

Reflection for Today

In a popular talk show, a panel of children were asked: “What do you like most about Christmas?” Many predictably responded that they liked Christmas trees and decorations, time off from school, and especially getting presents. Some of the children, however, responded: “people smile more,” “my grandpa who is always sick, gets better,” “my mom cooks good food,” and “my dad is nice to me.” The Christmas season does have a noticeable effect on many people, who act differently than they do at other times of the years. Some are more pleasant and do smile more. Others are more polite, forgiving, generous, and outgoing. We might receive greetings and well-wishes, for example, from neighbors who would not otherwise take note of us. In the spirit of this season, we become aware of possibilities.

Life can be enriched. We can be different and come to experience life more abundantly. Christmas encourages us to be aware of our capacity for change and growth. Life need never be boring, a “drudge,” or stagnant because our possibilities are inexhaustible. Unfortunately, we “children of God” rarely reflect on the possibilities offered in our own birth. We become creatures of habit and get “stuck in our ways.” Many of us easily give up on ourselves, deny our talents, and become fatalistic about the future. But the fact that we can be so different in this season of the year proves something: there is more to us than meets the eye. There are hints that possibilities still lie dormant within us.

Give yourself a Christmas gift this year and replace “I can’t” with possibility thinking. Stop thinking small of yourself and don’t be afraid to take some risks. What is still waiting to be born in you? Do you have talents that you’ve neglected over the years. What can you do to make a better life for the people around you? What can you do to bring more joy to your spouse, your children, and friends? There is vast potential in all of us waiting for its chance to see the light of day.

Father, we are filled with the new light by the coming of your Word among us. May the light of faith shine in our words and actions. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Schedule of Masses

Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

7:00 pm (English) +Shaun Lapenskie (Mike & Josephine Kosnaskie)

Midnight (Polish/English) For all of our Parishioners

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)(Polish/English)

10:00 am +Souls in Purgatory, John & Annie Stamplecoskie, August & Frances Prince, August & Agnes Smaglinskie (Clemence & Rose Stamplecoskie)

Wednesday, December 26 (Polish/English) -St. Stephen

9:00 am +Stanislaw Kot oraz o Boże blog. dla Bronislawa Kot +Bernadette Ostroskie (Julia & Silas Lorbetskie) +Andrew Lorbetskie (Andrew & Marlene Shulist)

Thursday, December 27—No Mass-St. John the Apostle

Friday, December 28—The Holy Innocents

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 pm to 7 pm

7:00 pm +Andrew Blank (Bernard Blank & Family) +Scott Jeffrey (Bronis Lorbetskie) +Leonard Kuiack (Ursula & John Jeffrey)

Saturday, December 29

5:00 pm +Edward Bleskie (Bernice Bleskie)

Sunday, December 30 (Polish/English) -Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

11:00 am For all of our Parishioners

Monday, December 31 (New Year’s Eve)

5:00 pm (English) +Sylvester Recoskie (Jim Visutski)

Tuesday, January 1—(New Year’s Day)The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 am (English) +For all of our Parishioners

11:00 am (Polish) +Irenę Mieczysława Booss (Córka Barbara)

Wednesday, January 2 (Polish & English)

6:30 pm *Rosary and Novena to Our Lady of Częstochowa*

7:00 pm +Agnes Etmanskie (Children of James & Shirley Cybulski) +Eleanor Cybulskie (Maureen Recoskie) O zdrowie, Boże blog. i opiekę Matki Najświętszej dla Grzegorza Dziełak (Zofia Mieszalska)

Thursday, January 3—No Mass

Friday, January 4—Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 3 pm to 7 pm

7:00 pm +Alfie Prince (Gary & Cheryl Burchat) +Paul Shulist (MJ & Marilyn Kuiack) +Alfie Stamplecoskie (Michael & Betty Blank)

Saturday, January 5

5:00 pm +Doreen Matcheskie (15 Anniv) (Emmett & Frances Pecarskie)

Sunday, January 6 (Polish/English)

11:00 am +Lucy Kuiack (Sally Kuiack)

Ministry Assignments next Sunday

Sat, Dec 29—5:00 p.m. Sun, Dec 30—11:00 a.m.

Rosary	Sylvester Prince	Silas Lorbetskie
		Emilia Sadecki
Altar Servers	Delmar Recoskie	Janisa Visutskie
		Aaran Visutskie
Lector	Ed Chippior	Steve Platt/Andrzej Suska
E.M.	Ed Chippior	Andrzej Suska
Ushers	Ray Kutchkoskie	Michael Brotton
	Patrick Kutchkoskie	Arthur Shulist
	Stanley Golka	Zbigniew Mroz
	Justin Recoskie	Michael Coulas
Altar Committee	Dec 28th—Jan 4th—Virgina Platt & Bernice Bleskie	
	Jan 5th—Jan 11th—Julie Burchat & Lillian Shulist	



Announcements

Ministry Assignments:

Altar Servers: All Available

Dec 24 at 5pm—Lector: Marilyn Glocheskie

Eucharistic Minister: Sylvester Prince

Dec 24 at Midnight-Lector: Steve Platt

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Platt

Dec 25 at 10 am—Lector: Edwin Echavarry

Eucharistic Minister:

Dec 31 at 5pm—Lector: Vicky Blank

Eucharistic Minister: Delmar Recoskie

Jan 1 at 9 am-Lector: Michael Kosnaskie

Eucharistic Minister: Sylvester Prince

Jan 1 at 11 am-Lector: Catherine Bloskie

Eucharistic Minister: Catherine Bloskie

Jan 5 at 5pm-Lector: Rita Coulas **Rosary:** Rita Coulas

Eucharistic Minister: Ed Chippior

Jan 6 at 11am-Lectors: David Shulist/Bozena Szymkow

Eucharistic Minister: Michael Coulas

Rosary: Bronis Lorbetskie

Parishioners are invited to join us for **Adoration on Friday** beginning at **3:00 pm**.

Fr. Roman will be attending a **Pastors Meeting** in Toronto from **Dec 26th to Dec 28th**.

Parish **Pot Luck Christmas Dinner** will be held on **Sun, Jan 6th following the 11:00 am Mass** in the Parish Hall.

2019 Envelopes are available for pick up at the **back of the church, near elevator**. If you would like to receive a set, call parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity.

In your prayers remember:



- * Our sick and hospitalized
- * Our elderly parishioners.
- * All those at the manor, lodge and homebound.
- * Our deceased family & friends.

Wishing you a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS

