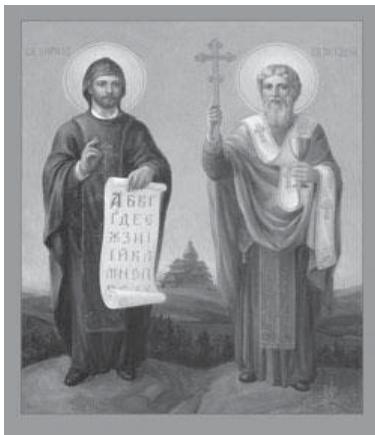


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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Church is to nurture our community in love and selfless service to God and our neighbor under the protection of Sts. Cyril and Methodius, Blessed Virgin Mary and Holy Father John Paul II recognizing the Eucharist as the source of our Christian life.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

To be considered an active member of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Parish, every family and single adult must be registered at the Parish. Only this way the Parish can issue documents, e.g., a letter to be a Godparent or sponsor. If you would like to become a member of this Church, request the form, fill it out and bring it or mail it to the Parish Office, or place it in the collection basket.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00 pm (ENG)

Sunday 9:00 am (ENG), 10:30 am (POL)

Monday 9:00 am (POL)

Wednesday - Friday 6:30pm (POL)

Holy Days As Announced

CONFESION

Saturday 4:30 pm - 4:50 pm

First Friday of the Month 5:30 pm

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesday - after Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thursday 5:30 pm

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Fridays 6:00

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated during any Sunday Mass. Arrangement should be made by the registered parishioners. Parents need to attend one pre-Baptism class. Reservations for the class should be made by calling the Parish Office at least 2 weeks in advance of the Baptism. Godparents must be confirmed Catholics. One non-Catholic may be accepted as a Christian witness.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made at least one year in advance of the marriage date. Engaged couples should make an appointment to meet with the Pastor in the office to determine a date, discuss all the requirements for the marriage, and have it officially registered.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Call 973-334-0139. Please state where the sick person is located (home or hospital).



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday / Sobota - December 21, 2024

5:00 pm + Milene Pyontek

Sunday / Niedziela - December 22, 2024

9:00 am O życie wieczne dla rodziców Ignacego, Jadwigę syna Damiana i zmarłych z rodziny

10:30 am + Zofia Drozdowska (3 rocznica)

Monday / Poniedziałek – December 23, 2024

7:00 pm

Wednesday / Środa - December 25, 2024

12:00 am O Boże błogosławieństwo dla Stanisława z okazji 81 urodzin.

9:00 am + Dawid Belardinelli Blue

10:00 am + Kazimierz Kopeć

Thursday / Czwartek - December 26, 2024

6:30 pm

Friday / Piątek - December 27, 2024

6:30 pm +Jerzy Kawecki

Saturday / Sobota - December 28, 2024

5:00 pm + Victoria Marie Corvi-Creamer

Sunday / Niedziela – December 29, 2024

9:00 am O błogosławieństwo i opiekę Marki Bożej i dary Ducha świętego dla siostrzeńca Dawida i jego rodziców

Mieczysławy i Zbigniewa Przybylo

10:30 am + Józef Kania



PRAY FOR THE SICK / MÓDLMY SIE ZA CHORYCH:

Patrick Glennon

Teresa Kobylińska

Jerzy Tupaczewski

Joseph Ćarnogursky

Grzegorz Michalski

Mrs. Breezy Higa and Aya Peron, req. by Cesar

Higa

Fr. Łukasz's Mother

Frank Barlak

Bożena Zygmunt

CALENDAR / KALENDARZ:

Sat., Dec 21	4:40 pm 5:00 pm	Confession / Spowiedź (ENG/POL) Vigil Mass (ENG)
Sun., Dec 22	9:00 am 10:30 am	Mass (ENG) Mass (POL)
Mon., Dec 23	6:00pm 7:00 pm	Spowiedź (POL) Mass (POL)
Tue., Dec 24	11:30 pm	Christmas Eve / Wigilia Christmas Carols Singing / Kolędowanie
Wed., Dec 25	12:00am 9:00am 10:00am	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) [Solemnity] [Holyday of obligation] Uroczystość Bożego Narodzenia Christmas Midnight Mass / Pasterka (POL) Christmas Mass (ENG) Christmas Mass (POL)
Thu., Dec 26	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Adoracja Najświętszego Sakramentu Mass (POL)
Fri., Dec 27	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Nabożeństwo do Miłosierdzia Bożego Mass (POL)
Sat., Dec 28	4:40 pm 5:00 pm	Confession / Spowiedź (ENG/POL) Vigil Mass (ENG)
Sun., Dec 29	9:00 am 10:30 am	Mass (ENG) Mass (POL)

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

The second collection this week is for expenses related to organizing the church renovation.

