

JUNE 9, 2019
Pentecost

St. Thomas Becket



MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am & 12:30pm
7:30am & 10:45am Polish
Weekdays: 9:00am Mass: Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Friday—7:00pm Mass in Polish

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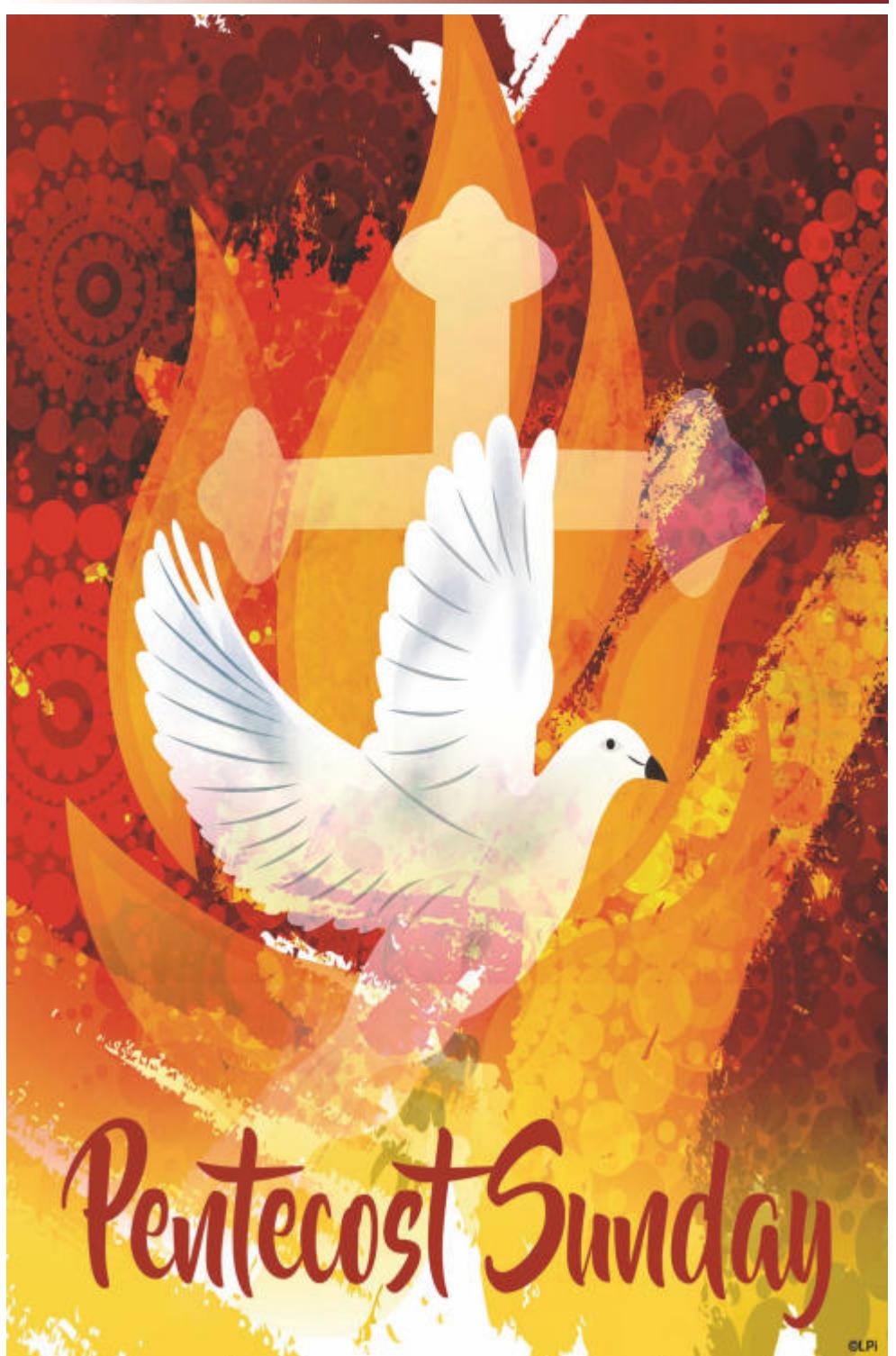
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CHURCH RENOVATION 2019—WEEK #4



NABOŻEŃSTWO CZERWCOWE



będą odbywać się w każdy dzień
— od poniedziałku do soboty—
zapraszamy na godz. 6:30pm
na wspólną modlitwę.

