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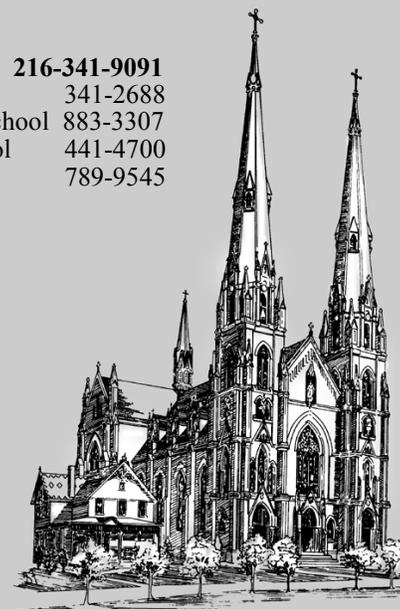
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The artist's sketch on the right depicts the original building with the spires. Corner Stone laid in 1886, and church dedicated in 1891.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Masses: 7:00 AM & 8:30 AM (no 7:00 on Sat.)
Sunday Vigil: Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday English Masses: 8:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Sunday Polish Mass: 10:00 AM
 Holy Day English: Refer to Schedule
 Holy Day Polish: 5:30 PM
 National Holidays: 9:00 AM

DEVOTIONS

Daily Morning Prayer: 8:00 AM (exc. Sunday)
Saint Anthony Novena Tuesdays after Mass
Rosary for Life Tuesdays and Fridays after Mass
Avilas prayer for vocations, second Monday of the month

OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open from Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 PM or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ordinarily on Sundays at 1:00 PM. Alternate times must be arranged with a parish priest. Pre-Baptism instructions are necessary in advance.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

All arrangements must be made with one of the priests of the parish six months in advance.

GODPARENT AND SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Those who wish to be sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Catholic Church. If you attend St. Stanislaus but you are not registered, please contact the parish office so that you can be listed as a parishioner here.

FUNERALS

Arrangements are made through the funeral home.

INQUIRY CLASSES

(R.C.I.A.): Contact any member of the Pastoral Team.

CHURCH HOURS

Church is open daily 30 minutes before and after all Masses. For tours or private prayer please call the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 22, Marca, 2009

Sat	5:00 PM	Sp. Int. Parishioners of St. Stanislaus
Sun	8:30 AM	+Stanley and Frances Lakota
	10:00 AM	+Helen Kozlowski
	11:30 AM	+Edward & Stella Lucas
<i>Welcome Fr. Joe Brancatelli and Holy Family Parish Youth Group</i>		
Mon	Mar 23	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Florence Bogacki
	8:30 AM	Sp. Int. Judy Fields
Tue	Mar 24	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Beth Ann Kucinich
	8:30 AM	+Joseph & Clement Kozlowski
Wed	Mar 25	Annunciation of the Lord
	7:00 AM	+Veronica Gnatowski
	8:30 AM	+Joseph Bobowski
Thu	Mar 26	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Joseph Camloh
	8:30 AM	+Carl Wawrosz
Fri	Mar 27	Lenten Weekday
	7:00 AM	+Tom Reisinger
	8:30 AM	+Rose Smoron
Sat	Mar 28	Lenten Weekday
	8:30 AM	+Cecelia Tegowski

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 29, Marca, 2009

Sat	5:00 PM	+Lottie Gronowski
Sun	8:30 AM	+Daniel Witczak
	10:00 AM	Sp. Int. Alexandra Bartosik
	11:30 AM	Sp. Int. Parishioners of St. Stanislaus

MUSIC – FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

ENGLISH MASS

Processional Kyrie eleison
 Offertory: Take Up Your Cross #218
 Communion: Agnus Dei
 Recessional: Lord Jesus Christ (3X)

POLSKA MSZA ŚWIĘTA

Procesja Kyrie eleison
 Ofiarowanie: Zbawienie przyszło ten krzyż #108
 Na Komunię: Agnus Dei
 Zakończenie: Jezu Tyś jest światłością mej duszy (3X)

