

Historic Church of Saint Casimir

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Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Casimir Church,

It seems like it was just the other day that I was writing the annual Christmas missive to send out to you going over the events of the upcoming holiday season when, low and behold, it now seems that Spring is “busting out all over” and it’s time to look toward Holy Week and Easter and the ensuing beautiful season which celebrates the resurrection of our Lord.

Enclosed, please find the listing of our Holy Week and Easter services and Masses. These special, once-a-year observances are the highlight of the Liturgical Year calling our attention toward the mysteries of salvation. We hope you will be able to join us to celebrate them, but even if not, make sure to do your best to follow and pray along from home during this holy time. It is too rich of a spiritual opportunity to miss!

Also included in that list are some upcoming events at our Parish. First of note would be the visit of the international traveling St. John Paul II Centennial Triptych the weekends of April 25th and May 2nd. This will give us a chance to reflect upon the teachings of St. John Paul II as well as two of his principal devotions: to our blessed mother, Mary, and St. Faustyna and the Divine Mercy. May 2nd will also appropriately be our observance of Polish Constitution Day and the Feast of Mary, Queen of Poland.

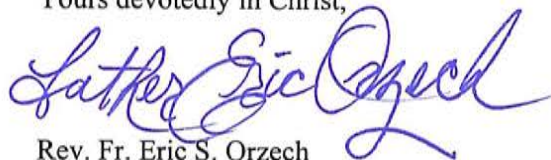
Other feasts of the Easter season are also highlighted. Of special note might be our annual May Crowning on Mother’s Day, May 9th, our traditional Corpus Christi celebration which includes the procession to our outdoor altars on June 6th, and our Father’s Day observance during this year of St. Joseph, the Patron of the Universal Church, on June 20th.

We’ve all been through a lot these past months but, appropriately for this Spring time of year, there seems now to be light at the end of the tunnel. Praise God, things have been able to remain rather “regular” for us here in church as compared to so many other parishes.

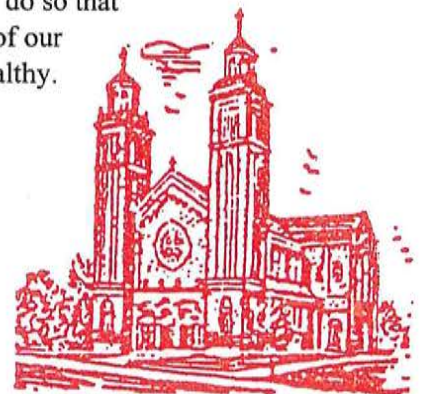
The one thing we do miss is being able to gather together for food and fellowship on a regular basis in our Social Hall. We are all eager to do so again soon! As you know, we have taken the opportunity of this “down time” to work on renovating our Social Hall Kitchen. After much study and the vetting of many proposals, we are about to begin this important project which should be completed in time for when we’ll need it again...like, God Willing...at our *Taste of St. Casimir Festival* later this Summer. You’ll also notice a most needed new roof atop the rebuilt garage along with the “shoring-up” of the shed and Grotto. Slowly, we are working on getting everything back into good shape.

Of course, we haven’t been immune to some of the negative effects of this year’s pandemic. We hope that should you be in a position to assist us that you may find it in your charity to do so that the good work being done at St. Casimir’s may keep moving ahead. Be assured of our remembrance in prayer that God bless you and your families and keep you all healthy. *Wesołego, Alleluia i smacznego swieconego jajka!!!*

Yours devotedly in Christ,



Rev. Fr. Eric S. Orzech
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Drodzy Parafianie i Przyjaciele Naszej Parafii Św. Kazimierza,

Wydaje się jakby wczoraj pisałem do Was list w związku ze Świętami Bożego Narodzenia i uroczystościami z nimi związanymi, a tu za chwilę już Wiosna za rogiem i będziemy obchodzić Wielki Tydzień i Wielkanoc – zmartwychwstanie Naszego Pana Jezusa Chrystusa.

W załączniku proszę zapoznać się z rozkładem nabożeństw i mszy świętych na Wielki Tydzień i Wielkanoc. Jest to najpodnioslejszy okres w roku liturgicznym i koncentruje się na tajemnicy zbawienia. Mamy nadzieję, że będziecie mogli osobiście uczestniczyć w obrzędach. Ale nawet z domu, uczestnictwo jest możliwe i zbyt piękne i bogate duchowo, aby je pominąć.

