

Newsletter
of the Polish Catholic Mission
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Intentions of Today's Mass

Today's Mass will be celebrated in the intention of:

- Parents **Genowefa and Tadeusz Słomiński** who recently passed away as well as **Stella Szejko** (Elżbieta Słomińska's grandmother)
- **Piotr Nikodemczuk**, a month after his sudden death



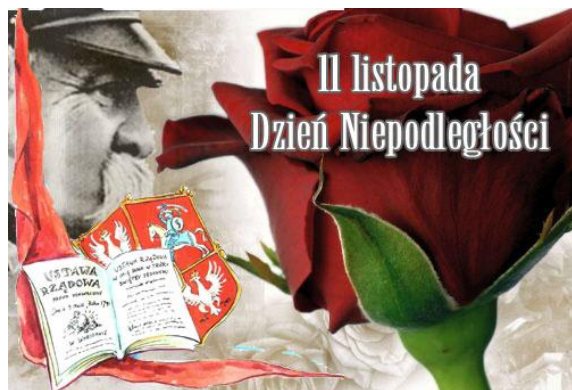
God, you have asked us to love all people as brothers and sisters, also the ones who passed away. We all live in You, we will all unite in You in one faith and love. Please help us, our merciful God, to always strive for this unity by helping our living brothers and sisters with good advise and example, and those who have gone before us with prayer and good deeds. Please hear our prayer through your neverending mercy, the passion and and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Today's Hymns (#Abba Ojcie):

Introduction – Nie rzucim Chryste #548
Offering – Pod Twą obronę #573
Communion – Pan Jezus już się zbliża #122
Final hymn – Króluj nam Chryste #538
My chcemy Boga #544

Today's readings:

I – Book of Malachi 3:19-20
II – Second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 3:7-12
Psalm: 98(97):5-6, 7-8,9
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19



Poland's Independence Day

November 11, 1918 was the breakthrough moment in the history of Europe, but even more so in the history of Poland. On that day Poland regained its independence after 123 years of partitions, foreign occupancy and numerous uprisings. Our country was finally free. On November 10, Jozef Pilsudski who had been imprisoned by the Germans in Magdeburg since July 1917, returned to Poland. On November 11 he took over the general command over the Polish Armed Forces. The process of disarming foreign military forces began

in Warsaw, and then other cities.

The Polish National Assembly established November 11 a National Holiday in 1937 and it remained a holiday until 1944. In 1945 the communist authorities declared July 22 a national holiday. The Independence Day celebrated on November 11 was brought back by the Polish National Assembly in 1989. On this day we also remember and pay tribute to Marshall Pilsudski who is burried in the cellars of the Wawel Cathedral.



Prayer Group

Krystyna Zawada has initiated a Prayer Group which meets at St. Joachim chapel by St. Ann Church in Bartlett (Stage Rd.). The group meets on the first and third Sunday of each month to pray a Rosary. We would like to encourage everyone to join the group. Regardless of the number of participants the prayer will be celebrated. We will pray in various intentions: for our families, our children, our grandchildren, for the sick and suffering, for those who have lost their hope in a better tomorrow, for the Holy Church and our Country and other special „quiet” intentions. This month – November – we will pray for the souls of our loved ones and all the souls in purgatory.

We are asking Fathers Kazimierz, Krzysztof and Jacek to bless our group so we continue our efforts and prayer.

St. Cecilia's Concert cancelled

Fr. Kazimierz cancelled St. Cecilia's concert which was supposed to take place at St. John's church because the Korean community is having a piano recital of Hee-Ah Lee, a well known pianist who has a great talent but only 4 fingers. We would like to encourage everyone to participate in Hee-Ah Lee's concert on November 18 at Our Lady of Perpetual Church. More information on the last page of the newsletter.



Christmas Oplatki



Traditional Polish Christmas oplatek can be purchased from Zofia Schmidt at \$2 per package (3 oplatki per package).

December 5 – Santa Claus for Kid

On December 5, after the 3 pm Mass at St. John's church Santa Claus will visit and bring gifts for our children. Interested parents of children 12 and younger are asked to contact Krystyna Zawada, ph. 756-0587.

Help needed to clean the surroundings of St. John's Church

Just like last year Fr. Kazimierz would like to ask everyone who would be willing to help clean the area around the church to join him on Saturday, December 11 at 9 am. We would like to rake the leaves and clean up. Fr. Kazimierz will provide lunch and drinks for everyone. We need your help – please come!

Confession and Penance Service

There will be an opportunity to go to confession every Saturday at 4 pm before the evening Mass (at St. John's church on Lamar Ave), as well as on December 5 (St. Claus).

A Penance Service will be celebrated on Friday December 17 at 6 pm at St. John's church. After the service there will be an opportunity to go to confession. Those who cannot attend the December 17th service can make arrangements with one of the priests. The phone numbers are listed at the top of the newsletter.



December 24 – the Midnight Mass – at 9 pm

This year the Polish Midnight Mass will take place on Friday, December 24 at 9 pm at St. Joachim Chapel by St. Ann's Church (Bartlett – Stage Rd.). Everyone is welcome to participate!



December 25 – Christmas Mass – at 1 pm

The Polish Christmas Mass will take place on December 25 (Saturday) at St. Joachim Chapel by St. Ann's Church (Bartlett – Stage Rd.). After the mass we will gather together to share the traditional opiatek as well as some coffee and cake. Please bring some baked goods to share. Everyone's welcome!

Polish Mass to Celebrate New Year – January 8 (Saturday)



The first mass in Polish in the New Year 2011 will take place on Saturday, December 8 at 6:30 pm at St. John's Church (Lamar Ave.). After the mass everyone is welcome to join us at St. Jude Hall to share some coffee and cake and sing some Christmas carols together. Please bring some cakes, desserts and/or fruit to share. We hope you can be there!

Traditional „Koleđa” – home visit

Those of you who would like to invite our priests to your homes around the holidays are welcome to call them directly and set up a time for „Koleđa”. Phone numbers are listed above.



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We have been notified that not everybody has access to the Internet to download our Newsletter and some of you would prefer to receive it via traditional mail. If you would like us to mail you a copy of our newsletter, or other information, please contact Zofia Schmidt or one of the priests.

Ads in the Newsletter

I would like to remind you that there is a possibility to place advertising ads in our Newsletter. If you are interested, please contact Zofia Schmidt (372-5794). All business owners are welcome to advertise with us!

Holy Masses in the upcoming months of 2010/2011:

November	December	January	February
13 - Mass in Polish 18 – Concert at OLPH	5 – St. Nicolas 24- Midnight Mass 25- Christmas Mass	8 - Mass in Polish	12 – Mass in Polish