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

Sun	All Masses Coffee and Donuts in school basement 3:00 PM Gorzkie Żale (Lamentations in Polish) 6:00 PM Vespers in church.	Fri	5:30 PM Droga Krzyżowa in church. 6:30 PM Stations of The Cross 7:00 PM Adult Faith Sharing in the Rectory.
Mon	7:00 PM Parish Finance Council	Sat	4:00 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation in church until 4:45.
Wed	9:30 AM School Confessions in church. 6:30 PM English Choir Rehearsal	Sun	3:00 PM Gorzkie Żale (Lamentations in Polish) 6:00 PM Vespers in church.
Thu	8:00 PM A.A. & Al-Anon in the social center. 3:00 PM Church Cleanup Crew works until 5:15.		PARISH MISSION BEGINS

Reflection

The following reflection was offered last Sunday at our Vesper Service by Frank Greczanik, a member of the parish cluster team. Frank was one of three of us who offered our reactions to the situation which faces the parishes within our diocese. The loss which our fellow Catholics now feel is immense. We must keep them in our prayers that their faith remain strong in the face of their loss. Our solidarity with them and the whole Church of Christ is essential in this time of need as well as into the future as we all face the new realities of our diocese and society.

David

ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE EPHESIANS 4: 1-5

Live a life that measures up to the standard God set when He called you. Be humble, gentle and patient always. Show your love by being helpful to one another. Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives, by the peace which binds you together. There is one body and one spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called you. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Reflection:

These are trying times for many and we must measure up to the standards God has set. We must be humble and not lord over those who have been told to close or merge. We need to be gentle and patient with others for they may be going through a very rough time. They may have to experience the grieving process because something close to them will cease to exist, perhaps prematurely in their eyes, just as losing a loved one.

As a Franciscan parish, we must hear God's words "REBUILD MY CHURCH." It is our duty to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives us. We must exemplify the peace of the Spirit which binds us together as the body of Christ in His Church. If any come into our community, they need to feel welcome and made to realize they are needed to enhance our liturgies.

This will not be easy for any of us. Let us pray that all will be true to their faith. Once more, I say: We must be humble, gentle and patient, for Paul says there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

Let us be a true Franciscan community and lead by this example and prayer.

Frank Greczanik

SCHEDULE FOR MINISTERS

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29, Marca 2009

Sat	5:00 PM Lector — Betty Dabrowski Euch. Min. — Marge & Andy Flock, Stan Witzak, Connie Aliff
Sun	8:30 AM Lector — Nancy Mack Euch. Min. — Sharon Kozak, Loretta Horvath, Nicole & Mark Kobylinski
	10:00 AM Lector — Mieczysław Gamcarek Euch. Min. — Ewelina Ejsmont, W. Sztalkoper, Tom Monzell, A. Jankowski
	11:30 AM Lector — Mike Leahy Euch. Min. — Larry Wilks, Ron Grams, Diane Bulanda, Marie Ostrowski

PARISH SUPPORT

Last Sunday's Collection

5:00 PM Vigil (103).....	\$1,746.25
8:30 AM (79).....	\$1,276.00
10:00 AM (101).....	\$964.00
11:30 AM (85).....	\$1,290.92
Mailed in (37).....	\$1,085.00
Total (405 envelopes)	\$6,362.17

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REBUILDING THE CHURCH — UH OH, DAD'S COMING!

In my last column, I wrote about the story of Saint Francis of Assisi coming to learn what God was asking of him. The Lord Himself called out to him from the crucifix in the little chapel of San Damiano, "Francis, rebuild my church, which you see is falling into ruins about you." Francis first

understood this to mean the physical rebuilding of the decaying chapel, the wood and stones and mortar. Only much later did he come to see that the Lord meant the rebuilding of the Church, the Body of Christ, the People of God — and not just a physical structure.

Sometimes we carry images of the saints as having pious, simple, uncomplicated lives. We think their paths to holiness were easy and well understood by those around them. We think they themselves must be free from the human foibles and quirks that bedevil us. But that is not true for them, and Francis was not immune to certain human struggles. One of them was a struggle with his own father, Pietro Bernardone.