Także w załączniku jest lista wybranych wydarzeń w naszej parafii. Pierwsze to że gościć będziemy w weekendy 25 kwietnia i 2 maja, międzynarodowy pielgrzymujący Stuletni Tryptyk św. Jana Pawła II i tematami refleksji będzie nauczanie św. Jana Pawła II i Jego wielkie oddanie Matce Boskiej i kult św. Faustyny i nabożeństwo do Miłosierdzia Bożego, szczególnie, że data 2-go maja przypada na Dzień Święta Polskiej Konstytucji i Maryi, Królowej Polski.

Podkreślamy również, coroczną Majową Koronację na Dzień Matki, 9-go maja, jak również procesję na Boże Ciało do ołtarzy na zewnątrz i obchody Dnia Ojca, 20 maja w roku poświęconym Świętemu Józefowi, Patronowi Kościoła Powszechnego.

Dużo przeżyliśmy w ostatnich miesiącach, ale na szczęście widać światełko na końcu tunelu. Dzięki Bogu, w porównaniu z innymi, życie tu toczy się „prawie normalnie”.

Nie byliśmy w stanie jednak spotykać się w Sali Parafialnej, mamy nadzieję powrócić wkrótce do tej tradycji. W międzyczasie podjeliśmy decyzje odnowienia naszej kuchni. Po rozpatrzeniu wielu propozycji, rozpoczynamy te prace z nadzieją ich ukończenia, z Bożą Pomocą przed Festiwalem Smaki Św. Kazimierza, pod koniec lata. Zauważcie również nowy dach nad garażem i dalej nad Grotą. Powoli pracujemy nad przywróceniem wszystkiego do lepszego wyglądu.

Oczywiście nie ustrześliśmy się od pewnych negatywnych efektów roku pandemii, jako że nasza sytuacja finansowa nie przedstawia się zbyt dobrze. Mamy nadzieję, że jesteście na lepszej pozycji i możecie nas wspomóc. Zapewniamy, że zawsze o Was pamiętamy w modlitwach, aby Bóg miał Was w swojej opiece i dał dużo zdrowia Wam i Rodzinom.

Wesołego Alleluja i smacznego święconego jajka!

Wasz oddany w Chrystusie,



Ks. Proboszcz Eric S. Orzech



Saint Casimir Church

Upcoming Events

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH

Solemn bi-lingual Mass with the blessing and distribution of Palms on Sunday at 11:30AM.

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1ST

Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper commemorating the institution of the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Holy Orders at 7PM followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Repository Shrine. The church will remain open for private prayer until all have finished.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2ND

Bi-lingual Liturgy of the Lord's Passion commemorating the suffering and death of our Lord and Savior at 7PM.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3RD

Blessing of Easter Baskets on-the-hour at 10AM, 11AM, and 12 Noon. Solemn Easter Vigil, the "Night-Watch of the Resurrection", at 8PM.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4TH

Christ is Risen! Solemn Masses of the Lord's Resurrection at 8AM (traditional Polish *Rezurekcja*) & 11:30AM. *Wesołego, Alleluia, i smacznego swieconego jajka!*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, APRIL 11TH

Come celebrate the great gift of God's infinite mercy at the solemn 11:30AM Mass followed by Divine Mercy Devotions.

WELCOMING THE ST. JOHN PAUL II TRIPTYCH APRIL 25TH & MAY 2ND

We welcome the internationally traveling St. John Paul II triptych along with its first class relics to our parish for these two special weekends giving us the opportunity to reflect upon the themes of St. John Paul II's teaching and two of his great devotions: our blessed mother, Mary, and St. Faustyna and the Divine Mercy. May 2nd will also be our observance of Polish Constitution Day and the Feast of Mary, Queen of Poland.

MOTHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, MAY 9TH

Come honor our mothers and remember them in prayer as we also honor our Blessed Mother, Mary, at our annual May Crowning. Mass on Sunday at 11:30AM.

FEAST OF THE ASCENSION, SUNDAY, MAY 16TH

We celebrate when the gospels tell us Jesus concluded his earthly mission and entrusted the Church with its mission of salvation. Mass at 11:30AM.

FEAST OF PENTECOST, SUNDAY, MAY 23RD

Fifty days after Easter we celebrate the birthday of the Church and the coming of the Holy Spirit. Mass at 11:30AM.

FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY, SUNDAY, MAY 30TH

The foundational mystery of our faith is that God has revealed himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and invites us to participate in the mystery of His divinity. Feast Day Mass at 11:30AM.

CORPUS CHRISTI, SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH

Join us for the special, bi-lingual solemn Mass at 11:30AM followed by the traditional outdoor procession with devotions at the four altars. We're one of the few parishes which still observe this special tradition. Come and see why!!!

FATHER'S DAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 20TH

We honor our fathers and remember them in prayer as we also honor during his special year our heavenly patron, Saint Joseph. Mass Sunday at 11:30AM.