DRUGA TACA W TYM TYGODNIU

Druga taca w tym tygodniu jest przeznaczona na remont kościoła

We would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the donations made to our church!

The total collection last week - **\$4,448**

The first collection - **\$2,392**

The second collection - **\$917**

Składamy serdeczne podziękowania za wszelkie ofiary złożone w minionym tygodniu na rzecz naszej świątyni!

Kolekta w zeszłym tygodniu - \$4,448

Pierwsza taca - \$2,392

Druga taca - \$917



Dear Parishioners,

Each of us should have "our own Bethlehem", that is, the place where God is constantly born. Bethlehem is wherever there is love and sacrifice, where the lonely, the sick, the sad and the doubting are remembered. Bethlehem is wherever the face of a sister and brother is seen with respect in another person. Bethlehem is wherever there is love and joy, where glory in the highest is proclaimed to God and peace to people of good will.

I wish all parishioners and guests to live both the holiday season and the weekdays in the spirit of these values. May the Newborn Jesus help us build a future in which goodness and love will always triumph, in which the glow of truth will reign, and God's peace will be able to soothe your hearts overwhelmed by the worries and problems of life.

In the New Year, I wish that day by day, step by step, page by page, we will write a story about ourselves with God. Because the New Year is like an unwritten book, clean and white. I wish that we write this book with values and principles that have their source in Bethlehem. May the Divine Child fill us with joy and peace, love, mercy and truth every day.

*With the gift of prayer and gratitude for every good thing.
Fr. Lukasz Administrator*

Drodzy Parafianie,

Każdy z nas powinien mieć „swoje Betlejem”, czyli miejsce, w którym nieustannie rodzi się Bóg. Betlejem jest wszędzie tam, gdzie panuje miłość i poświęcenie, gdzie pamięta się o samotnych, chorych, smutnych i wątpiących. Betlejem jest wszędzie tam, gdzie w drugim człowieku z szacunkiem dostrzega się twarz siostry i brata. Betlejem jest wszędzie tam, gdzie panuje miłość i radość, gdzie głosi się chwałę na wysokości Bogu i pokój ludziom dobrej woli.

Wszystkim Parafianom i gościom życzę, aby w duchu tych wartości przeżywali zarówno czas świąteczny, jak i czas dni powszednich. Niech Nowonarodzony Jezus pomoże nam budować przyszłość, w której zawsze będzie zwyciężać dobro i miłość, w której będzie królował blask prawdy, a Boży pokój zdola ukoić wasze serca przytłoczone troskami i problemami życia.

W Nowym Roku życzę byśmy dzień za dniem, krok po kroku, strona po stronie pisali z Bogiem opowieść o sobie. Bo Nowy Rok jest jak księga nie zapisana, czysta i biała. Życzę, byśmy tę księgę zapisywali wartościami i zasadami, które swoje źródło mają w Betlejem. Niech Boże Dziecię napełnia nas na każdy dzień radością i pokojem, miłością, miłosierdziem i prawdą.

*Z darem modlitwy i wdzięczności za każde dobro
Ks. Lukasz, Administrator*





Zapraszamy na Nowennę do Matki Bożej Nieustającej Pomocy w każdą środę po wieczornej Mszy św. Zachęcamy do wypisywania prośb i podziękowań do Matki Bożej, które będą czytane podczas nowenny. Prośby podziękowania można wrzucać do skrzynki na ofiary z tyłu kościoła lub przynieść do zakrystii.

