

Parafia p.w. Narodzenia Najświętszej Maryi Panny / St. Mary's Polish Parish
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-Sunday, June 28 – Mass at 9:30 am. Mass intention for Millie Pierrynowski from Janina MacCormack.

-Wednesday, July 1 – Canada Day -- Mass at 12:10 p.m. followed by Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Częstochowa. Mass intention for Michael Melski from Ursula and family.

-Sunday, July 5, Mass at 9:30 am (Sunday closest to our second parish feast day – marking 10 years since the consecration of the rebuilt church building). Mass intention for Józef Wołoszyn from Ursula and family.

OGŁOSZENIA / Announcements

Next Sunday – one of our two parish annual feast days (10th anniversary of consecration of the rebuilt church). Although we will more formally mark this anniversary in September, around the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we will have special prayers and lunch after Mass next Sunday (July 5)

***LUNCH AFTER MASS NEXT SUNDAY:** Thank you to everyone who can bring a dish to share for lunch after Mass next Sunday (July 5).

This evening (Sunday, June 28). Annual General Meeting of St. Michael's Polish Benefit Society at 7 pm in the church - Sala 1050.

For Society members who have not renewed, or anyone who would like to be a member, we will have membership forms at the meeting. The annual membership fee is \$30. Dziękujemy serdecznie.

Spiritual poems – Anna Kamieńska. Over the summer, we are looking for a few people to read some of Anna Kamieńska's poems (in English or Polish) and share a little bit about your favourite one in a September Zoom conversation during NS Polish Heritage Month. Her beautiful poems were deeply influenced by her spirituality, wartime experience, Christian ethics, experience with grief, and concern with the suffering of others. Here, for example, is the last part of Kamieńska's poem "A Prayer that Will Be Answered," where she reflects on the world after her death: *Let the grass stay green/ so that frogs can hide in it /so that someone can bury his face in it / and sob out her love. / Make the day rise brightly / as if*

there were no more pain. / And let my poem stand clear as a windowpane/ bumped by a bumblebee's head.

Summer reading project in preparation for NS Polish Heritage Month (September): Would you like to read one best-selling book over the summer by a Polish or Polonia author – in either Polish or English? We will make some suggestions and get for you a free copy of your book. During NS Polish Heritage we will have a gathering/conversation where our readers will share, in English, a few words (no preparation necessary other than reading the book) about what they read and any impressions it made on them.

*A couple of examples of best-selling books that would be suggested to volunteer readers (each of whom would undertake to read just one book):

-Henryk Sienkiewicz, *Quo Vadis*

-Janusz Korczak, *King Matt the First*

RECORDING POLISH NURSERY RHYMES. As part of our collaboration with the NS *Read to Me!* Program we will spend part of September (NS Polish Heritage Month) recording nursery rhymes that will appear in a new Polish booklet that the Read to Me program will have available (and which will be officially released in September). Thank you to anyone who can lend their voice. The CBU recording studio has kindly agreed to help us.

NARODOWE CZYTANIE – DZIADY / FOREFATHERS' EVE by Adam Mickiewicz. Our Cape Breton Polish community takes part in the international activity where Polish communities do readings from the same classic book. This year that book is *Dziady (Forefathers' Eve)* by Adam Mickiewicz. Bob Lewandowski will introduce it in September – and we will have readings in November.

OUR POLISH-THEMED RADIO SEGMENTS – weekdays at 3:50 and 7:50 p.m. on The Coast Radio (FM 89.7). This coming week's segment is about our **Polish tickle trunk project with NSCC student Dakota Jaques. Thank you to Steffy Robert, in honour of her mother Bimla Robert and her mother-in-law Parveen, this week's sponsor of the Society.**

*Thank you for considering being a sponsor. Sponsorships are \$100-per-week (recognized on air) to support the St. Michael's Polish Benefit Society.

We will be recording another round of segments this coming Friday, July 3.

A FEW MORE NOTES ON MEMBERSHIP IN THE ST. MICHAEL'S POLISH BENEFIT SOCIETY:

Membership (\$30 per year) is open to anyone who supports the cultural and community work of the Society. Founded in 1909, the Society is the oldest continuously operating Polish cultural organization in Canada. It's responsible for the Polish Village Hall and many activities. The Society also developed the Twin City Pocket Park in honour of Wałbrzych, Poland, and manages the Glace Bay Polish pioneers interpretive panel in the Dawe Avenue Recreation Field. The Society is a positive and creative organization. Members do not have to attend monthly meetings; members get involved as per their time and interests (only members who are elected to the board make a commitment to regularly attend meetings).

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be this evening, Sunday, June 28 at 7 p.m.

FOOD CUPBOARD: Thank you for non-perishable items (collection box at entrance to church)

UKRAINIAN HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE: Thank you for recyclable bottles (being collected by Marjorie Ardelli and Paul MacKinnon). These can be placed near the side entrance. This fund-raising project alone is approaching \$9,000.

COLLECTION JUNE 21: \$997, including \$100 for Ukrainian humanitarian assistance and \$50 for the Building Fund.

Donations can also be made directly to the parish (using a debit/credit card) securely online on CanadaHelps. Once on the CanadaHelps site, simply do a search for "St. Mary's Polish Parish." ***Thank you for your generosity to our parish!***

Candle cards (to acknowledge prayer intentions) are at the back of the church. **Mass intentions** can be reserved Wednesday or Sunday after Mass by speaking with Jean Annette White.

SOME IMPORTANT SEPTEMBER DATES TO NOTE: **Sept. 1:** Sunrise prayers for peace (at dawn in our church); **Sunday, September 13:** We will mark the 10th anniversary of our rebuilt church and celebrate our parish feast day; **Saturday, September 26:** Cultural open house / inauguration of new Polish costume room at Polish Village Hall. We will also have walks, a library event, a film screening, a youth activity evening and more.

PIEŚNI / HYMNS

Entrance: Kiedy Ranne (The Morning Hymn) Hymn #2 on page 33 of the book in the pews, *Przez Pokolenia: Prayers and Customs of St. Mary's Polish Church*

Offertory: Twemu Sercu Cześć Składamy (We Give Honour to Your Sacred Heart)

Twemu Sercu cześć składamy, o Jezu nasz, o Jezu /Twej litości przyzywamy, o Zbawicielu drogi.

/Chwała niech będzie Zawsze i wszędzie/Twemu Sercu, O mój Jezu.(x2)

Communion: Wszystko Tobie oddać pragnę (I Seek to Give all to You) – choir

Post-Communion: Czarna Madonna (A Hymn to Our Lady of Częstochowa)

Jest zakątek na tej ziemi,/Gdzie powracać każdy chce,/Gdzie króluje Jej Oblicze,/Na Nim cięte rysy dwie./Wzrok ma smutny, zatroskany,/Jakby chciała prosić cię,/Byś w matczyną Jej opiekę oddał się.

Ref.Madonno, Czarna Madonno,/Jak dobrze Twym dzieckiem być!/O, pozwól, Czarna Madonno,/W ramiona Twoje się skryć!

Recessional: My Chcemy Boga (We Look to God)

1.My chcemy Boga! Panno święta!/ O usłysz naszych wołań głos!/Miłości Bożej dźwigać pęta, to nasza chluba, to nasz los

Ref:Błogostaw słodka, Pani!/Błogostaw wszelki stan!/My chcemy Boga! My poddani! On naszym Królem, On nasz Pan!/bis

2.My chcemy Boga w rodzin kole,/W troskach rodziców, w dziełek snach: My chcemy Boga w książce, w szkole,/W godzinach wytchnień, w pracy dniach. Błogostaw słodka Pani