



Parafia p.w. Narodzenia Najświętszej Maryi Panny / St. Mary's Polish Parish

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OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY / THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS TO ALL!

-Sunday, October 11, Mass at 9:30 a.m. Mass intentions for Dawn Marie and Michael Ardelli from Shirley and family / and for Amanda LaRusic from Julie Bennett.

-Wednesday, October 14, Mass at 12:10 p.m. (noontime), followed by Novena Prayer to Our Lady of Częstochowa. Mass intention for Józef Wołoszyn from Ursula Melski and family.

-Sunday, October 18: Mass at 9:30 a.m. Mass intention for Stella and Bernie Granville, from Frania and family.

OGŁOSZENIA / Announcements

A Thanksgiving gift: We have some small pumpkins/gourds at the back of the church. Please take one home as a gesture of friendship and appreciation. Thanks, everyone, for all our recent, positive community activities. But above all, thank you for being you. God bless you.

On November 1 (All Saints Day) after Mass, we will have lunch and our annual Polish literary reading (Narodowe Czytanie), in common with Polish communities around the world. The classic text (excerpts) being read this year by the various Polish communities is *Dziady* (Forefathers' Eve) by Adam Mickiewicz. If you would like to read a short excerpt – in Polish or English – please speak with Tom Urbaniak.

POLISH LESSONS: Our colleagues in Halifax are organizing on-line Polish lessons for all levels, starting soon, flexible as to scheduling and needs (eg practical beginner's

conversations or more structured). If you might be interested, please speak with Tom Urbaniak and he will put you in touch.

POSSIBILITY OF CONSULAR SESSION IN 2027: The Polish Consulate has asked if there might be several people in Cape Breton who would require consular services like passport renewals in 2027. The Consulate General would be willing to consider a consular session (a day of appointments) in Cape Breton in 2027 – to save travel to Montreal or to an occasional consular day in Halifax.

OUR POLISH-THEMED RADIO SEGMENTS – weekdays at 3:50 and 7:50 p.m. on The Coast Radio (FM 89.7). Thank you to everyone who can volunteer to lend their voice or sponsor a week for \$100 (eg. as a memorial or as a birthday gift). These funds support the St. Michael's Polish Benefit Society to maintain the Polish Village Hall, the Twin City Pocket Park, and do cultural outreach projects.

This coming week's segment is about fall colours in Bieszczady – and parallels with the Cape Breton Highlands. Thank you to Stephanie Black for lending her voice. The segment is dedicated in memory

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 now at almost \$10,000!

PARISH COLLECTION October 4: \$1,020, including \$40 for Ukrainian humanitarian assistance and \$120 for fuel.

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 carry on the work of our parish!*** Bóg zapłać!

Candle cards (to acknowledge prayer intentions when you light a votive candle) are at the back of the church. It's common to give the candle card to the person or family.

***A Note about Mass intentions.** Thank you for your Mass intentions. The calendar is already quite full, including in 2027. And so Father Evo has kindly asked us to hold for now on long-range Mass intentions to keep some space open for Mass intentions that might need to come up on short notice (eg time-sensitive).

PIEŚNI / HYMNS

Entrance: Pod Twą obronę (For Thy Protection) **This is hymn #1 on page 32** of the book in the pews: *Przez Pokolenia: Prayers and Customs of St. Mary's Polish Church.*

Offertory: Z rąk kapłańskich (From Priestly Hands)

1. Z rąk kapłańskich przyjmij Panie Tę ofiarę chleba wina Co się wkrótce dla nas stanie Krwią i Ciałem Twego Syna. 2. Niech przestępstwa nasze zmywa I uśmierza gniew Twój Panie Niech nas z niebem pojednywa I uzyska przebłaganie. 3. Niech przestępstwa nasze zmywa I uśmierza gniew Twój Panie Niech nas z niebem pojednywa I uzyska przebłaganie

Communion: Bądźże pozdrowiona (Be Praised) – choir

Post-Communion: Na Wszystkich Drogach Życia (On All the Roads of Life) - message of Thanksgiving

Na wszystkich drogach życia,/ Gdzie posłałeś mnie,/ O Tobie, Boże, myślę,/ Wszędzie szukam Cię. Ref: O Boże mój, dziękuję Ci/ Za bezmiar Twoich łask,/ Za radość Twą, za miłość Twą, Za każdą chwilę dnia. Zapalasz światło wiary/ W zwykły, szary czas,/ By każda chwila życia/ Jednoczyła nas.

Recessional: Zawitaj, Matko Różańca świętego (Greetings, Mother of the Holy Rosary) – as October is the Month of the Holy Rosary

1. Zawitaj, Matko Różańca świętego,/ Przybytku Boga, w Trójcy jedyne./ Ucieczko nasza, ucieczko nasza, w życia doczesności,/ O cedrze czystości! 2. Najozdobniejsza Różdżko ogrodowa,/ Najprzyjemniejsza Różdżko Aronowa. Wonność balsamu, wonność balsamu, balsam przechodząca./ Matko kochająca