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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY MASS OF
ANTICIPATION**

5:00PM- English

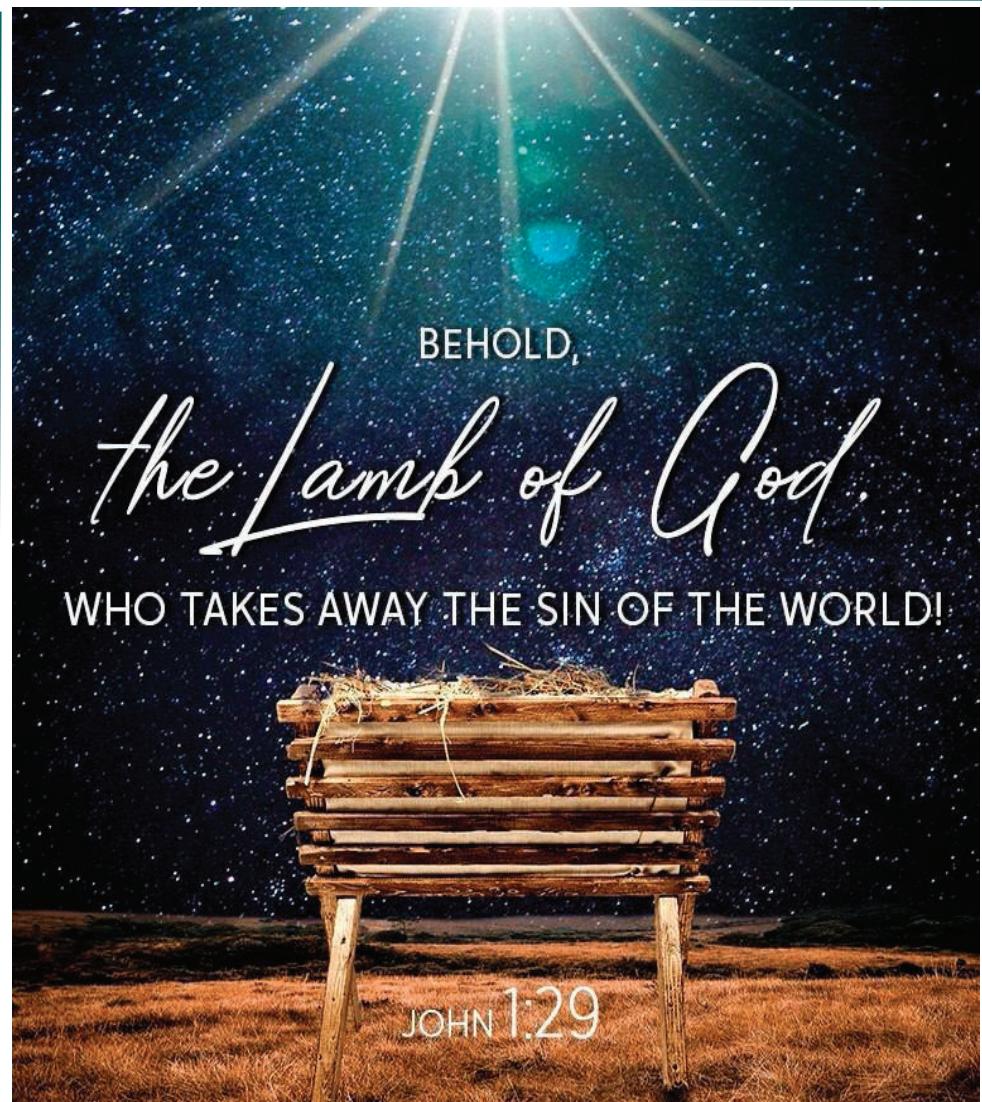
SUNDAY

9:00AM - English

10:30AM - Polish

12:00PM - English

1:30PM - Spanish



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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm

By request: After Mass

Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – January 17... St. Anthony

9:00AM...+ Ana Hajdar
5:00PM... + Giovanna Mone, req. Angela Negri, Sister

Sunday – January 18...Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Robert DeMair, req. Wife Marietta
10:30AM...+ Diana Krynski, req. Class-Next Door Gang
12:00 Noon...John and Pat Zimmerman 60th Wedding
Anniversary, req. Daughter and Family
1:30 PM ...+ Leonardo Cuartas (1st Anniv.),
req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Monday – January 19...Weekday,

(Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
9:00AM...+ Ana Hajdar

Tuesday – January 20... Sts. Fabian and Sebastian

9:00AM...+Veronica Merklinger, req. Family

Wednesday – January 21...St. Agnes

9:00AM...+ People of the Parish

Thursday – January 22...USA Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

9:00AM...All Souls in Purgatory, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Friday – January 23... St. Vincent and St. Marianne Cope

9:00AM... People of the Parish

Saturday – January 24... St. Francis de Sales

9:00AM...+ Laraine Colucci, req. Parish Family
5:00PM... + Paula Beleon, req. Family

Sunday – January 25...Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Frank Kazmierski, req. Marietta DeMair
10:30AM...+ Stefana i Józef Stachowicz, od Córka
12:00 Noon...+ Eloise Dias, req. Mike and Family
1:30 PM ...+ People of The Parish

STEWARDSHIP

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." ISAIAH 49:5
God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week for Our Parish Families.

