

# Saint Joseph Basilica



## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS/ MSZE ŚWIĘTE

**Sunday Vigils / Soboty wieczorem:** 4:00 p.m.

### Sundays/Niedziele

7:00 a.m. (Polish); 9:00 a.m. (English);  
10:30 a.m. (Polish)

**Holy Day Vigil / Wigilie Świąt:** 5:00 p.m.

### Holy Days/Święta

6:30 a.m.; 8:30 a.m.; 6:00 p.m. (Polish)

### Weekdays / W tygodniu

6:30 a.m. (Mon-Fri); 7:00 a.m. (Sat)

## CONFESSIONS / SPOWIEDŹ

### Saturdays / Soboty:

7:30 a.m. and at 3:15 p.m.

**First Friday / Pierwszy Piątek:** 6:00 p.m.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**Mon., Tue., Wed., Fri.:**

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. & 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

### Thursday / Czwartki

**Office Is Closed! / Biuro zamknięte!**

*Please call ahead for an appointment with a priest.*

*Spotkania prosimy osobiście umawiać z księdzem.*

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### Mission Statement

*Saint Joseph Parish is committed to proclaim the gospel message of Jesus Christ as a Catholic community of faith, by promoting a sense of commitment to the Church, encouraging divine worship and prayer, fostering evangelization and nurturing the spirit of service.*

*Within the context of our Polish - American religious and cultural heritage, we foster our tradition and aspire to personal growth in faith. We are determined to develop our vision for the future, to educate the children in Christian values and to be receptive to the creative and saving grace of God.*

## Weekly Masses Intentions / Intencje Mszałne

### Sunday Vigil, December 16th

4:00pm - r.s. Jerzy Michałowski  
- int. Anna, Edward & Joseph Kudron

### Sunday, December 17th - Third Sunday of Advent

7:00am - ś.p. Józef Piwowarczyk - int. żona z rodziną  
9:00am - r.s. George, Nancie, Paul & George Jr. Zecco  
- int. Mark & Nancie Dowgiewicz and family  
10:30am - ś.p. Jan Sobczak - int. syn Janusz z rodziną

### Monday, December 18th

6:30am - r.s. Joshua Fasshauer - int. family  
2:00pm - Lanessa - int. for the parishioners

### Tuesday, December 19th

6:30am - r.s. Matthew Dudek - int. Wolkowicz family  
6:30am - r.s. Roman & Antonia Murzycki & deceased members  
of the Murzycki family - int. Rose Rekowski

### Wednesday, December 20th - Rorate Mass

6:30am - God's blessings & good health for Yoann Hubert on the  
occasion of his birthday - int. Julie Hubert  
6:00pm - O szczęśliwe rozwiązanie i zdrowie dla mamy i dziecka  
- int. Gronek family (Polish Mass)

### Thursday, December 21st

6:30am - God's blessings and good health for Michael Hubert  
on the occasion of his birthday - int. Julie Hubert

### Friday, December 22nd

6:30am - r.s. Richard Williams Sr. (15th anniv.)  
- int. wife, Beverly & family  
6:30am - r.s. Rafal Lachcik - int. Craig & Cathleen Holmberg

### Saturday, December 23rd - Rorate Mass

7:00am - r.s. Edward & Helen Mrzyglod - int. Mrzyglod family  
7:00am - r.s. Sylvia Kitka - int. Msgr. Anthony Czarnecki

### Sunday Vigil, December 23rd

4:00pm - r.s. Elizabeth Szymczak (21st. anniv.)  
- int. sons & daughter

### Sunday, December 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00am - ś.p. Józef Piwowarczyk  
- int. syn Piotr z córką Natalią  
9:00am - r.s. Marie M. Nowak  
- int. Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home  
10:30am - ś.p. Rafal Lachcik  
- int. Bogdan i Marzena Lachcik z rodziną

### Vigil Mass, December 24th - The Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm - For God's blessings on all the Benefactors of St. Joseph  
Basilica

### Monday, December 25th - The Nativity of the Lord

12:00am - For the parishioners of St. Joseph Basilica  
9:00am - For God's blessings on all the Benefactors of  
St. Joseph School  
10:30am - Za zmarłych dobroczyńców parafii i szkoły św. Józefa



**BAPTISM.** On designated Sundays. Please call to make arrangements. Parents are required to receive orientation.

**SAKRAMENT CHRZTU** W wyznaczone niedziele. Proszę zadzwonić na plebanię, aby ustalić datę. Rodzice zobowiązani są do krótkiej katechezy.