Francis' dad was a wealthy cloth merchant, part of the middle class that was just beginning to emerge in that era. Pietro wanted his son Francis to take over the family business of buying and selling expensive imported cloth, and then he wanted Francis to ascend to the aristocracy, to become one of the noble men of Assisi. There is plenty of reason to think that, as a young man, Francis was well on his way to that. His dad let him throw lavish parties to impress his friends. The girls liked the way he sang French songs to them. (Hence his nickname, "Francesco," which means "Frenchie." He was baptized "Giovanni," which is "John.")

But the words of the Lord to Francis set him on a much different course, and his dad was embarrassed by the turnaround. What made matters even worse, in order to buy the things he needed for his church project, Francis stole cloth from his dad and sold it. His dad was furious and brought him before the authorities in Assisi — first the judge, then the bishop. Imagine the excitement in that small town as the son of a prominent family, now a public embarrassment, was dragged by his dad into the plaza in front of the bishop's residence amid shouts for restitution.

Francis' father demanded that the bishop tell Francis to return to him whatever he had taken from him. In a dramatic act of conversion, Francis stripped himself bare, handed his clothes to his dad, and told him he could have everything — his clothes, even his name. Francis renounced his dad completely, saying, "I have only one Father, who is in heaven." The he took on the clothes of a poor beggar — what has now become the well known brown robe, rope, and sandals associated with the Franciscan habit.

So, Francis' conversion was not an easy one, for him or for his family and friends. Growing closer to the Lord can lead to other kinds of struggles. As we continue our Lenten journeys, let us all be open to whatever ways the Lord is calling us to be rebuilders of His church.

Fr. Michael

Kto uwierzy, będzie zbawiony

W dzisiejszym drugim czytaniu mszalnym wziętym z Listu św. Pawła do Efezjan usłyszeliśmy: *Bóg, będąc bogaty w miłosierdzie, przez wielką swą miłość, jaką nas umiłował, i to nas, umarłych na skutek występków, razem z Chrystusem przywrócił do życia. Łaską bowiem jesteście zbawieni.*

W Ewangelii usłyszeliśmy zaś: *Tak bowiem Bóg umiłował świat, że Syna swego Jednorodzonego dał, aby każdy, kto w Niego wierzy, nie zginął, ale miał życie wieczne. Albowiem Bóg nie posłał swego Syna na świat po to, aby świat potępił, ale po to, by świat został przez Niego zbawiony.*

Te wersety biblijne wyrażają prawdę, że jesteśmy kochani przez Pana Boga pomimo naszych grzechów, i zbawieni za darmo. A skoro pomimo naszych grzechów, to znaczy, że jest to miłość miłosierna, darmowa, bez uprzednich naszych zasług.

Jednak wymowa pierwszego czytania jest inna. Czytamy tam o grzechach kapłanów, przywódców i całego ludu: *Wszyscy naczelnicy Judy, kapłani i lud, mnożyli nieprawości, naśladując wszelkie obrzydliwości narodów pogańskich i bezczeszcząc świątynię, którą Pan poświęcił w Jerozolimie. Jako skutek grzechów, którymi lud wybrany obrażał Boga i bezcześcił świątynię, Pan Bóg posłał Chaldejczyków, którzy spalili świątynię, zniszczyli Jerozolimę, a ocalałych od miecza uprowadzili do Babilonu. W ten sposób zaczęła się niewola babilońska.*

Dzisiejsze teksty ukazują nam Boga **świętego**. Z jednej strony jest to Bóg miłosierny, przebaczący grzechy, litujący się na widok niedoli, ale z drugiej jest to Bóg sprawiedliwy, który za grzechy sprawiedliwie karze.

Pan Bóg kocha nas takimi, jacy jesteśmy. Z drugiej strony kocha nas za bardzo, żeby zostawił nas takimi, jacy jesteśmy, szczególnie, jeśli żyjemy w grzechu.

