of their sin-filled lives and their displeasure was taken out on the prophet. While tempted at times to throw in the towel, the prophets remained true to the life of faith and persevered in the proclamation of God's word. In modeling these virtues and calling us to greater fidelity, the prophets offer an example and message that are still important to us today.

Minister Schedule for December 23 & 24

	4:30PM CTK	6:00PM SH	7:00AM PL-SH	8:30AM CtK	8:30AM SH	10:00AM SH	10:30AM CtK	11:30AM PL-SH
Lectors	D. Nowalsky	J. Sharbaugh		I. Corradino		C. Cigler		
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Chernesky A. Wall S. Liszczak	A. Scarpantonio R. Jablonsky A. Zolanz	A. Niecikowski B. Nowak	K. Tartaglione A. Tomaiko J. Tardy		A. Szczecina R. Charneski S. Klein		H. Brandt M. Wojtach



We ask you for your prayers for the health of those in need, especially: Jeff Andrew, Toni Antonelli, Evelyn Appenzeller, Baby Isabel Therese Bailey, John Bartley, Frank & Jean Batula, Billy Bird, Paul Bobe, Shawn Brickley, Denise Buanano, Lorraine Burkoski, Bill Caswell, Chester Cejnowski, Luke Chartowich, Palo Cizmar, Pat Cobo, Allison Collins, Kaiden Crothwer, Marge Demski, Dorothy Dinsmore, Mary Evancho, Frank Fiduk, Kathryn Fisne, Marian Gano, Helen Gazo, Dorothy Gluch, John Gubernot, Dolores Hart, Maryann Hughes, Marge Iarkowski, Raul Jaime, Joanna Jasontek, Edward Knitowski, Dennis Koslowski, Theresa Kraska, John Krasnansky, Wiktoria Lach, Rita Lagasse, Ken Lake, Janice Lalley, Judy Lentzsch, Antoinette Leotti, Cheyenne Licardi, Joe Matisak, Quaid Mobus, Alexander Monto, Ed Nawracaj, Mai Nguyen, Hunter Norz, Dolores Novicky, Donna Parlier, Steven Pirello, Joseph G. & Mark Pschar, Carolyn Puia, Mary Rogalski, Marie Rogusky, Robert Roman, Jerry Russell, Jr., Dolores Serra, Irene Shelcusky, Pat Sherwood, Eric Slaughter, Victoria Soika, Tina Soltis, Albert Stanski, Rose Tabbitt, Virginia Tamburini, Joe Tomko, Michelle Tranter, David Urban, Pauline Vantaggi, Irena Walczak, Natalie Walkowiak, Cindy Weigel, Peggy White, Raymond Wisniewski, Barbara Wrigil, Michael Zamorsky, Maria Zurawiecki, and Regina Zydalis.

God of all consolation give life and health to our sisters and brothers for whom we pray in your Holy Name. Amen.

Readings for the Week of December 17, 2017

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
 Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
 Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56
 Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
 Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Please visit our parish website:

www.ctrmanville.com

up-to-date information, schedules, church bulletins, pictures from parish events and much more...

Be sure to check out our video reflections on the Sunday Readings each week. This week Andrzej Porter will be presenting the reflections and next week Joseph Patero will be the presenter.

Have parish news delivered to your email. Sign up for our newsletter on the website.



Our Men and Women in the Service

Please pray for all of our men and women serving in the Armed forces, especially

- Sergeant Matthew T. Bowden USMC*
- Corporal Jacob R. Caswell USMC*
- Pvt. Christopher Foley*
- PFC Joshua Hussey*
- Major James A. Jablonski Jr.*
- Gunnery Sergeant Jeff Morella USMC*
- Commander Peter G. Rybski, Jr.*
- PFC Steven Ubry*
- CMA Mark J. Walyga*
- Senior Airman Lindsay Zaccardi*
- PFC Brian J. Zarnowski*

Please let us know if you have a family member who is serving in the military and we will acknowledge them in our weekly bulletin. Please share the good news with us when one of the above soldiers returns home!

Wedding  Banns

II. Andrja Sekulis & Angelika Lazur

HOLY FAMILY FEAST DAY

On Sunday, December 31, 2017 we will be celebrating all milestone wedding anniversaries, i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc... with a special blessing at the 10:00AM Mass. Please call the parish office and let us know if you would like to participate.

UROCYSTOŚĆ ŚWIĘTEJ RODZINY

W Piątek, 31 grudnia na Mszy św. o godz. 10.00AM (w języku angielskim) oraz o godz. 11:30AM (w języku polskim) będziemy celebrować jubileusze małżeństwa. Zainteresowanych udziałem w tych uroczystościach prosimy o zgłoszenie się do biura.