June prayer service in Polish is everyday from Monday to Saturday at 6:30pm.

MEN'S CLUB

annual

FATHER'S DAY MASS
will be on Saturday, June 15th at the 4:30pm Mass.

All members are encouraged to attend.



CORPUS CHRISTI (*Latin for Body of Christ*) — JUNE 23

This year, once again, in a very special way our parish will celebrate this Feast. Everyone is invited to participate in a bilingual Mass at **11:00am** and then a procession to the four altars that will be erected around our church for that day. All First Communion children, children and adults in traditional regional costumes are strongly encouraged to participate, all are welcome. **Please note that the 11:00am bilingual Mass will be INSTEAD OF the 10:45am and 12:30pm Masses.**

Uroczystość Najświętszego Ciała i Krwi Chystusa przypada

w tym roku w niedzielę 23-go czerwca. W tym roku ponownie zapraszamy na przeżycie tego święta w bardzo specjalny i uroczysty sposób. Rozpoczniemy dwujęzyczną Mszą Św. o godz **11:00am** po czym procesja do czterech ołtarzy wokół kościoła. Serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkie dzieci pierwszo-komunijne, dziewczęta i chłopców z koszyczkami kwiatów do sypania i z dzwoneczkami. Dorosłych również zachęcamy do ubrania się w stroje regionalne i do wzięcia udziału w tej pięknej tradycyjnej procesji. Potrzebne są chętne osoby do pomocy przy ustawnianiu ołtarzy—**po Mszy Św. o godz. 7:30am i do rozbioru po procesji.** W tym roku będą niesione dodatkowo 3 obrazy w procesji—potrzeba osób do niesienia ich.

Chętnych prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym: 847-827-9220.

UWAGA—ze względu na Msze Św. o godz. 11:00am

NIE będzie Mszy o godz. 10:45am i o 12:30pm w niedzielę 23-go czerwca.



Uczyć Kim Jest Chrystus

Dziękujemy wszystkim, którzy dążą aby nasza kampania parafialna „Uczyć Kim Jest Chrystus” była sukcesem. Przypominamy, że nadszedł czas, aby wypełnić zobowiązania i przesłać je na poniższy adres.

**NASZ WYZNACZONY CEL KAMPANII WYNOSIŁ \$615,000
DO 31 MAJA 2019 GOTÓWKA NA KONCIE
\$275,635—75% ZOBOWIĄZAŃ**

Pamiętajmy, iż nasze zobowiązania wyniosły \$654,973

To Teach Who Christ Is

We thank everyone who put an effort towards the success of our parish capital campaign. At the same time, we kindly remind everyone that the time has come to fulfill your obligations and send in your declared contributions to the address listed below.

**OUR CAMPAIGN GOAL WAS \$615,000
TOTAL CASH ON HAND AS OF MAY 31, 2019
\$275,635—75% OF PLEDGES**

Please remember that pledged amount is \$654,973

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO—GIFT PROCESSING
PO BOX 7256 KENSINGTON, CT 06039-9902

Dzisiaj w czytaniu Św. Pawła z 1 Listu do Koryntian, słyszmy następujące przesłanie:

Różne są dary łaski lecz ten sam Duch;
różne też są rodzaje posługiowania, ale jeden Pan;
różne są wreszcie działania,
lecz ten sam Bóg sprawca wszystkiego we wszystkich.
Wszystkim zaś objawia się Duch dla wspólnego dobra.

WSZYSCY OTRZYMALIŚMY W DARZE DUCHA ŚWIETEGO - nie tylko kapłani, biskupi czy siostry zakonne – KAŻDY Z NAS. Jak więc Duch Święty działa w twoim życiu? Jakie – duże czy małe – uczynki dobroci lub miłości spełniasz? Do czego zostałeś powołany/a jako uczeń Jezusa? Jak działa Bóg w twoim życiu?

Bóg zaprasza nas każdego dnia, abyśmy coraz bardziej zbliżali się do Niego. Jak pielęgnujesz tę bliskość?

Poprzez uczęszczanie w Mszy Św; odmawianie jakichś szczególnych modlitw, może też poprzez czytanie religijnych książek. Wszystko to jest dobrym działaniem. Jednak, czy pragniesz czasem, z kimś porozmawiać na te tematy?

OTO JESTEM! Zostałam powołana na kierownika duchowego. Może się zastanawiasz co to znaczy, co to za funkcja?

Kierownik duchowy to osoba, która towarzyszy ci na drodze wiary. Jest osobą, która wysłucha twoich zwierzeń, nie z punktu niezdrowej ciekawości, osądzenia lub wymierzania kary. Wręcz odwrotnie - stwarza bezpieczną i poufną przestrzeń, w której możesz spojrzeć głęboko na swój związek z Bogiem, z Jezusem, ze swoją wiarą i nurtującymi cię pytaniami.

Kierownik duchowy NIE jest psychologiem. Nie udziela porad ani nie przepisuje lekarstw. Jak pisze Robert Tenglin: Kierownictwo duchowe jest dyscypliną czy sztuką słuchania osobistej historii podróży i relacji osoby z Bogiem i pomagania tej osobie w odkryciu obecności i aktywności Boga w jej życiu.

Jako ktoś, kto studiuje na uniwersytecie Loyola od prawie 10 lat, jestem gotowa zaangażować się w praktykę kierownictwa duchowego. W ramach mojego ostatecznego projektu będę starała się pozyskać 6-8 osób na indywidualne miesięczne sesje rozpoczynające się jesienią 2019 r. Jedno-godzinne i bezpłatne sesje będą odbywać się w moim biurze.

Jeśli mówisz po angielsku, jesteś zainteresowany i/ lub masz jakieś pytania, zadzwoń do mnie pod numer 847-298-5450 lub wyślij e-mail na adres pkowalkowski@stbtmp.org. Z przyjemnością oczekuję możliwości towarzyszenia wam na drodze wiary i życzę szczęśliwej Niedzieli Zesłania Ducha Świętego!

Paula Kowalkowski





Today, in Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we hear:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.

ALL OF US ARE GIVEN THE SPIRIT – not only priests or bishops or religious sisters – ALL OF US. How has the Holy Spirit been at work in your life? What small/large acts of kindnesses and love do you participate in? How have you been called as a disciple of Jesus? How is God at work in your life?

God invites us each and every day to become closer and closer to Him. How do you nurture that relationship?

By attending mass, saying special prayers, perhaps reading a daily devotional book. All of these are good things. Would you ever want to talk about these things with someone?

HERE I AM! I have been called to be a spiritual director. What is that, you may ask.

A spiritual director is a person who walks with you in your journey of faith. She is a person who hears your story without judgment, curiosity or punishment. She creates a safe and confidential space for you to look deeply at your relationship with God, with Jesus, with your faith, with your questions.

A spiritual director is NOT a counselor. She does not give advice or medication.

As Robert Tenglin writes: Spiritual direction is the art or discipline of listening to the story of another person's journey and relationship with God and helping each person to become more focused on seeing God's presence and activity in his/her life.

As someone who has been studying at Loyola for almost 10 years now, I am ready to engage in this practice of spiritual direction. As a part of my final project, I will be looking for 6-8 people for individual monthly sessions beginning in the Fall of 2019.

The hourly sessions will take place in my office and are free of charge.

If you are interested or have any questions, please call me at 847-298-5450 or email me at pkowalkowski@stbmp.org.

I look forward to this journey with you ~~~ and a Happy and Blessed Pentecost to you! *Paula Kowalkowski*



St. Thomas Becket Adult Choir enjoyed a delicious dinner at Buca di Beppo in Wheeling on Wednesday, May 29.

We thank each of the members for all of their rehearsal time, for giving so graciously of their talents and for leading the congregation in song throughout the year!

Choir practices will resume in September.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Statement of Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, archbishop of Chicago, on the Passage of Senate Bill 25—June 1, 2019

The passage of Senate Bill 25, eliminating even the minimal limitations on abortions under previous law marks a sad moment in our history as a State. We have worked to make the case for a consistent approach to human dignity in Illinois and will continue to do so even as elected officials single out unborn persons for particular disregard. It remains our hope that Illinois will eventually distinguish itself as a safe place that welcomes not only those seeking a new life or second chance, but also the most vulnerable among us who deserve a chance at life.

We are resolved to let women and families in the Chicago area know they have alternatives to abortion. We will continue to provide help during their pregnancies and throughout their journey as parents. Our ministry in Cook and Lake Counties has taught us that when teenagers in underserved communities experience an unplanned pregnancy without proper support, the consequences for the health and well-being of mother and child can be grim.

But, we have also seen that a brighter outcome is possible when support is provided. Catholic Charities and its partners serve hundreds of young women and developing families every year. They nurture the mother and therefore the baby by providing classes in health and child development. They encourage the new families toward independence by providing childcare and making referrals for education, housing and employment.

As a young woman, served by a Catholic agency said, “It was like a second family when I came here. My Doula took me to doctors’ appointments, explaining what all the papers and procedures meant, how my baby was developing, the changes my body was going through and how to eat and exercise to stay healthy.”

Today, her son is thriving in the organization’s early childhood program and its family support program helps her stay on track with personal goals. She will begin a bachelor’s degree program this summer. With loving encouragement, she has turned stressful circumstances into a positive, hopeful future for herself and her son.

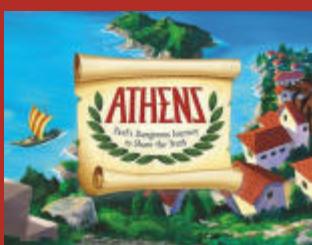
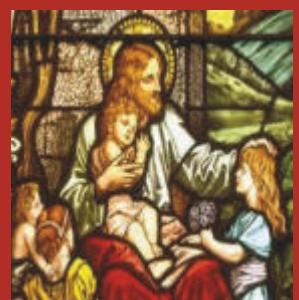
Women have a real choice when they are given the support they need to bring their children into the world and parent them, supported by a society that truly values them. We will give that support to all who seek it in the hope that by offering them a choice, we will build stronger families and a better Illinois.

Register for Religious Education 2019-2020

Wednesdays at 6:15 PM—available now online:

www.stemilyreled.com

For more information, contact Cathy Crino, Director of Religious Education, at
ccrino@stemily.org or 847-299-5865 at St. Emily OR Renata Sosin at rsosin@stbtmp.org
or 847-296-9051 at St. Thomas Becket.



Vacation Bible School 2019

July 22 to July 26 @ 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Emily

We invite students entering kindergarten through fifth grade in the fall to join us with St. Paul in Athens for a great adventure. Students entering sixth grade and up, as well as adults, are welcome as guides. Check it all out at www.stemilyreled.org

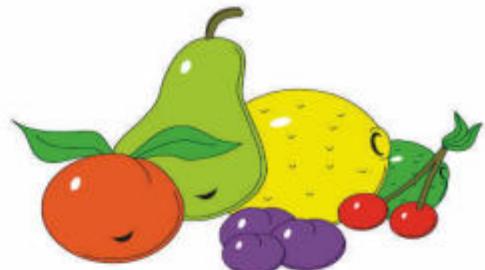
FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBOR ŻYWNOŚĆ DLA SĄSIADA

June 15 & 16

Food to benefit St. Alphonsus Food Pantry

Most Needed Items -- Główne Potrzeby

Cereal Canned Fruit Spaghettio's Toilet Paper



Thank you to all who have been supporting our Food Drive, and especially the volunteers who have collected food during some very inclement weather.

Thank You!

Dziękujemy

April- 78 bags

May- 77 bags

Lednica 2000 Association
zaprasza na XV Lednickie
Spotkanie Młodych, na
placu w parafii Św. Rozalii
przy 4401 N. Oak Park w
Harwood Heights, IL,
15 czerwca, 2019 od
5:30 pm do 11:00 pm.

Hasłem tegorocznego
Spotkania jest „Wiesz, że
Cię kocham”. Zaproszenie
kierujemy do młodych i ich
rodzin,
ale zapraszamy również
wszystkich młodych
duchem! Msza Święta o
godzinie 7:30 pm. W razie
deszczu Spotkanie
odbędzie się w kościele.
Zapraszamy!

Totus Tuus, a one-week summer Catholic youth program named after Pope John Paul II's motto, "Totally Yours" will be held at St. Emily parish on June 16-21. The program is dedicated to sharing the Gospel through catechesis, Christian witness, Eucharistic worship and Marian devotion. As well as having fun, young attendees will also grow in their faith and learn more about Catholic tradition. **There are still spots available for both programs! Please visit our parish website, or the web address listed on the left to register!**

7th-12th graders are welcome to volunteer for the Day program, and will receive free tuition for the Night program.

Adult volunteers are also needed to assist during the day - please contact David Mi-ka at the Parish office: dmika@stemily.org if you are interested, have any questions, or need more information.



TOTUS TUUS

Summer Youth Camps

June 16-21, 2019

Day program (1st-6th graders)

Night program (7th-12th graders)



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Sunday, June 9, 2019

9am Kids Choir
2pm Baptism (P)
MANNA—pick up your orders

Monday, June 10, 2019

6:30pm Nabożeństwo Czerwcowe
7pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

6:30pm Nabożeństwo Czerwcowe

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

6:30pm Nabożeństwo Czerwcowe

Thursday, June 13, 2019

6:30pm Nabożeństwo Czerwcowe

Friday, June 14, 2019

6:30pm Nabożeństwo Czerwcowe

7pm Mass (P)

Saturday, June 15, 2019

4:30pm Men's Club Mass

6:30pm Nabożeństwo Czerwcowe

Food Drive

Sunday, June 16, 2019

FATHER'S DAY

Food Drive

St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish Rummage Sale

Loads of bargains!

Presale Friday, June 14th
with \$5.00 admission 4:00-9:00pm.
Saturday, June 15th 9:00am-5:00pm.

411 N. Wheeling Rd., Prospect Hts.,
For more information visit
www.SaintAlphonsusPH.org
or call 847-255-7452.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 15/16

MASS TIME	PRESIDER	MUSIC/ CANTOR	LECTOR	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	SACRISTAN
4:30pm	Rev. Michal Lewon	Sandy Kasia	Pete S.	Edyta W. Penni P. Mary L. Marlene P. Lee M.	Maggie B.
7:30am	Rev. Chris Kulig	Adam W.	Lucyna S.	Lucyna S. Piotr J. Józef D. Barbara S.	Maria T.
9:00am	Rev. John Roller	Sandy Beverly	Brian G.	Gail M. John K. Krystyna M. Marie V. JoRene A.	JoRene A.
10:45am	Rev. Chris Kulig	Adam W.	Wojciech G.	Agnieszka A. Wojciech G. Adam S. Halina W.	Halina W.
12:30pm	Rev. Michal Lewon	Sandy Beverly	Darlene M.	Grzegorz K. Marlena K. Gail L.	Linda W.

SUNDAY OFFERING / KOLEKTA



Each Sunday Budget	\$ 7,800
June 2	\$ 6,440
Building Fund	\$ 2,314
June E-Give	\$ 4,020
YTD Budget	\$388,971
YTD Actual Collection	\$367,622

Give Central – On line donation system accessible through our website: www.stthomasbecketmp.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

BÓG ZAPŁAĆ ZA HOJNOŚĆ!!!



