

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

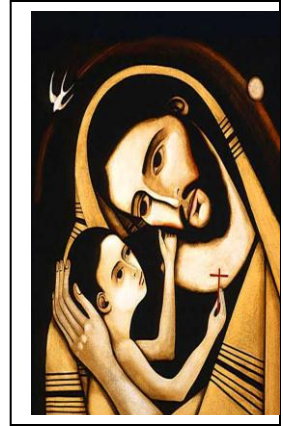
worshipping at the
BISHOP KARDAS MEMORIAL HOME
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Pastor - Father Krzysztof Mendelewski
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

(unless otherwise announced)

Saturday: Holy Mass 7:00 PM Spanish
Sunday : Holy Mass 9:00 AM English
11:00 AM Polish
Daily: Morning Prayer ... 8:15 AM
Holy Mass 8:30 AM
Vespers- (Mondays/Feast Days) 5:00 PM



Marriage: 6 months prior arrangement
Baptisms : by appointment

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SOLEMNITY OF HUMBLE SHEPHERDS

Solemnidad de los Pastores Humildes

Swieto Ubogich Pasterzy

WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH

If this is your first visit with us, please sign our guest register in the vestibule and join us for a cake and coffee fellowship that follows every Sunday Mass and on various feast days of the Church year. St Joseph Parish, Polish National Catholic Church has been an integral part of the Davie / Broward County Community for the past twenty nine years and the Bishop Kardas Memorial Home has been serving the retirement needs of Polish National Catholics in South Florida since 1956. We hope to continue our growth in service to God and community. This commitment manifests itself in a regular devotional and prayer life and a greater participation in both ecumenical and community activities. At St. Joseph PARISH, our primary emphasis is on the PARISH family. All who belong sense this family spirit - expressed in a real love and concern for one another. Our pastor makes a point to know each family on a one-to-one basis with frequent visits to family homes and to the hospitalized. Thus the spiritual health and vitality of all parishioners and all our friends is supported by both pastor and laity. We invite You to join our PARISH family! If you are looking for a PARISH and are considering St. Joseph's, feel free to talk with any parishioner about it. We will introduce you to our family in all its wonderful

aspects - a family whose real strength lies in our personal and real relationship to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. We express this faith in our Church through our liturgy which is Catholic and traditional, shared between priest and laity.

We demonstrate this faith in the prayerful material and emotional support we give one another. We share this faith in a Church rooted in Democratic principles and a church constitution giving laity full rights and due process in matters financial, administrative and material.

OUR PARISH...firm in faith, Catholic, democratic, and OPEN to the growth that comes as more join our family. MAKE YOURSELF RIGHT AT HOME!

Message from Pastor



Following Yonder Star....

Last Friday was Epiphany Day, January 6 (the twelfth day of Christmas!!). I have always enjoyed the beautiful Epiphany hymn, "*We Three King of*

Orient Are", "*We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse a far, Field and fountain, moor and mountain, Following yonder star, O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to Thy perfect light.*"

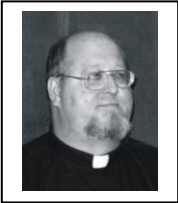
OK, I know that the Biblical purists out there will tell me, that **NOWHERE** in Scripture does it tell us that there were**THREE** kings! The tradition of three kings came from the fact that the Magi (wise men) from the East brought **THREE** different gifts to the infant Jesus.... gold, frankincense and myrrh. Another Biblical clarification, is that the Magi**WERE NOT** at the manger on Jesus birthday (doesn't that mess up all of our Nativity Scenes!!). They came some time later, to Joseph and Mary's house... "*And going into the house, they saw the child (Jesus) with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshiped Him*" (Matthew 2:11).

