


*Mass Intentions*



**Sat. - Jan. 13 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM** +Alice Sobolewski  
Req. Sobolewski Family

**Sun. - Jan. 14 - 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time**

**10:00 AM** +Stanley Sawicki  
Req. Ernest Duval

**Mon. - Jan. 15 - Weekday**

**7:30 AM** +Rita Schemm  
Req. Tom & George

**Tues. - Jan. 16 - Weekday**

**7:30 AM** No Mass this morning

**Wed. - Jan. 17 - St. Anthony**

**7:30 AM** +Helen Bobrowiecki  
Req. Walter & Mary Anne  
Polchlopek

**Thurs. - Jan. 18 - Weekday**

**7:30 AM** OLPH Parishioners  
Living & Deceased

**Fri. - Jan. 19 - Weekday**

**7:30 AM** ++Souls in Purgatory

**Sat. - Jan. 20 - St. Fabian**

**7:30 AM** Health  
Req. Ted Smolen

**Sat. - Jan. 20- 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time**

**4:00 PM** +Ted Irzyk  
Req. Bernice Fastoso

**Sun. - Jan. 21 - 3rd Sunday Ordinary Time**

**10:00 AM** +Zdzislaw Grygielko  
Req. Wife & Children

**THE 2018 MASS BOOK** has been open for several weeks. Parishioners are encouraged to plan ahead and stop in to the parish office to schedule Masses for loves ones' anniversaries of death, birthdays or other special occasions.

**AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT,**

there is no better way to start each day than with Mass and Holy Communion. Frequent sacramental confession is important, too, for a healthy spiritual life. There is no time like the present to accept Jesus' invitation.

**LAST SUNDAY'S OPLATEK DINNER** and

Festivities proved to be another very nice celebration of being Parish Family. Several attendees mentioned that they're already looking forward to next year's get-together in the cozy private room at Me and Ed's.

A word of special thanks to the Kalisz Family and Nancy Kondziolka for their behind-the-scenes work and to Dorothy Roncka for coordinating the koledy/carols sing along.

**THANK YOU!** To Richard and Janice

Machnowski for again providing beautiful Franciscan calendars for us. We look forward to having these calendars in our homes every year.

**BINGO** might be just the right post-holidays "picker-upper" this Thursday and every Thursday evening at 6:45 in the parish hall. Doors and kitchen open at 4:30.

**CHOOSE LIFE!...** Each new year seems to offer us a blank slate, a challenge to make a positive contribution. A new year can be compared to a new life; each child conceived is God's opinion that the world should go on. As each of us begins this new year, let us pledge anew to see that abortion does not thwart God's plan.

Brothers and Sisters of Our Parish Family,

The 2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and continues until January 25<sup>th</sup>. For more than 100 years, Christians around the world have taken part in this octave for visible Christian unity.

Each year a different country has the honor of choosing the theme for this worldwide event. This year's theme—"Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power" (Exodus 15.6)—was chosen by the churches of the Caribbean nations, whose people had been enslaved over several centuries by their colonizers.

Today Caribbean Christians see the hand of God in the ending of that enslavement. They recognize God's saving action for their freedom as something that unites them as a people. For this reason, the song of Moses and Miriam (read Exodus 15.1-21)—of triumph over oppression--was adopted as the motif of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2018.

In this passage, entitled the "Song at the Sea", the Israelites, led by Moses and Miriam, sing the praises of God, who has freed His people from enslavement. Not even Pharaoh's chariots and trained military could frustrate God's will.

That same right hand of God continues to bring hope to the Christians of the Caribbean. As Christians, we realize that God is the Savior of us all. And He continues to bestow His hope and salvation upon us through the Holy Spirit. He is our God, and we are His people.

While freedom and redemption are from God, God engages us, by virtue of our baptism, to share in His ministry of reconciliation. We must no longer allow human divisions to hamper our witness and mission to a world in need of God's healing.

Peace and Blessings,  
Father Conrad

### **2018 WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY HYMN:**

*The right hand of God is writing in our land,  
writing with power and with love;  
Our conflicts and our fears,  
our triumphs and our tears  
are recorded by the right hand of God.*

*The right hand of God is pointing in our land,  
pointing the way we must go;  
so clouded is the way,  
so easily we stray,  
but we're guided by the right hand of God.*

*The right hand of God is striking in our land,  
striking out at every hate and greed;  
Our selfishness and lust,  
our pride and deeds unjust  
are destroyed by the right hand of God.*

*The right hand of God is lifting in our land,  
lifting the fallen one by one;  
Each one is known by name,  
and rescued now from shame  
by the lifting of the right hand of God.*

*The right hand of God is healing in our land,  
healing broken bodies, minds, and souls;  
so wondrous is its touch,  
with love that means so much,  
when we're healed by the right hand of God.*

*The right hand of God is planting in our land,  
planting seeds of freedom, hope, and love;  
in these many-peopled lands,  
let His children all join hands,  
and be one with the right hand of God*

--the Caribbean Conference of Churches

(Beautiful organ accompaniments for this hymn can be found online.)