**MARRIAGE.** Proper preparation for marriage requires one year's notice. Please contact the rectory for appointment.

**SAKRAMENT MAŁŻEŃSTWA** Narzeczeni powinni zawiadomić kancelarię parafialną rok przed datą ślubu.

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK** For those of advanced age, ill or hospitalized, call the rectory to arrange visitation.

**SAKRAMENT CHORYCH** Po sakramentalną posługę księdza proszę dzwonić na plebanię.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP** If you would like to become part of St. Joseph Parish Family, please call the rectory.

**ZAPISY DO PARAFII** Parafia św. Józefa serdecznie zaprasza nowych członków. Zapisy przyjmujemy w kancelarii parafialnej.

**RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process established by the Church for individuals to become Catholic and receive the Sacraments of Initiation-Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. If you wish to become Catholic, or are a Baptized Catholic in need of making your First Communion and/or Confirmation, please call the Parish Office.

## JOIN OUR PARISH / DOŁĄCZ DO NASZEJ PARAFII

If you wish to become a member of our family please fill out this form and mail it to the rectory or put it into the collection basket.  
Jeśli pragniesz dołączyć do naszej rodziny, wypełnij poniższy formularz i prześlij go do biura parafialnego lub włóż do koszyka z kolektą.

\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner / Nowy Parafianin

\_\_\_\_ Data update / Zmiana danych

Name / Imię i Nazwisko: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / Ulica: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town / Miejscowość: \_\_\_\_\_ State / Stan: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone / Telefon: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_



### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 17, 2023

*"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18*



Over the last year or more, interest and speculation about the presidential election headlined the news almost every day. As candidates debated the issues and frontrunners emerged, people's excitement grew. They waited for the announcements of running mates, winners, new appointments, and big changes. The anticipation of big ideas and new leaders got everyone's attention and interest.

Out of the depths of oppression and slavery was born the hope and longing for a Savior. The Israelites looked for the day that God's promise of salvation would restore their status as the Chosen People. When John the Baptist arrived, there was much speculation that he might be the One. He created a lot of interest and excitement that prepared the way of the Lord.

We've heard the Advent message so often that it might seem old to us, and Advent may become just another time of year. Perhaps we are not sure what it means to prepare the way of the Lord. But preparing for the Lord is like spring-cleaning. We need to take a good look at ourselves, change the bad habits of the past, and renew ourselves with grace, hope and the promise of life and peace. We announce His coming by our words and deeds. Live the message of the Gospel and you will generate some interest of your own.

#### SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

**December 10, 2023**

Weekly \$5130; Online Weekly \$797

Fuel \$460; Diocesan Obligations \$1254

Christmas Flowers \$335 Immaculate Conception \$1340

**Thank You For Your Generosity!  
God Bless You!**

**Stewardship Note:** This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord. **Christmas is a time of love and gift giving...please give to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessings of Christmas.**

*To make a donation to St. Vincent de Paul, send it c/o Sacred Heart Parish, 18 E. Main Street, Webster, MA 01570.*

#### NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS

On **Saturday, December 16**, we will begin a Novena to the Infant Jesus at the morning Mass. This novena is a tradition of 9 days of praying to the Infant Jesus for a particular intention and is very beneficial in our spiritual development. The visual image in the sanctuary depicts 9 steps symbolizing the 9 days before Christmas Day. This helps us to concentrate our preparation and prayer for the upcoming birth of the Christ Child.

#### ADVENT CONFESSIONS



The tradition of the Church celebrating Christmas includes reconciliation with God and with one another in the sacrament of penance. To welcome the newborn Messiah into our homes and hearts requires forgiveness of our sins and inner renewal.

Weekdays - After the morning Mass.

Saturday - After the 7 am Mass and at 3:15 pm.

#### RECONCILIATION SERVICE - DECEMBER 18

Reconciliation Service for the Parish will be on Monday, December 18 at 6PM. Several priests from different parishes will be available for your convenience.



#### VOTIVE MASS AND NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

Every Wednesday we have the opportunity to pray to God through the intercession of St. Joseph for our intentions. St. Joseph is a powerful intercessor and we can bring our needs and petitions to him. Please join us at 6:00pm in our weekly Novena and Devotion to our Patron. You may want to state your intentions on the petition slips available in Our Lady of Czestochowa Chapel to be read during the devotion.