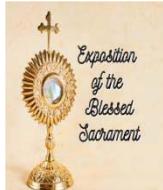


Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help is celebrated every Wednesday after the evening Mass. We encourage you to participate in the novena and to write requests and thanks to Our Lady, which will be read during the novena. Requests of thanks can be placed in the basket with the offering or brought to the sacristy

**Nabożeństwo do Miłosierdzia
Bożego w naszym kościele w
każdy piątek o godz 6:00 pm
Serdecznie zapraszamy.**

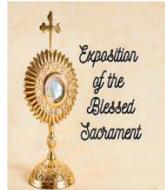


**We invite you for Divine Mercy
Novena in our church every
Friday at 6:00 pm.**



Wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu w naszym kościele w każdy czwartek od godz. 5:30. Serdecznie zachęcamy do adorowania Pana Jezusa, który czeka na nas z wieloma łaskami, którymi chce nas obdarowywać. Podczas adoracji jest okazja do spowiedzi.

„**N**iech wspólnoty parafialne podejmą szczególné zobowiązanie do adoracji eucharystycznej poza Mszą św. Pozostawajmy długo na klęczkach przed Jezusem Chrystusem obecnym w Eucharystii, wynagradzając naszą wiarę i miłość zaniedbania, zapomnienia, a nawet zniewagi, jakich nasz Zbawiciel doznaje w tylu miejscach na świecie.” (Jan Paweł II)



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church is every Thursday at 5:30. We cordially encourage you to adore the Lord Jesus, who is waiting for us with many graces that he wants to give us. There is an opportunity to confess during adoration.

“Let parish communities make a special commitment to Eucharistic adoration outside of Holy Mass. Let us remain on our knees for a long time before Jesus Christ presents in the Eucharist, making up for the neglect, forgetfulness and even insults that our Savior suffers in so many places in the world with our faith and love. (Pope John Paul II)

„Oto zwiastuję wam radość wielką, która będzie udziałem całego narodu: dziś w mieście Dawida narodził się wam Zbawiciel, którym jest Mesjasz, Pan” (Ew 2, 10-11).

Serdecznie zapraszamy wszystkich parafian dużych i małych, na radość wspólnego kolędowania i w naszym kościele 24 grudnia o godz. 11:30 PM przed Pasterką.

Niech przyjście Pana napełni nas radością i nadzieję w Bożonarodzeniowym czasie.

“Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that will be for all the people:

Today in the city of David a Savior has been born to you, who is the Messiah, the Lord” (Luke 2:10-11).

We cordially invite all parishioners, large and small, to the joy of singing carols together in our church on December 24th at 11:30pm before Midnight Mass.

May the coming of the Lord fill us with joy and hope at Christmas time.



Jak każdego roku, rozpoczęmy w parafii wizyty duszpasterskie z błogosławieństwem rodziny i domu

Wizyta duszpasterska, zwana popularnie kolędą, nie jest tylko zwykłym czajem czy tradycją. Zgodnie z prawem kościelnym kapłan ma obowiązek poznawać i odwiedzać rodziny należące do wspólnoty parafialnej.

Wizyta duszpasterska jest jednym z elementów pełnienia misji apostolskiej. Pamiętamy przecież, że Jezus Chrystus polecał apostolom: „Gdy do jakiegoś domu wejdziecie, najpierw mówcie: Pokój temu domowi! Jeśli tam mieszka człowiek godny pokoju, wasz pokój spocznie na nim” (Łk 10, 5–6). Uczył ich też: „Kto was przyjmuje, Mnie przyjmuje; a kto Mnie przyjmuje, przyjmuje Tego, który Mnie posłał” (Mt 10, 40).

Przyjmując kapłana podczas wizyty duszpasterskiej, publicznie wyznajemy naszą wiarę i przynależność do Kościoła powszechnego. Jest to wyraz więzi każdej rodziny będącej Kościołem domowym z parafią, diecezją. Wizyta kapłana to ważne przeżycie dla rodziny. Jest to okazja do spotkania, rozmowy, wzajemnego poznania się.

Podkreśleniem wyjątkowości tej wizyty są szczególne przygotowania:

- 1) stół, nakryty białym obrusem,*
- 2) krzyż, zapalone świece,*
- 3) woda święcona (jeśli ktoś nie ma, wystarczy przed modlitwą powiedzieć o tym, a kapłan pobłogosławi przygotowaną wodę)*

Prosimy wszystkich parafian, aby zgłosili w zakrystii lub kancelarii chęć przyjęcia kapłana w swoim domu.

Pragniemy jeszcze raz serdecznie podziękować wszystkim, którzy włożyli trud w przygotowanie naszego kościoła do Świąt poprzez sprzątanie, dekorowanie, jak i wszystkim Paniom, które przygotowywały i sprzedawały pierogi. Ze sprzedaży pierogów udało nam się zebrać **\$2,600**. Wszystkim serdeczne Bóg Zapłać.