TABERNACLE CANDLE for the week of June 9, 2019

*Lampka Wieczysta na tydzień 9-go czerwca
ofiarnowana jest w intencji:*

†JAROSŁAW CYZA

Ofiara złożona przez siostrę—Ewa Cyza

*W celu złożenia ofiary
na poszczególny
tydzień na Lampkę
Wieczną lub Chleb
i Wino, prosimy
o kontakt z biurem
parafialnym:
847-827-9220*

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 4:30pm
Sunday: 9:00am & 12:30pm
7:30am & 10:45am Polish
Weekdays: 9:00am Mass: Monday,
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
Friday—7:00pm Mass in Polish

READINGS OF THE WEEK



Readings for the week of June 9, 2019

Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26
Monday: Gen 3:9-15 or Acts 1:12-14/ Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [cf. 2b]/ Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/ Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6/ Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/ Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [17a]/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Mt 5:33-37
Next Sunday: Prv 8:22-31/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2a]/Rom 5:1-5/Jn 16:12-15

Observances for the week of June 9, 2019

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Tuesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle
Thursday: St. Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church
Friday: Flag Day
Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day

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Catholic Cemeteries:

www:catholiccemeterieschicago.org
708-449-6100

Child and Youth Protection website:
<https://heal.archchicago.org/>

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PARISH WEBSITE

www.stthomasbecketmp.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/	
Friday	8:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday	8:00am - 2:00pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	Closed

INFORMACJE PARAFIALNE

Parafia Świętego Tomasza Becketa zaprasza całą wspólnotę polskojęzyczną do wspólnej modlitwy i nabożeństw.

Msze Św. w jęz. polskim—niedziela:
7:30am i 10:45am piątek: 7:00pm
w jęz. angielskim—sobota: 4:30pm
niedziela: 9:00am i 12:30pm

Parish Mission Statement

We, the parish family of St. Thomas Becket, are a community of believers united in Christ, who dedicate ourselves to proclaim the Good News and foster a sense of belonging.

As we gather together in prayer and worship, we draw our nourishment from His word and the Bread of His Table. With shared responsibility we go forth to serve and affirm our sisters and brothers. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we strive to build the Kingdom of God within and beyond our parish.

My, Parafia Świętego Tomasza Becketa, jesteśmy wspólnotą wiernych zjednoczonych w Chrystusie, którzy troszczymy się o Boże dziedzictwo i z oddaniem głosimy Dobrą Nowinę. We wspólnym gromadzeniu się i modlitwie, karmimy się Jego Słowem i Chlebem z Jego Stołu.

Z poczuciem wspólnego obowiązku podążamy w służbie naszym braciom i siostram. Pod przewodnictwem Ducha Świętego dążymy do budowania Królestwa Bożego wewnątrz i poza naszą parafią.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, June 9, 2019

7:30am †Stanisława Zwijacz

†Joanna Gargul

SPECIAL: Regina Ostrowska-

90 urodziny

9:00am †Margaret Mary McCarthy

†Camille Chmela

10:45am †Czesław i Stanisław Szal

†Karol Uliasz

†Adam Styczeń

12:30pm †Władysław Baran

†Catherine Prostko

Monday, June 10, 2019

9:00am For all unborn children

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

9:00am For all souls in purgatory

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

9:00am

Ray & Nancy Kowalkowski-
60th wedding anniversary

Thursday, June 13, 2019

NO MASS OR SERVICE

Friday, June 14, 2019

9:00am For STB parishioners

7:00pm †dusze w czyścu

Saturday, June 15, 2019

4:30pm †Christine Wieser

†Janina Pietrucha

†Thomas Oakson

†Jody Mascolino

Sunday, June 16, 2019

7:30am †Jan Rogalewski

†Irena i Franciszek Nowak

†Ludmiła i Michał Długi

†Stanisława Zwijacz

9:00am †Margaret Mary McCarthy

†Camille Chmela

†John & Mary Martini

10:45am †Miroslaw Szczerbowski

12:30pm †Edward Sweeney

†Władysław Baran

SPECIAL: Ernesto Anna Belle Kukita -
50th wedding anniversary

"My deepest vocation is to be a witness to the glimpses of God I have been allowed to catch."

Henri Nouwen

To Register in Our Parish, for Baptisms & Weddings

Please call the rectory to make arrangements: 847-827-9220.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday: 6:15pm-6:45pm, Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm.