#### RORATE MASSES



The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn. The interplay of light and darkness speak to the meaning of Advent and the coming of the Light of the world. The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8: *"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior."*

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

**We celebrate Rorate Masses in our Basilica every Wednesday at 6:30am and Saturday at 7:00am during the Advent Season.**

#### Sanctuary Votive Candles

##### Blessed Mother Altar Candle 1

✠ In loving memory of Charles & Alice Burzenski (Clinton, MA) ✠  
Given by Joe & Ellie Sendrowski, their children & grandchildren

##### Sacred Heart Altar Candle 1

✠ In memory of Bronisław Stachurski ✠  
Given by daughter, Krystyna

#### ADVENT RETREAT

We invite you to an Advent retreat in our Basilica to help us fruitfully experience this extraordinary time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Christ. The retreat will take place on the following dates/times:

**Sat. Dec 16 - 4:00pm** - Mass with retreat teaching. *English*

**Sun. Dec 17** - Masses with retreat teaching

The retreat will be led by Fr. Marek Zawadzki from New Britain, CT.

*To help support the parish, you may mail your envelopes to the rectory, drop them off, or give online.  
This information can be found on the parish website.  
This weekend's second collection is for Retirement Fund for Religious.*



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education classes for grades 1-9 will meet on Monday, December 18th from 5:30-6:30 pm in St. Joseph School.

There is no Confirmation Class this week. Class resumes on January 8, 2024.

### ANGEL GIVING TREE

Please help us to share the spirit of the Advent Season by taking an Angel from our Giving Tree set up at the front of our Basilica. We hope that you will make an Angel a part of your Christmas tradition. Children as well as the elderly look forward to your gifts to brighten their season. Please attach the Angel to your gift and place it under the tree, to allow time for distribution. If you prefer to offer a monetary gift, please place this in an envelope and drop it into the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

### 125 CLUB WINNERS

December 16 - Karen Lefebvre #88

### JANUARY CASH CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE

Please help to support your Basilica with the purchase of one or more January Cash Calendars. All profits benefit our parish obligations to the diocese. For \$10 you receive 31 chances to win a daily cash prize of \$25 to \$500. You need not be present to win; winners will be notified by telephone or mail. Please see Jane O'Leary and Sr. Jeanne after Mass at the Basilica entrance to make your purchase.

### NEW MISSALETTES AVAILABLE

The new 2023 - 2024 Polish/English missalettes are available in the sacristy or at the rectory. A \$10 donation is suggested.

### 2024 CALENDARS

Thank you to Sitkowski, Malboeuf & Hickey Funeral Home for once again providing us with informative and beautifully designed bilingual calendars. The calendars indicate Holy Days and Saints' Feast days. They are available in the sacristy and the rectory for a free will offering.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

January 19, 2024 - Washington, DC



Respect Life Mass with Bishop McManus will be held on Thursday, January 18 - 7:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester followed by departure of buses to Washington, DC. **Cost: \$125 per person. Registration deadline: December 15, 2023.** For complete details, trip itinerary, and to download registration forms, please visit our [march for life](http://marchforlife.org) page.

*Can't attend this year but want to help? Donations are gratefully accepted. Your generosity helps students and others who would like to attend but would otherwise find it difficult to do so. Checks may be made payable to Respect Life Office and mailed to 49 Elm St., Worcester, MA 01609. Thank you!*

### NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Polish-American Citizens Club in Webster (37 Harris Street) invites you to a New Year's Eve Party on Sunday, December 31st at 6 pm with DJ Mariusz!

Tickets are \$120 per person and include appetizers, dinner, a dessert table, a late supper, and a champagne toast at midnight. Tickets can be purchased from Marzena - 774-253-2551, Victor - 774-232-2550, or Kasi - 774-280-0531. Don't delay and order your tickets today!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We are looking for new members, especially those with children in St Joseph School. Please contact Ron Ducharme at 508-414-4450 for information.



### OPLATKI

The Christmas wafers were first associated with the Nativity of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world and constitute an essential element of the Christmas Vigil Supper. This custom celebrated by millions of people is continually growing because it symbolizes the Bread of Life. Breaking the opiatek with our loved ones means sharing life, difficulties, joy, and peace throughout the year.

Oplatki is available in the sacristy or at the rectory during office hours. A donation of \$3.00 is appreciated.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

The St. Joseph Parish Financial Report for fiscal year September 2022 to August 2023 has been completed. Copies are available in the sacristy and at the rectory.

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

The second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital funding for medications, nursing care, and more. It also helps religious congregations implement long-range retirement strategies, even as they continue to serve the People of God. Please consider giving to those who have given a lifetime of faithful services.

