

Dear Parishioners,

Once again, we celebrate the birth of Jesus our Saviour. We marvel at the humble love of the Son of God. He is the Word through whom all things were made, and yet he comes to us as one of us, born a little baby in that Bethlehem grotto over 2000 years ago. He came to share the plight of our hurting and sinful world, and by his death and resurrection he redeemed his beloved creation. Today may our hearts be like that Bethlehem grotto; may they be the place where we welcome Christ our Saviour. It is there that he wishes to be born today, welcomed in faith and trust. He comes humbly and yet with great power to renew us and give us a share in his divine life. Let us welcome with joy the gift of salvation and go forth together praising God and announcing his love to the world.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

Fr. Daniel Janulewicz OMI



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Fridays at 6:00 pm.** Please join us.

We **welcome Ivy Mae Marilyn Recoskie**, daughter of Chance and Madison Recoskie, who received the sacrament of Baptism. Many blessings to her and her family!

We extend our **sincere condolences** to family and friends of Constance Smith (nee Shulist) and Debbie Cybulskie. Funeral for Debbie will be **Sat, Dec 21st at 10:00 am**. May their souls rest in peace.

Christmas **church decorating** will take place on **Sat, Dec 21st beginning at 12:30 pm**. **Sweeping** will be done after the decorating is completed. Volunteers will be appreciated.

**Advent Penance services** will be held at St. Mary's on **Sun, Dec 22 at 4 pm**.

#### **Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Christmas Eve—St. Casimir's—7:00 pm

**Christmas Eve—St. Mary's—10:00 pm (Polish/English)**

Christmas Day—St. Casimir's—9:00 am

**Christmas Day—St. Mary's—11:00 am (Polish/English)**

The Wilno Heritage Society Community Choir in collaboration with the Polish Heritage Institute Kazuby presents **Kolędy**, a collection of traditional Polish Christmas Carol on **Fri, Dec 27th at 7 pm** in **St. Mary's Church, Wilno**. Accompanist-Joseph Platt and Director-Peter Głofcheskie. Come join us!

Just a **reminder** that your income tax receipts will be issued near the end of January and **all monies need to be in the office by Sun, Dec 29th to be shown on the 2024 receipt**. Any monies received after this date will be shown on your 2025 tax receipt.

Next raffle draw will be held **Sun, Dec 29th, 2024** after 11:00 am Mass in the parish hall.

**No** sick visits in January.

## MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**2025 Envelopes** are available for **pick up at the back of the church, near elevator, until the end of December**. If you did not receive a set, please call the parish office or send an email to [stmaryswilno@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswilno@gmail.com). If you would like to receive a set, kindly fill out the parish registration form found at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.

The **Rosary Society** is donating **one religious calendar per family**, available at the front and back of the church. Any **additional calendars are \$5.00 each**. Please place money in an envelope **marked calendar** and drop off in collection basket. **Thank you to the Rosary Society.**

Mark you calendars for the annual **Parish Pot Luck** on **Sun, Jan 5th at 2:00 pm**

To register your child to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Communion and/or Confirmation for 2025, please complete the appropriate registration form located at the back of the church. **Registration forms are due by Jan 15th, 2025** and can be dropped off in collection basket or mail slot at rectory garage.

Empties for Parish Playground - drop off empties at the tractor shed or the Wilno Waste Transfer site

**Saturday Men's Group** every Sat from 7:00 am. - 8:30 am. in the Parish Hall. All men are welcome to join us for our weekly Saturday breakfast. Expect great conversations, a good meal, and the perfect way to start your day. Any questions? Text Patrick at 905-391-9593.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**BIBLE STUDY ON THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN:** This study group will use the book **The Gospel of John : A Catholic Commentary on Sacred Scripture** by Fr. Francis Martin, on Wednesdays, starting January 22th from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. in the St. Lawrence O'Toole Hall. A typical evening begins with opening prayer, a hymn, and a conversation about the current chapter we're reading with regular attention to the Old Testament and Catechism. We close each week with intercessory prayer. These evenings are led by John Morris. Books for this study have been ordered and are \$30 each. Please contact St. Lawrence O'Toole office to reserve yours, 613-756-2037.