**Report of Sunday Offerings
in Support of our Parish
The Christ the Redeemer collection for the
weekend of December 10, 2017**

Immaculate Conception	\$ 2,031.00
Offertory	\$ 7,173.00
Youth & New Evangelization	\$ 1,796.00
Mail-Ins	\$ 712.00
We Share On-line Giving	\$ 705.00
Children's donations	\$ 72.00
Total	\$ 12,489.00

Budget vs. Collection:
Surplus/(Deficit) \$ (3,511.00)

Collection for the same week last year \$ 14,627.00

Thank you for your generosity and support. May God bless you.
Fr. Stan

“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” - 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16 -18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations.

OUR CHILDREN'S GIFTS TO CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH

My Good Deed was when I:

listened to my parents.	Maria
helped with the Christmas cards.	Maggie
snow plowed the yard and driveway.	Alex
shoveled the snow.	Alicia
helped my mom vacuum the house.	Natalia
shoveled the snow.	Julian
played with my sister.	David
helped take away the snow.	Brunon
helped dad shovel the snow.	Joseph
helped my mom.	Jayden
helped mommy with my baby brother., helped my mom carry things.	Haley
cleaned my desk.	Gabriel
cleaned my room.	Amelia
helped my parents clean the house.	Edward
prayed the rosary.	Jayden
helped my mom make carrot cake.	Amelia
helped my dad get better.	Nicholas
helped dad feel better for work.	Theodore
helped mom vacuum the mess the rabbit made.	Adam
listened to my parents.	Benjamin
shared my envelope with my brother.	Olivia
shoveled snow off the back porch.	Jason
helped mom bring Christmas decorations out.	Liam
helped cook.	Matthew

*Don't forget to put your first & last name
and grade on your envelope.*

**CEMETERY NEWS
WIADOMOŚCI DOTYCZĄCE CMENTARZA PARAFIALNEGO**

WITH THE CHRISTMAS SEASON JUST AHEAD OF US, IT'S TIME TO REMIND EVERYONE OF THE POLICIES PERTAINING TO GRAVE DECORATIONS. WREATHS ARE THE PREFERRED DECORATION; THEY SHOULD BE TIED TO THE MONUMENT. IF YOU WISH TO USE A GRAVE SPRAY, BE SURE THAT IT IS PLACED AGAINST THE MONUMENT AND TIED TO IT. **DO NOT USE GRAVE BLANKETS** THAT SPAN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE GRAVE. **ABOVE ALL, DO NOT USE METAL STAKES TO FASTEN THE DECORATIONS TO THE GROUND.**

VIGIL LIGHTS SHOULD BE REMOVED FOR THE WINTER MONTHS. BREAKAGE CAN RESULT FROM THE FREEZE-THAW ACTION. THE CEMETERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR VIGIL LIGHTS FOR ANY REASON.

Z RACJI ZBLIŻAJĄCYCH SIĘ ŚWIĄT BOŻEGO NARODZENIA PRAGNIEMY PRZYPOMNIEĆ WSZYSTKIM PARAFIANOM O WYMAGANIACH ODNOŚĄCYCH SIĘ DO DEKORACJI NAGROBKÓW. ZALECANA FORMĄ DEKORACJI GROBÓW SĄ WIEŃCE, KTÓRE POWINNY BYĆ PRZYMOCOWANE DO NAGROBKA. PROSIMY O NIEPRZYKRYWANIE GROBÓW RÓŻNYMI DEKORACJAMI ŚWIĄTECZNYMI.

PROSIMY O ZABRANIE WSZYSTKICH LAMPEK WIECZNYCH, KTÓRE MOGĄ ULEC ZNISZCZENIU W CZASIE ZIMY. CMENTARZ NIE JEST ODPOWIEDZIALNY ZA USZKODZONE ŚWIECE WOTYWNE.

**Sunday, December 31, 2017
NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA
Polish Falcons Polanka**

**8:00 pm to 2 am - TICKETS: \$110
Dance music by: DJ Thomas
Included Open Bar - Buffet Dinner - Hats -
Noisemakers - Champagne at Midnight
Reservations: Adam 973-220-5104
or email tickets@nest946.com
Proceeds for benefit of Polanka renovations**

**Niedziela, 31 grudnia 2017
BAL SYLWESTROWY
Polanka Sokolow**

**od godz. 8 pm do 2 am - Bilety: \$110
do tanca gra DJ Tomasz
Napoje alkoholowe cala noc (open bar), goraca kolacja, przekaski,
deser, kawa, szampan o polnocy
Rezerwacje: Adam 973-220-5104
lub email tickets@nest946.com
Dochod przeznaczony na renowacje Polanki Sokolow**