### 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT - RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

*"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me because the Lord has anointed me."*

God is empowering you for a specific purpose! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow him by serving in the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email: [dinfante@saintpaulknights.org](mailto:dinfante@saintpaulknights.org).

### PACC BOARD NOMINATIONS MEETING

Your presence is urgently requested at our Quarterly Members Meeting on Sunday, December 17th, at 11:45 am (after the 10:30 am Mass).

We'll be nominating individuals to the Board, and we're counting on your support as only selected seats need to be filled. We understand the hesitation to volunteer, but your participation is crucial and it will make a monumental difference in shaping the future of our Club. You can nominate any of the current members in good standing. Voting will be on Sunday, January 7th, 2024 from 12pm to 2 pm.

During the meeting we will present the financial report and share revised bylaws that redefine our mission, aligning us better with the changed times. These changes will guide our future endeavors and strengthen our club's impact. We hope that this will be a turning moment in the 100-year-old history of PACC!

In order to vote on January 7th, your 2024 membership dues need to be paid. Checks are the preferred form of payment for record-keeping purposes. We are also introducing a family membership, where the 1st member will pay the regular fee of \$50 while the spouse will pay only \$25!

Your presence and ideas are always invaluable to us. Let's come together as we embark on this transformative journey!



### Saint Joseph School Annual Fund Drive & Giving Tuesday Update

Thank you for your generous support! We have surpassed \$57,000 in donations to the *Fund for Saint Joseph School*. The overall goal for the 2023-2024 Annual Fund Drive is \$85,000. Therefore, we have now raised 67% of our goal. Go to [givingtuesday.sjs-webster.com](http://givingtuesday.sjs-webster.com). Donations of \$125, \$250, or \$300 made before the end of the calendar year will still qualify for a special Giving Tuesday gift. All supporters of the *Fund for Saint Joseph School* who donate \$1,000 or more are also invited to a special dinner reception. If you have questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with Beth Boudreau, Principal, at [bboudreau@sjs-webster.com](mailto:bboudreau@sjs-webster.com).

### Saint Joseph School Polish Food Sale: Pick-up Reminder

Polish Food will be available for pick-up on Thursday, December 21st from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Volunteers will be distributing food at the rear (Lincoln Street) entrance of the school

### Saint Joseph School Christmas Pageant

Saint Joseph School will hold its Annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 17th. All parishioners are invited to attend. The event will take place on the stage of The Daniel & Catherine Ivascyn Performing Arts Center in the Richard A. Nowak Gymnasium. Tickets are \$5 each. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

### Saint Joseph School Holds November Recognition and School Spirit Assembly

On Tuesday, December 5th, Saint Joseph School students, faculty, and staff gathered in the Nowak Gymnasium for their monthly assembly to celebrate November accomplishments and enjoy another round of friendly competition. In addition, every student with a November birthday received a new book from the school. November birthdays include Dylan Miller, Maya Denert, Michaela Chege, Elixander Salome-Negron, Klaudia Obrycki, Pawlina Obrycki, Jason Bianchi, Dominik Kicilinski, Hannah Benes, Luke Surowaniec, Alan Kulpa, Severyn Kuznecki, Emilia Dziobak, Henryk Kosiorek, Jack Keller, Oluwatobiloba Akindele, Addisyn Sterczala, Jada Jackson, Pheobe Anobah, Ivan Garcia, Amadeusz Gacek, and Jacob Marcuccio. In addition, faculty members Mrs. Susan Gallivan and Mr. Jeffrey Gruppiso received bouquets in honor of their birthdays.



Following the announcement of November Birthdays, Saint Joseph School Principal, Mrs. Beth Boudreau, recognized the students who participated in the 2023 Saint Joseph School Christmas Card contest, as well as the winner. Participants include Avery Archambault, Kalleia Agosto, Nevaeh Bourgeois, Claire Calnan, Renielys Garcia, Jada Jackson, Lisa Kippax, Faye Oliver, Zofia Pawlikowska, and Gabriel Rudnicki. The winner of the Christmas Card contest, Tenleigh Dowd, also received a set of artist markers.