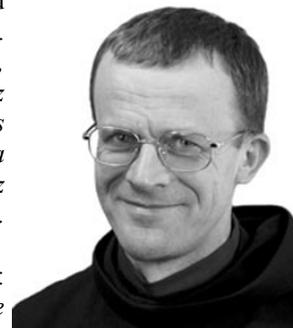
Pan Bóg nie chce śmierci grzesznika, lecz aby się nawrócił i żył (por. Ez 33, 11). Kiedy czytamy pierwsze czytanie, to zauważymy, że Boża kara nie przyszła bezpośrednio po grzechu. Czytamy, że: *Pan, Bóg ich ojców, bez wytchnienia wysłał do nich swoich posłańców, albowiem litował się nad swym ludem i nad swym mieszkaniem. Jaka była odpowiedź Izraelitów? Oni jednak szydzieli z Bożych wysłanników, lekceważyli ich słowa i wyśmiewali się z Jego proroków, czego skutkiem był gniew Boga i następująca po nim kara.*

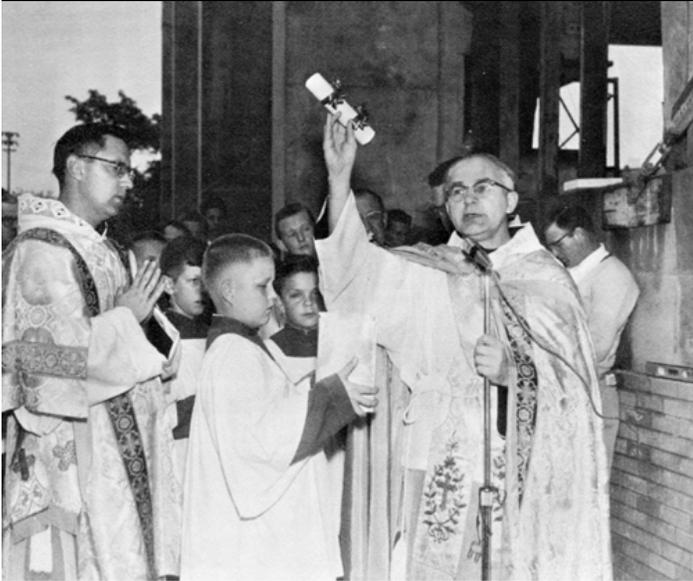
Widzimy jednak, że Pan Bóg ostrzega przed karą, upomina, wzywa do nawrócenia, jak autor Drugiej Księgi Kronik pisze, „nieustannie”. Wszystko zależy zatem od naszej odpowiedzi.

Pan Bóg kocha nas i oczekuje odpowiedzi w postaci wiary, nadziei i miłości. *Kto wierzy w Niego, nie podlega potępieniu; a kto nie wierzy, już został potępiony, bo nie uwierzył w imię Jednorodzonego Syna Bożego.*

Ewangelista Jan mówi nam, że sąd rozstrzyga się już tutaj, na ziemi. Bo już tutaj wybieramy wiarę albo niewiarę, nadzieję albo rozpacz, miłość lub jej przeciwieństwo; już tutaj wybieramy Chrystusa albo...

o. Placyd





ST. STAN'S HISTORICAL FACT

by Rob Jagelewski

The finding of a time capsule from 1917 in the convent cornerstone brings to mind that there is another time capsule situated in the cornerstone of the Social Center. The cornerstone was laid in 1960. It was blessed in a special liturgy. One of the items that resides in the cornerstone in the Social Center is a scroll containing the names of parishioners who contributed to the Social Center building fund. The scroll was placed into a metal box and sealed within the cornerstone. This time capsule is only 49 years old. The convent time capsule is 92 years old. The Social Center cost a total of \$849,423.62 to build. The parish broke ground for the Social Center construction in 1959. Construction continued for 19 months. The Social Center was dedicated on April 9, 1961.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION BEGINS NEXT WEEK

We are very blessed to have a wonderful and engaging preacher for our upcoming Parish Lenten Mission. **Fr. Roch Niemier, OFM**, is a friar from our province and internationally known for the breadth and depth of his knowledge in Franciscan spirituality. The mission will be part of a prayerful sung vespers, and will last a little over an hour each evening. Please try to come to any or all of the three evenings: Sunday at 6:00 PM, Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 PM. A special guest on Tuesday evening will be **Fr. Leslie Hoppe, OFM**, our Provincial Minister, who will be visiting the friars.

