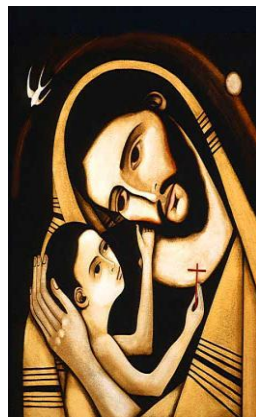


ST. JOSEPH PARISH, POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Worshiping at the
BISHOP KARDAS MEMORIAL HOME
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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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December 25, 2011

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

My prayer is that you will have a ***Joyful Christmas***: a Christmas rooted in the inner serenity deep faith provides, strong enough to survive the disappointments and sorrows life delivers to our doorstep and enthusiasm enough to celebrate life's happiest times. May the birthday of Christ touch you with deep joy...

I pray, too, that you will have a ***Peaceful Christmas***: the peace the world so clearly is unable to give itself; the peace that broken hearts long for; the peace that is ours to share with one another in forgiveness, kindness and charity. May the birthday of Christ sow seeds of peace in your heart...

Finally, I pray that you have a **Hopeful Christmas**. So much in the world around us encroaches on our capacity to hope: a spirit abroad that seems intent on draining the beauty and poetry from our lives while our ever growing knowledge robs us of awe and reverence before the mystery of life, of love and of God. May the birthday of Christ renew hope in your heart...

I wish you a **Joyful, Peaceful, Hopeful Christmas** and should your Christmas be Merry and Happy, too – all the better! Please pray the same for me.

Peace, Christmas Greetings

Fr. Chris and Anna, and Parish Staff

Message from Father Tom's

"The Gift"

Greetings family!

An often asked question these past two months is "Have you done your Christmas shopping yet?'. The Christmas decorations go up earlier and earlier, even before Thanksgiving. All we've heard about on the news were about the size and behavior of the crowds on Black Friday and how much money the stores were taking in.

Here at St. Joseph's, on December 6th, St. Nicholas gave gifts to the children of the parish. He gave toys to the little kids and really cool Bibles to the teenagers. Older folks exchange gifts that are more sophisticated, like new clothes, DVDs, electronics, or the latest gadget on TV for \$19.95 (plus shipping and handling). It is an enjoyable custom that brings family and friends together. But let us not forget the REAL gift and the reason WHY we give gifts. He snuck into our lives as a baby and revealed Himself as the source of life and the reason why we live. Open up your heart and receive Him now. He's the greatest gift you could ever get. And the gift is free.

God bless all!

MASS INTENTIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK (cont.)

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

6:30 pm Christmas Eve dinner & opiatek, following Christmas Mass

Midnight Shepherd Mass – in Spanish –

Intention of Mass: for health Jeanne Frais Moise, by daughter Lucy.

Sunday – Solemnity of Nativity of our Lord – December 25th

9 am – English Christmas Mass

11 am Polish Christmas Mass

Intention: for many God's blessings for Ewelina Mendelewski on her birthday

Saturday – December 31st, 2011 – New Year Vigil –

7 pm – Spanish Mass

Next Sunday – January 1st 2012 – New Year

SOLEMNITY OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

9 am – English Mass

Intention: for the health and recovery of Andre John Lupkowski, by his Father Andre H., Mother Jeanmarie, sister Pamela, Grandfather Henry J, and wife Nancy Lupkowski.

And: for the health of Jeanne Frais Moise, by daughters: Lucy Coma and family.

10:15 AM Rolls and Coffee in the Fellowship Hall

11 am – Polish Mass – for the health for Aleksandra Wiaderek and whole Wiaderek Family.

Today may literally be one of the most important days of your life. This is Christmas. The Lord in His love has planned this day for you before He created the world. Today you may be on the threshold of the fulfillment of ancient prophecies in your life. **Today is probably a very busy day for you prepare for Christmas. Nevertheless, I suggest that you leave some things undone. Maybe they are not as essential for Christmas as you think. Use this time to pray. You may have already had your usual quiet**

time with the Lord, but today is different. Jesus, the Lord of Christmas, wants to talk to you about your life and your part in His plan of salvation. He will give "His people a knowledge of salvation in freedom from their sins. All this is the work of the kindness of our God; He, the Dayspring, shall visit us in His mercy" Jesus says: "Call to Me, and I will answer you; I will tell to you things great beyond reach of your knowledge" (Jer 33:3). "Listen to Him" (Mt 17:5).

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.**

COMING EVENTS

**Sat. Dec. 24 - VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY
„WIGILIA” CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER - 6:30 PM
Sun. Dec. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY / SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD / Holy Mass celebrated 9 am English & 11 am Polish
Mon. Dec. 26 - FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN, DEACON & MARTYR
Tue. Dec. 27 - FEAST OF ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
(Blessing of Wine)**

Wed. Dec. 28 - MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS
Sat. Dec 31 - SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY
MEMORIAL OF ST. SYLVESTER, NEW YEAR'S EVE
Sun. Jan. 01, 2012 - SOLEMNITY OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD
Second Offering Mission Fund
Mon. Jan 02 - SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
Fri. Jan. 06 - SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY
Sat. Jan. 08 - SOLEMNITY OF THE HUMBLE SHEPHERDS
Second Offering - Savonarola Theological Seminary

WELCOME - TO ALL VISITORS

You are most welcome and your presence is appreciated. All are invited to share in worship and, after Mass, our fellowship. If the people around you fail to say "hello" first, go up to them and say "Hi!" And don't feel awkward. We've all been in those shoes at one time or another. We want you to join us.

So Welcome Home!