In addition, students who made the First Quarter Honor Roll received certificates. **Grade 4: High Honors** – Jon Belanger, Charlotte Dollar, Amadeusz Gacek, Kirolos Ibrahim, Allen Oliver Jean-Paul, Severyn Kuznecki, Mileydi Loja, Johnny Marcuccio, Mathieu

Prunier, Elixander Salome-Negron, Charles Smith, Marina Szydlak, Cameron Tremblay; **Honors** – Andrew Hachigian, Connor Kippax; **Grade 5: High Honors** – Bella Kicilinski, Evelyn Macko, Jacob Manzi, Lily Martin, Amelia Potem, Abigail Rubin, Lukas Stock, Sophia Surowaniec; **Honors** – Ariana Benson and James Miranda; **Credit** – Odin Cowie, Grayson Dollar; **Grade 6: High Honors** – Kalleia Agosto, Oluwatosin Akindele, Lukas Barbosa, Hayley Benes, Jason Bianchi, Neli Kuznecki; **Honors** – Alexis Archambault, Avery Archambault, Tenleigh Dowd, Mychael Jones, Jacob Marcuccio, Faye Oliver, Ivonka Warnajtyś; **Credit** – Jacob



Lopez. **Grade 7: High Honors** – Oluwatobiloba Akindele, Rosemary Basha, Jada Jackson, Kyle Muchiru, Faith Muga, Jacob Parafinowicz, Ayla Reed, Alan Rubin, Luke Surowaniec; **Honors** – Ryan Amaral, Simon Kowalczyk, Zofia Pawlikowska, Gianna Pigeon, Liana Worth; **Credit** – Lisa Kippax, Jake Martin, Gabriel Rudnicki, Adam Wozniak; **Grade 8: High Honors** – Claire Calnan, Molly Hachigian, Jack Keller, Laura Ibrahim, Emily Macko, Alvin Montreuil, Ella Parslow, Max Podgorny; **Honors** – KateLyn Baillargeon, Nevaeh Bourgeois, Ryan Gruppiso, Violet Johnson, Alan Kulpa, Mya Medina; **Credit** – Gabriel Gallant, Renielys Garcia, Tristan Pico.



Finally, certificates for the November "Students of the Month" and a unique monthly award were presented. Students are awarded "Student of the Month" for their outstanding exemplification of *Religion, Respect, and Responsibility*. Saint Joseph School November "Students of the Month" are Pre-K 3-year-old (2-Day Program): Faustyna Kicilinski, Pre-K 3-year-old (3-Day Program): Liam Doktor, Pre-K 4-year-old: Matthew Kubiak, Kindergarten: Camila Coan, Grade 1: Grace Muga, Grade 2: Maksymillian Bujala, Grade 3: Gabriella Fernandez, Grade 4: Mileydi Loja, Grade 5: Bella Kicilinski, Grade 6: Hayley Benes, Grade 7: Simon Kowalczyk, and Grade 8: Ella Parslow.

During November, a Saint Joseph School student in each grade also had the opportunity to earn a special "Smarties Award" for being the most eager to learn in their class. Recipients of the "Smarties Award" are Pre-K 3-year-old: Merixandra Salome-Negron and Matthew D'Andrea, Pre-K 4-year-old: Benjamin Maurer, Kindergarten: Theodore Smith, Grade 1: Kamila Biela, Grade 2: Kelsey Cormier, Grade 3: Gabriella Powaza, Grade 4: Connor Kippax, Grade 5: James Miranda, Grade 6: Jason Bianchi, Grade 7: Lisa Kippax, and Grade 8: Alvin Montreuil. The theme of each special award changes monthly.



The assembly culminated with a fun game of "Santa's Sack Race," where students had to jump into Santa's sack and race across the gym to fill Santa's mug with marshmallows. The winning classes were Prek-4, Grade 3, and Grade 5.

It was another busy assembly, but it was filled with student recognition and fun. Please visit the school's Facebook page to view the assembly video and photos. Congratulations to all the students!

Dzisiejsza druga kolekta jest przeznaczona na **Retirement Fund for Religious**.

## TRZECIA NIEDZIELA ADWENTU 17 grudnia, 2023

„Zawsze się radujcie, nieustannie się módlcie! W każdym położeniu dziękujcie, taka jest bowiem wola Boża w Jezusie Chrystusie względem was.” (1Tes 5, 16-18)



Mamy zawsze się radować i zawsze się modlić. Radość uwalnia modlitwę, smutek zaś, uśmierca ją. Radość bowiem jest z Boga, smutek natomiast pochodzi ze świata i prowadzi do śmierci, chyba że jest to smutek z Boga, który wywołuje skruchę ku nawróceniu. Królestwo Boże to radość w Duchu Świętym! Radosny duch jest zawsze wdzięczny za wszystko, bo Słowo Boże mówi, że wszelkie okoliczności i sytuacje są wolą Bożą dla nas w Chrystusie Jezusie. W Duchu Świętym jesteśmy więcej niż zwycięzcami w każdych okolicznościach naszego życia. Nic bowiem nie zdoła nas odłączyć od miłości Chrystusowej.