The Bread and Wine for the Month of January is in Memory of **The Parish Deceased Members.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially for **Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo, Margaret Macknowsky, Jim Rushforth, Mike Parise and Greg Myers.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all our Faithful Departed.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

This reading is a short passage from the second song of the Servant of the Lord. The Lord will show His glory through His servant whose mission is to restore Israel and bring salvation "to the ends of the earth."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth, who have been called to be holy and consecrated in Christ.

Gospel: John 1:29-34

When Jesus visits John, John recognizes Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." John further indicates that Jesus is truly the Messiah and "God's chosen One."

2^{do} Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

"Y ahora dice el Señor, que desde el seno materno me formó para que fuera yo su siervo..." ISAÍAS 49:5

Dios nos da diferentes dones a cada uno de nosotros. Para que el plan de Dios funcione, usted tiene que hacer lo que Dios lo llamó a hacer y yo tengo que hacer lo que Dios me llamó a hacer a mí. ¿Y adivina qué? ¡Dios tiene un plan diferente para cada uno de nosotros! Así que deje de compararse con los demás. No deje que la envidia y los celos entren en su vida. De gracias por los dones que Dios le ha dado y transfórmese en el santo que Dios lo está llamando a ser.

Roof Donation

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as I mentioned during the Parish Financial Report, we need to fix the roof of the school building. The work would have to happen sometime during the summer, but we need to begin to collect money for that project. If you want to help, you can write on your check's memo line: Restricted – Roof. Thank you for your generosity!!!

PARISH GIVING



ON LINE GIVING

IT IS POSSIBLE TO AUTOMATE YOUR FAITH GIVING TO "PARISH GIVING." SIMPLY GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Religious Classes

Classes are on Wednesdays 6:30pm – 7:45pm. Parents are required to pick up their children from the cafeteria at 7:45PM.

This Wednesday there will be a short meeting for the parents at the beginning of the classes in the Cafeteria.



Safe Environment Corner How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256

Best Church Seniors

Seniors are on a winter break.

Our next meeting is **March 19th at 12:30PM**, celebrating St. Patrick and St. Joseph. We will be having a program by Alicia Gray

"Tapping Away Stress." All seniors or almost seniors are welcome to attend. **So come join us as we begin our new year 2026, and as always...feel free to bring a friend.**



Knights Of Columbus

Any man 18 years or older who wishes to be a Knight can go to kofc.org and click on sign up, or contact jabeckman111@gmail.com.

WOMEN OF FAITH

Calling all Women of Faith!

Our next Meeting will be Thursday, **February 12th** in the Parish Center 5:30-7:00PM.

The meeting will include prayer, Scripture reflection, faith-sharing, and fellowship, with a light dinner served. All women are warmly invited to join us as we grow together in faith, friendship, and service.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM.

Next Rosary Meeting is Sunday March 1st after the 9AM Mass in the Parish Office.



CHOIR

Practice is in the church on **Thursday evenings 7:00PM**.

If you are interested, come to our practice or stop by after 9AM Sunday Mass to talk to our Cantor. We would love for you to join in to enhance our Choir. **Many thanks to our new and returning members, you make a difference.**

The Office will be closed on Monday January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

ANNUAL APPEAL 2026

The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese.



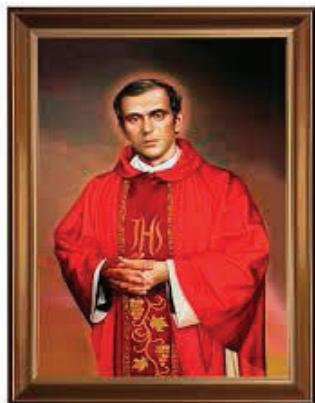
Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus. Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Our parish goal this year is **\$29,654.60**. Please make a gift online today by visiting can.org/sharing, scanning the QR code, or join us for In-Pew Weekend on March 7 and 8.



Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki

Serdecznie zapraszamy 19 stycznia 2026 roku na spotkanie z przedstawicielami grupy "Młodzi księdza Jerzego".

"Młodzi księdza Jerzego" to ogólnopolska grupa młodzieży licealnej i studenckiej, która poznaje życie ks. Jerzego i stara się go naśladować. Jedną z misji grupy jest opowiadanie o księdzu Jerzym i jego historii swoim rówieśnikom.



W poniedziałek 19 stycznia o godz. 5.30pm w Polskiej Szkole Dokształcającej im. Juliana Ursyna Niemcewicza działającej przy naszej parafii odbędzie się spotkanie dla młodzieży i dorosłych. Podczas spotkania "Młodzi księdza Jerzego" opowiadzą o Polsce lat 80, Solidarności, stanie wojennym a przede wszystkim o porywającej historii księdza Jerzego Popiełuszki, który bez przemocy prowadził walkę o najwyższe polskie wartości. Uczniowie poznają nauczanie księdza Jerzego oraz usłyszą żywe świadectwo polskiej młodzieży.