CAN YOU HELP?

Father Michael has pointed out the need for certain safety and security upgrades. To provide money for these upgrades a group has been formed to bake and sell lamb cakes and nut rolls for Easter. What the group needs at this time is volunteers of any age and lamb cake molds. Contact me @ (216) 225-5708 I would appreciate it. *John Sklodowski*

The Thursday afternoon Church Cleaners are hoping to add some dusters and broom pushers to their ranks. A wonderful group of people — they make cleaning a joy. Call the rectory 216-341-9091 and leave your name and phone number if you would like to join the group and you are free from 3:00PM to 5:00PM on Thursdays.

REGARDING ANNULMENTS

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland will be presenting a new program for beginning the annulment process. The Quick Start Program is meant to provide individuals with a simplified method for the initial presentation of a case to the Tribunal. The program will consist of two sessions. The first meeting will be a general overview of marriage as understood by the Catholic Church and an explanation of the Tribunal process. This meeting is also open to anyone who would be interested in deepening his/her knowledge of marriage in the Catholic Church and an explanation of the Tribunal process. Individuals who would like to begin the Quick Start Program will be given the appropriate materials at the conclusion of the meeting. The second meeting will be an individual meeting by appointment only, for the purpose of presenting the completed materials. Meetings will be held at St. Raphael Church, Bay Village, on 14 April at 7:00 PM and 28 April 2009 by appointment in the school lunchroom, at Holy Martyrs, Medina on 23 April at 7:30PM and 7 May 2009 by appointment in the Pfeiffer Room, and Immaculate Conception Church, Willoughby, on the 16th and 30th of April 2009 at 7:30PM by appointment in the gym. Pre-registration for the first meeting is not necessary. If you have questions, please call Lynette Tait at the Tribunal 216-696-6525 or 800-869 6525, ext 4000.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The annual election for new Parish Pastoral Council members will take place the weekend of May 9-10. It's not too early to begin prayerfully considering if you or someone you know would be able to serve the parish on this council. To be eligible for membership, you must be at least 18 years of age, be a registered parishioner for at least two years at the time of nomination, and be a parishioner in good standing. Evening meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from September through June. Nomination forms will be available at the church entrances March 21 through April 5. Completed forms may be placed in the collection basket or turned in to one of the priests or council members. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Halamek at (216) 573-1243 or speak with any other PPC member.

NOMINACJE DO RADY PARAFIALNEJ

Coroczne wybory do Rady Parafialnej odbędą się w dniach 9 - 10 maja br. Jednak nie jest za wcześnie już teraz zastanowić się i przemodlić swoją decyzję odnośnie kandydatów. Proces składania nominacji rozpoczyna się kilka tygodni przed wyborami. Aby zostać członkiem Rady Parafialnej, należy:

- mieć ukończone 18 lat
- być zarejestrowanym w parafii co najmniej przez ostatnie dwa lata
- cieszyć się dobrą opinią.

Wieczorne spotkania Rady odbywają się w każdy trzeci wtorek miesiąca od września do czerwca. Formularze wyborcze będą dostępne przy wejściach do kościoła od 21 marca do 5 kwietnia br. Wypełnione formularze mogą być składane w koszykach na pieniądze lub bezpośrednio wręczone dotychczasowym członkom zarządu. Jeżeli masz jakiegokolwiek pytania, porozmawiaj z Susan Halamek tel. (216) 573 1243 lub z pozostałymi członkami Rady Parafialnej.