First Fridays of the month: 5:30pm-6:45pm and ADORATION: 5:30-6:45pm

REJESTRACJA DO PARAFII, SAKRAMENT CHRZTU I MAŁŻEŃSTWA

Prosimy o kontakt z biurem parafialnym w celu ustalenia daty: 847-827-9220.

PreCana - przygotowanie do Sakramentu Małżeństwa - obowiązkowe.

Kurs w języku polskim w naszej parafii odbędzie się w dniu: 28 marca 2020.

SAKRAMENT POKUTY

Piątek: 6:15pm-6:45pm i Sobota: 3:30pm- 4:15pm.

PIERWSZE PIĄTKI MIESIĄCA

Spowiedź i Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu: 5:30pm-6:45pm,

Msza Św. w jęz. polskim: 7pm

If you are a victim of domestic violence, or know someone who is, and need help, please contact one of these numbers:

*WINGS 24 hr. Hotline and Counseling Services and Emergency Shelter at
(847) 221-568

*National Domestic Violence Hotline 24 hr. (800) 799-7233
*National Dating Abuse Helpline (866) 331-9474
* In an Emergency dial 911

Final Boarding Call for the pilgrimage "The Best of Ireland"

I would like to cordially invite you to join me and a group of fellow travelers for a pilgrimage to Ireland that I will host from September 16-26, 2019.

For a detailed list of places we are going to see in this 11 day pilgrimage contact me at rstecz@stemily.org or at 847-824-5049.

Don't let this opportunity pass by.

Sign up for this amazing pilgrimage today! God bless! Fr. Rafal Stecz



To make our Mass time more prayerful and sacred for all, please try to observe these simple rules.

Abyśmy wszyscy mogli pobożnie i z należytym szacunkiem uczestniczyć we Mszy Św., przypominamy i prosimy serdecznie o przestrzeganie poniżej wskazanych reguł.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

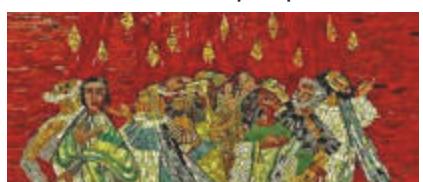
Question:

Why do we celebrate Pentecost when we do?

Answer:

The book of Acts unpacks the events immediately following Jesus' ascension into heaven. The Apostles and other disciples were told to pray in Jerusalem and await another outpouring of the Holy Spirit. As the weeks ticked on, the Jewish Festival of Weeks approached. This festival took place 50 days after Passover and celebrated the giving of the law on Mount Sinai. The Festival of Weeks (or "Pentecost" in Greek) was a great pilgrimage feast, with Jews from all over the ancient world convening on Jerusalem for the celebration.

It was on Pentecost that God chose to send the Holy Spirit. Here, the new law of love was etched into the hearts of the disciples. As he burst out onto the balcony above the multinational crowd, Peter proclaimed the message of the resurrection, and the Holy Spirit enabled every listener to hear in their native language. 3,000 people were baptized that day! The disciples - and every baptized person - receives the gifts and zeal necessary to bring a new message of salvation to the people of God.





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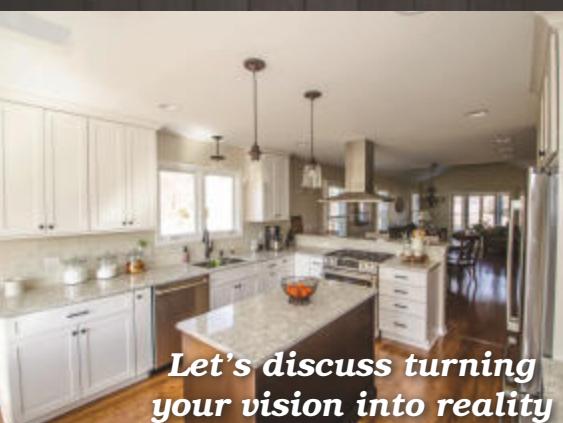
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