Następnie podczas **Mszy Świętej o godz. 7.00pm** zostaną wniesione do naszego kościoła relikwie bł. Ks. Jerzego Popiełuszki. na jego temat.



Jaselka/Oplatek 2026

Z całego serca dziękujemy **Uczniom, Nauczycielom, Rodzicom** za wspaniały występ jasełkowy – za piękną grę aktorską, odwagę, radość i serce włożone w każde słowo, śpiew i taniec.

Dziękujemy wszystkim, którzy przyczynili się do powstania tego wyjątkowego przeżycia.



25 stycznia -wyprzedaż ciast.
January 25th Bake sale after all Masses

*The Saint of the Week***St. Agnes**

(January 21)

St. Agnes of Rome was born in 291 AD and raised in a Christian family. Agnes was very beautiful and belonged to a wealthy family. Her hand in marriage was highly sought after, and she had many high ranking men chasing after her. However, Agnes made a promise to God never to stain her purity. Her love for the Lord was great, and she hated sin even more than death!

Whenever a man wished to marry Agnes, she would always say, "Jesus Christ is my only Spouse." In one incident, Procop, the Governor's son, became very angry when she refused him. He tried to win her for his wife with rich gifts and promises, but the beautiful young girl kept saying, "I am already promised to the Lord of the Universe. He is more splendid than the sun and the stars, and He has said He will never leave me!"

In great anger, Procop accused her of being a Christian and brought her to his father, the Governor. The Governor promised Agnes wonderful gifts if she would only deny God, but Agnes refused. He tried to change her mind by putting her in chains, but her lovely face shone with joy.

Next he sent her to a place of sin, but an Angel protected her. At last, she was condemned to death. Even the pagans cried to see such a young and beautiful girl going to death. Yet, Agnes was as happy as a bride on her wedding day. She did not pay attention to those who begged her to save herself. "I would offend my Spouse," she said, "if I were to try to please you. He chose me first and He shall have me!" Then she prayed and bowed her head for the death-stroke of the sword. She died a virgin-martyr at the age of 12 or 13 in the year 304.

Agnes was buried beside the Via Nomentana in Rome. Her bones are currently conserved beneath the high altar in the church of Sant' Agnese fuori le mura in Rome, which was built over the catacomb that held her tomb. Her skull is preserved in the church of Sant' Agnese in Agone in Rome's Piazza Navona.

St. Agnes is widely known as the patron saint of young girls. She is also the patron saint of chastity, rape survivors and the Children of Mary. She is often represented with a lamb, the symbol of her virgin innocence, and a palm branch, like other martyrs. She is shown as a young girl in robes holding a palm branch with the lamb either at her feet or in her arms.

Her feast day is celebrated on January 21. On her feast day, it is customary for two lambs to be brought in to be blessed by the pope. On Holy Thursday the lambs' wool is removed and woven into the pallium the pope gives to a newly consecrated archbishop as a sign of his power and union with the pope.

**Collection for January 11, 2026**

Online... \$ 1,083

in Pew... \$ 3,829

Total.... \$ 4,912

Christmas Collection – \$20,521.00**From Fr. Marcin's Desk**

The Gospel of today's liturgy recounts John the Baptist's testimony on Jesus, after having baptized Him in the River Jordan. He says: "This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, for he was before me'."

This testimony reveals John's spirit of service. He was sent to prepare the way for the Messiah. Humanly speaking, one would think that he would be given a "prize," a prominent place in Jesus' public life. But no. Having accomplished his mission, John knows how to step aside; he withdraws from the scene to make way for Jesus. He has seen the Spirit descend upon Him; he has indicated Him as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and now he in turn humbly listens. He goes from prophet to disciple. He preached to the people, gathered disciples and trained them for a long time. Yet he does not bind anyone to himself. John sets his disciples in Jesus' footsteps. He is not interested in having a following for himself, in gaining prestige and success, but rather bears witness and then takes a step back, so that many would have the joy of meeting Jesus. We can say: he opens the door, then he leaves.

With this spirit of service, with his capacity to give way to Jesus, John the Baptist teaches us an important thing: freedom from attachments. Yes, because it is easy to become attached to roles and positions, to the need to be esteemed, recognized and rewarded. And this, although natural, is not a good thing, because service involves gratuitousness, taking care of others without benefit for oneself, without ulterior motives, without expecting something in return. It is good for us, too, to cultivate, like John, the virtue of setting ourselves aside at the right moment, bearing witness that the point of reference of life is Jesus. To learn to step aside, not to take something for ourselves in exchange.

This is very important for every priest, who is called to preach and celebrate, not out of self-importance or interest, but to accompany others to Jesus. This is important for the parents, who raise their children with many sacrifices, but then have to leave them free to take their own vocation.

Today's Gospel is presenting us with the reality of the Kingdom of God; those who experienced it need to give space to the power and action of God in their own lives. Like John the Baptist, our ego needs to decrease.

Fr. Marcin

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