CONVENT TIME CAPSULE FOUND

If you missed Mass last Sunday, you missed a glimpse of the time capsule found behind the cornerstone of the now demolished convent. The time capsule consisted of a copper box with an unsealed copper lid. It contains some very deteriorated documents that almost turn to powder when touched. Also included in the box is a statue and a roll of printed matter. We are awaiting the Diocesan Archivist to advise us on what we can do to preserve or salvage the documents. *Photo by Tom Neuman*

COFFEE & DONUTS WEEKEND

The St. Stan's Dads Club invites you to join them for a Coffee & Donut Social today. Pastries and beverages will be served after all Masses BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. Come on over to the school All-Purpose Room, say hello to the members of the Dads Club, and enjoy some fellowship and refreshments with other parishioners and friends. Hope to see you there!

INFANTS AND TODDLERS OF SLAVIC VILLAGE —

Times are tough for everyone...remember the little ones who are in need of your generosity. Please bring in donations and fill the baskets in the rear vestibule. Fill in an entry form for our drawing to win a 2009 Entertainment Book—Drawing March 22nd. You will not only be helping someone else, but with the coupons in the book you will be able to double your savings on things YOU purchase!

DADS CLUB EASTER HAM GIVEAWAY

The St. Stan's Dads Club is having its first Easter Ham/Dave's Gift Certificate Raffle. Twenty (20) Gift certificates worth \$20.00 will be given away at Dave's Supermarket to the lucky winners.

You can get 3 tickets for a dollar from any Dads Club member. Call Ron Grams at 216-581-1943 for tickets, or stop at the rectory during normal business hours.

The drawing will be held at the Dads Club meeting on Tuesday April 7th.

SPECIAL MASS TO HONOR ST. JOSEPH WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

a BILINGUAL Mass, with anointing of the sick for the elderly and the homebound, will be celebrated this Sunday Mar. .22 at 2:00PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 6700 Lansing Ave. This Mass fulfills Sunday obligation. Before the Mass, "Lenten devotion of "Gorzkie Żale" (Lamentations) will be sung at 1:40 PM

Please attend and invite a friend who is ill or has a constant physical ailment or stressful condition. After the Mass everyone is invited for coffee and reception refreshments at the Hall.

For more information and if you are in need of transportation please call Special Ministry to the Aged—Sister Servant of Mary Immaculate at 216-441-5402

SAVE THE DATE

SIXTH ANNUAL FOUR EAGLE AWARD DINNER
MAY 8, 2009

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Gorzkie ŻŻale — Niedziela 3:00 PM (z wyjątkiem Niedzieli Palmowej)
Droga Krzyżowa — Piątek 5:30 PM

"Rekolekcje Wielkopostne"

O. Piotr Blajer, OFM

3 kwietnia, 5:30 PM

4 kwietnia, 2:00 PM

6 kwietnia, 6:30 PM

Stations of the Cross — Fridays at 6:30PM.

Adult Faith Discussion Group — Friday evenings after Stations, in the rectory.

Solemn Vesper Service—Every Sunday 6:00PM

"Franciscan Parish Lenten Mission"

Fr. Roch Niemier, OFM

March 29, 6:00 PM

March 30, 7:00 PM

March 31, 7:00 PM

Communal Penance Service

Spowiedź Parafialna

April 8, Wednesday AT 7:00 PM

English, *i po polsku*

ELEVEN PRIESTS AVAILABLE FOR CONFESSION

SACRED TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

April 9, Holy Thursday — Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM; Liturgy of Our Lord's Last Supper at 7:00 PM, followed by Procession to the Repository with Adoration until Midnight.

April 10, Good Friday — Morning Prayer at 8:30AM; Stations of the Cross at Noon; Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 2:00PM; Outdoor candlelight Stations of the Cross in Polish at 7:00PM.

April 11, Holy Saturday — Morning Prayer at 8:30 AM; Blessing of Food Baskets at 10:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:00 Noon, 1:00PM, and 2:00PM; Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00PM.

April 12, Easter Sunday — Resurrection Mass with Procession at 6:30 AM in Polish; Mass in English at 8:30AM and 11:30AM; Mass in Polish at 10:00AM.

April 19, Sunday — Easter Octave Mass for anointing the Parish Homebound at 2:00PM.