As every year, we will begin pastoral visits to bless the families and homes of parishioners.

A pastoral visit, popularly known as a koleda, is not just a custom or tradition, according to church law, a priest is obliged to meet and visit families belonging to the parish community.

A pastoral visit is one of the elements of carrying out an apostolic mission. We remember that Jesus Christ instructed the Apostles: "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' If a man worthy of peace dwells there, your peace will rest on him" (Luke 10:5–6). He also taught them: "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me" (Mt 10, 40).

By receiving a priest during a pastoral visit, we publicly confess our faith and belonging to the universal Church. It is an expression of the bond between each family that is a domestic Church and the parish and diocese. A priest's visit is an important experience for the family. It is an opportunity to meet, talk and get to know each other.

The uniqueness of this visit is emphasized by special preparations:

- 1) A table covered with a white tablecloth*
- 2) A cross and lit candles*
- 3) Holy water. Water can be blessed by the priest before the prayer if there is no Holy water in the house.*

We ask all parishioners who wish to welcome a priest into their home please talk to Fr. Lukasz after the Mass or call the church office.

I would like to thank all of you for the effort in preparing our church for Christmas by cleaning and decorating. I would also like to thank all the ladies who prepared and sold pierogi. From the pierogi sales, we managed to raise **\$2,600**. A heartfelt God bless you all



Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank you all for everything you do for our Parish. Over the past two years, we have completed many important projects. We fully restored the organ, repaired part of the church roof, completely renovated the church hall, three bathrooms, the kitchen, and the main entrance doors. We also installed new siding and stucco to the exterior and a brand new HVAC system with high efficiency air conditioning. Without your help and your kind hearts, this would never have been possible!

However, we still have a lot of work ahead of us. Our current priority is to renovate the school building, including repairing the roof, gymnasium, replacing windows and doors, and renovating the bathrooms and classrooms. Doing so will enable us to secure a steady monthly income via a reliable tenant.

We also hope to continue renovations in our church, including updating the sacristy and the church interior, and repairing the stairs and sidewalks in front of the church.

In order to achieve all of these goals, I must ask once again for your help. We have started a fundraiser, on the GoFundMe website.

We hope to collect \$200,000 over the course of a year. To support our church, please visit the parish Facebook page where you can find a link to our fundraiser or you can search it directly on the GoFundMe website.

I would like to kindly ask for your help, not only in the form of a donation, in any amount, but also and perhaps above all to disseminate our fundraiser on various social media among your family, friends and acquaintances.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart. I believe that we will manage to collect the designated amount to beautify our church and so that the love and mercy of the Lord God will be proclaimed in it for many years to come! So that Polish children can pray in the language of their grandparents and so that Polish faith and traditions, and especially Polish Marian spirituality, love for Our Lady of Częstochowa, who reigns in our church, will never cease!

May God bless you for your generosity!

Sincerely,
Fr. Łukasz
Link: <https://gofund.me/e91af72f> QR Code:



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Gospel Today

Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:39-45

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Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth, who was filled with The Holy Spirit, and she felt her baby move upon Mary's greeting. Elizabeth said to Mary, who was pregnant with Jesus, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Luke 1:42

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WEEK 4, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Father or head of household
lights all the candles.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

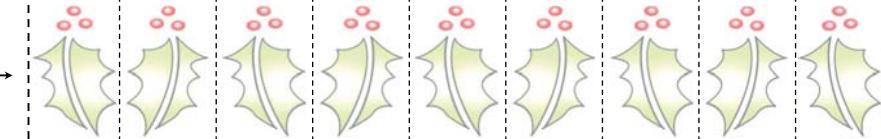


--- COLOR & CUT ON DOTTED LINES ---

COLOR PURPLE

FOLD

COLOR GREEN



CUT BASE

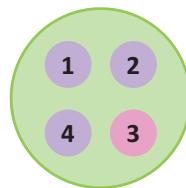
WEEK 4 Cut, color and fold our fourth advent candle - tape or glue this candle to the 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that was used for the first three candles. Place as shown on the diagram at right.

ROLL & OVERLAP
EDGES & GLUE OR
TAPE TOGETHER

OVERLAP WITH
OPPOSITE SIDE



This is what the finished candle should look like



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