In fact, the early Christian Church celebrated Epiphany for many years.... **BEFORE** they celebrated Christmas. As far back as A.D. 200, Clement of Alexandria wrote about celebrating the Festival of Epiphany. And in the fourth century, the Eastern Church included Epiphany as one of the three great festivals of the church year. What is interesting, is that Christmas was **NOT** one of the other two. They were... **EASTER** and **PENTECOST**!! A clear message of Epiphany, is that Jesus will draw people from all over the world to Himself. The **OUTREACH** and **EVANGELISM** connection is very

powerful!! One of the hymns we will sing this Sunday, is "***Go Tell It On the Mountain***" (refrain) "*Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and everywhere; Go tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!*"

May we, like the Magi, "bow down" and worship Jesus..... and then ...***GO AND TELL OTHERS ABOUT JESUS*** ... over the mountains and everywhere!

Fr. Tom's Corner



God Bless America

Greetings Family,

I believe that the United States is the greatest country in the world. On the news yesterday, it was reported that the Coast Guard picked up a number of Cubans on a tiny boat trying to flee their country. If Cuba is so wonderful, why are these people risking their lives to leave? Nobody wants to leave the United States. We are a country that has been truly blessed by God like Israel of old.

God continued to bless Israel as long as they walked in His ways. In the same way, God pours His blessings on our country as long as we walk in His ways as our Founding Fathers originally intended.

This ideal has been eroded in our time. We are continually being shocked by the things that individuals and our government have done and have gotten away with. I have often thought, "How can God continue to bless our country when we murder 3000 babies a day in abortions, roughly the same number who were killed in the twin towers on 9/11?". We are shocked at one and turn our eyes away from the other.

As we take our freedoms for granted, many of us, also, take our Christianity for granted. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. God gave us the 10 Commandments 3000 years ago. Breaking them was a sin then and breaking them is a sin now. Somehow, we think that God has changed. He has not. "Deep in your hearts you know that every promise of the Lord, your God has come true. Not a single one has failed. But as surely as the Lord, your God, has given you the good things He promised, He will also bring disaster on you if you disobey Him." (Joshua 23:14-15). As Joshua said, "Choose you, this day, whom

you will serve. As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord."
(Joshua 24:15).
God bless all!

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE:



Saturday, Dec. 31st, 7 pm – 24

Sunday, January 1st, 9 am – 24

11 am - 22

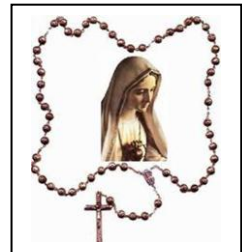
THE EPIPHANY HOME VISITATION

This past Friday Father Chris blessed water, chalk, incense and charcoal during the Mass of Epiphany. This feast day marks the beginning of the Epiphany home visitations during which these items are used in blessing the homes of parishioners. If you would like to have your home blessed, please write down your name, address and date and hour for father's visit on the list in the vestibule. Take part in this beautiful Epiphany season tradition this year.

WE HAVE SPECIAL ROSARIES AVAILABLE TO ALL AT NO COST

We invite all to pray the Holy Rosary, asking God's blessings for our Polish National Catholic Church. Made by

Sarah and Carol Szydowski of All Saints PNC Parish in Sterling Heights, Michigan, these rosaries feature five different color bead sets for the five dioceses of the Polish National Catholic Church. In praying the mysteries, we ask those having these rosaries to pray for God's blessing on each of the dioceses. Sarah & Carol make the rosaries



available at no cost, only asking that we pray regularly for God's blessings upon this, His Church. Those desiring one of these rosaries are asked to see Father Chris who has them for FREE distribution.

This Month's bulletins are being sponsored by:
DOROTHY BLASIK

If you would like to help your parish and be acknowledged for your gift then consider sponsoring the weekly bulletin. For a \$ 75 donation we will acknowledge your sponsorship and the \$ 900 we can raise annually, together with the donation for ads will just about cover the cost of our bulletin. Please consider sponsoring one month today.



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OUR COUPON EXCHANGE

We've placed a box near the bread table that says "Coupon Exchange - Take some, Leave some" We encourage all to bring in their unused coupons and take the ones they need. If we all participate, we can all save. The box will be kept current.

PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: clergy ill:

Bishop Jan Dawidziuk at home in Cleveland, OH.
Father Joseph Brzek serving in Chicago, IL.
Father Gus Sicard serving in San Antonio, TX.

Father Ed Meus serving in Merrillville, IN.
Father Paul Zomerfeld serving in Johnstown, PA.
Father John Kraus serving in Milwaukee, WI.
in the hospitals:

shut-ins & nursing homes & rehab centers:

Rosalia Regalado in Sunrise Nursing & Rehab, Sunrise

Joseph Dan in Wilton Manors Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Grace Paskuly at Sinai Plaza Nursing Home, Miami

Betty Angelastro in Margate Health Care Center, Margate

at home:

Anthony Troyan at home in Coral Springs

Mary Barto in Hollywood

Frances Wegman in St. Cloud, FL



Robert Jankowski at home in Hollywood
Andre & Henry Lupkowski at home in Cooper City
Lee Wilmes (son of Barbara Wilmes) in Arkansas

YOU ARE INVITED TO: Faith Lessons on:
WALKING WITH GOD IN THE DESERT:

Monday Evening Dinner and Adult Bible Study Series
Everyone invited ... No cost for food or study - 6:30 pm
Current Study:

Are you going through a difficult period of life? The loss of a loved one? Unemployment? A crisis of faith? During these desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. In this discovery guide, designed for use with the six-session Walking with God in the Desert DVD, discover that it's only when we are totally dependent on him that we find God is closer than ever.

Everybody who loves to sing or play guitar, piano or organ or other instrument is invited for choir rehearsal: for English Mass every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, for Polish Mass every Monday at 6:30 pm, for Spanish Mass every Friday at 6 pm.

Kto spiewa dwa razy sie modli



Who sings prays twice

Que canta ora dos veces

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR ACTIVITIES

School of Christian Living Class every Saturday at 5:00 PM (Sept-May)

Lighthouse Ministry gathering as announced in the bulletin

Parish Committee Meeting every second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM

Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Collectors ministries as announced in the bulletin

Moms In Touch Prayer Group every Saturday (Sept.-May) 2:00 PM Ladies Society of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament every first Sunday of the month at 10:30 AM

Youth Group as announced in the bulletin

Spanish Choir Rehearsal as announced

English Choir Rehearsal every Wednesday from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Adult Video Bible Study and Dinner every Monday at 6:30 PM

Lectionary Based Adult Bible Study every Friday at 7:30 PM

First Holy Communion & Confirmation classes every Saturday 5:00 - 6:45 pm

Signing Class (the art of communicating with the hearing-impaired) T.B.A.

MASS INTENTION & ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

January 8th, 2012 - Sunday – Solemnity of Humble Shepherds

9 am – English Mass

Prayer intention – memorial Mass of Adelaide Neptune

10:15 AM Rolls and Coffee in the Fellowship Hall

11 am – Polish Mass –

2nd Collection for the Seminary

Monday – January 9th (Poniedzialek) Marciana the Martyr. V., M.

8:15 am Morning Prayer following Holy Mass for Parishioner

5:00 pm Vesperas; 6:30 pm Bible Study and Dinner.

Tuesday through Friday - Christmas Weekdays – morning prayers

8:15 am & following Holy Mass.

Thursday – January 12, at 7 pm – Parish Committee Meeting.

Friday – January 13 – 6 pm – Spanish Choir rehearsal.

Saturday – January 14th (Sobota)

Morning Prayers at 8:15 am following Holy Mass.

2 pm. Meeting “Mothers in touch”

5 pm School of Christian Living

7 pm Holy Mass in Spanish

Saturday – January 9th, 2011 – 7 pm – Spanish Mass

Next Sunday January 15th – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 am Holy Mass in English; 10: 15 Rolls & Coffee in the Fellowship Hall

11 am Holy Mass in Polish