**Marriage Preparation Program:** Online registration is available at <https://pembrokediocese.com/young-adult/marriage-and-family/>. Registration Fee is **\$100.00/couple**. E-Transfer is now available via *do-naiggs@pembrokediocese.com* or a cheque can be mailed to: Diocese of Pembroke – FLYMO – P.O Box 7, Renfrew St. Pembroke, ON K8A 6X1 along with this form filled out. Questions? Contact Yvette Bourque at (613) 585-6301 or [yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com](mailto:yvettebourque@pembrokediocese.com) . **Forms available at the back of the church.**



***In your prayers remember:***

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



We encourage anyone who wishes to wear a mask to do so as their comfort is very important to all of us. **Masses will continue to be transmitted through the radio station on 88.3 FM.**

## **SCHEDULE OF MASSES—Sunday, December 22nd to Sunday, January 5th**

**Sunday, December 22—4th Sunday of Advent—*Bl. Gratian***

11:00 am (English) +**Agnes & Anthony Laturski** (Laturski Family)

12:30 pm (Polish) **Ku pamięci ukochanego brata Andrzeja Rogozinskiego** (Anna Salay & Rodzina)

**Monday, December 23—*St. John of Kanty***

10:00 am **Mass at St. Casimir's, Round Lake**

**Tuesday, December 24—CHRISTMAS EVE—*St. Adele***

7:00 pm **St. Casimir's, Round Lake**

10:00 pm (Polish/English) **For all of our parishioners**

**Wednesday, December 25—CHRISTMAS DAY—*Nativity of the Lord***

9:00 am **St. Casimir's, Round Lake**

11:00 am (Polish/English) **Asking God's blessing for all of our employees, volunteers and benefactors**

**Thursday, December 26—*St. Stephen, First Martyr***

10:00 am **Mass at St. Casimir's, Round Lake**

**Friday, December 27—*St. John* (NOTE: Time Change)**

10:00 am +**Frances Yaskolskie (Anniv)** (Joe & Barb Yaskolskie)

**Saturday, December 28—*Holy Innocents***

5:00 pm +**Martin Shulist (Anniv)** (Theresa Shulist)

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**Sunday, December 29—THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

11:00 am (English) **For all of our parishioners**

12:30 pm (Polish) +**Fr. Norbert Cybulski** (Rita Etmanskie)

**Monday, December 30—*St. Anysia***

10:00 am **Mass at St. Casimir's, Round Lake**

**Tuesday, December 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE—*St. Sylvester I***

5:00 pm +**Bennie Lorbetskie** (Lorbetskie Family)

**Wednesday, January 1—NEW YEAR'S DAY—*Mary, Holy Mother of God***

11:00 (Polish/English) **For all of our parishioners**

**Thursday, January 2—*St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen***

10:00 am **Mass at St. Casimir's, Round Lake**

**Friday, January 3—FIRST FRIDAY—*Holy Name of Jesus, St. Genevieve, St. Munchin***

6:00 pm **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

7:00 pm +**Nicholas Stamplecoskie** (Jim, Kim & Lindsay Shalla)

+**Ronnie Yantha** (Debbie Coulas)

**Saturday, January 4—*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton***

5:00 pm +**Dominic & Elsie Brotton** (Anthony & Patricia Dombroskie)

**Sunday, January 5—EPIPHANY OF THE LORD—*St. John Neumann***

11:00 am (English) **For all of our parishioners**

12:30 pm (Polish) +**Ambrose Blank** (Blank Family)

**PARISH COLLECTIONS**

Please use [stmaryswilno@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryswilno@gmail.com) when you are making an etransfer from your bank account. It will be directly deposited and the church will be notified. There is a section to make a note, **please indicate if donation is regular Sunday collection, building fund or In Memory Of (with name)**. Also, if you are **not** a parishioner, please provide mailing address there. All donations will be recorded as usual, designated as per request, and will appear on the year end tax receipt.

We have envelopes with *In Memory Pamphlet* available for pick up at the funeral home or back of the church for **St. Mary’s Building and Renovation Fund, St. Mary’s and St. Stanislaus Koska cemeteries or Mass Offering**. Thank you for your continued support.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS		
DATE	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat , Dec 21—5:00 pm	Mary Yantha	Steve Platt
Sun, Dec 22—11:00 am 12:30 pm (Polish) <i>Altar Guild: Mon, Dec 23 to Sun, Jan 5</i>	Andrzej Wielgosz Andrzej Suska <i>Virginia Platt &amp; Helpers</i>	
Tues, Dec 24—Christmas Eve-10:00 pm	Edwin Echavarry	Edwin Echavarry
Wed, Dec 25—Christmas Day-11:00 am	Andrzej Suska	
Sat, Dec 28—5:00 pm	Steve Platt	Steve Platt
Sun, Dec 29—11:00 am 12:30 pm (Polish)	Ed Chippior Catherine Bloskie	
Tues, Dec 31-New Year’s Eve-5:00 pm	Rita Coulas	Edwin Echavarry
Wed, Jan 1—New Year’s Day—11:00 am	Len Gignac	
Sat, Jan 4—5:00 pm	Ana & Tobias Sullivan	Steve Platt
Sun, Jan 5—11:00 am 12:30 pm (Polish) <i>Altar Guild: Mon, Jan 6 to Sun, Jan 19</i>	Andrzej Wielgosz Ryszard Prusakiewicz <i>Lillian Shulist &amp; Helpers</i>	