### SPOWIEDŹ ADWENTOWA

**W tygodniu** - po każdej Mszy św. porannej.

**Soboty** - po Mszy św. o godz. 7:00 i o 15:15.

Spowiedź adwentowa dla całej parafii odbędzie się w poniedziałek, 18 grudnia o godz. 18:00.

Bardzo prosimy o zaplanowanie czasu na sakramentalne przygotowanie do godnego przeżycia Świąt.



### NOWENNA DO ŚW. JOZEFA

W każdą środę mamy okazję modlić się do Boga za wstawiennictwem św. Józefa w naszych intencjach. Św. Józef jest potężnym orędownikiem i możemy zanosić do niego nasze potrzeby i błagania. Zapraszamy na cotygodniową Nowennę i Nabożeństwo do naszego Patrona o godzinie 18:00. Intencja modlitwena na Nowenne można składać na kartkach dostępnych w kaplicy Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej.

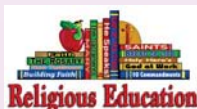
### RAPORT FINANSOWY

W zakrystii i na plebanii dostępny jest raport finansowy za ubiegły rok rozliczeniowy.

### NOMINACJA DO ZARZADU PACC

Prosimy wszystkich członków Klubu o przyjęcie na kwartalne zebranie w niedzielę, 17 grudnia, o godzinie 11:45 (po Mszy św. o 10:30). Będziemy nominować osoby do Zarządu i liczymy na Wasze wsparcie. Tylko niektóre stanowiska wymagają obsadzenia. Głosowanie odbędzie się w niedzielę, 7 stycznia 2024 roku, od 12:00 do 14:00.

Aby móc oddać głos 7 stycznia, należy opłacić składki członkowskie na rok 2024. Preferowaną formą płatności są чеки. Wprowadzamy także członkostwo rodzinne, gdzie pierwszy członek płaci standardową opłatę w wysokości \$50, a małżonek tylko \$25!



### KATECHEZA

Najbliższe zajęcia katechetyczne odbędą się w poniedziałek, 18 grudnia o godz. 17:30 w kościele (powiedź).

**Bierzmowanie** - najbliższe spotkanie

kandydatów do bierzmowania odbędzie się w poniedziałek, 8 stycznia o godz. 17:30 w kościele (spowiedź).

### RORATY

Roraty - czyli Msza święta ku czci Najświętszej Maryi Panny celebrowana w Adwencie. Msza św. Roratnia zwyczajowo sprawowana jest przed wschodem słońca, nadto rozpoczyna się przy zgaszonym świetle - jako znak, że na świecie panowały ciemności grzechu, zanim przyszedł Chrystus - Światłość prawdziwa. Pragnąc podtrzymać tę tradycję, serdecznie zapraszamy na msze roratnie w naszej Bazylice, które sprawowane są w każdą środę Adwentu o godzinie 6:30 i w każdą sobotę o godzinie 7:00.



### OPLATKI I KALENDARZE

Oplatek wigilijny jest symbolem pojednania i przebaczenia, znakiem przyjaźni i miłości. Dzielenie się nim na początku wieczery wigilijnej wyraża chęć bycia razem. Ma swoją symbolikę w wymiarze nie tylko duchowym: sama materia opłatka: "chleb", podkreśla również doczesny charakter życzeń. Pobłogosławione opłatki są dostępne w zakrystii i na plebanii.

W zakrystii są również dostępne kalendarze po polsku i po angielsku na rok 2024.



### ANIELSKIE DRZEWKO

Każdego roku, wraz z rozpoczynającym się Adwentem, organizujemy zbiórkę upominków świątecznych. Znaleźć je można już w całym kościele z aniołkami znajdującymi się przy prezbiterium i przy głównym wejściu do Bazyliki. Bardzo prosimy o połączenie się w duchu ofiarności i dzielenia radością z innymi. Wiele osób, zarówno dzieci jak i starszych, w świątecznym okresie z ogromną nadzieją oczekuje na wyciągniętą pomocną dłoń. Przyniesione prezenty można składać pod drzewkiem przy prezbiterium. Datki pieniężne prosimy przynosić do biura parafialnego lub włożyć do koszyka z kolektą.



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