

2 maja 2021 Biuletyn Parafialny

PLEASE NOTE: Our church is closed at least until May 12 due to the general provincial shutdown to stop the spread of COVID-19. Stay safe, everyone. Please pray for a successful vaccination program and the end of the pandemic. Our thoughts and prayers are with front-line workers as well.

Also, please pray for the people of India and other parts of the world that are experiencing the pandemic in a catastrophic way. May they soon experience healing and comfort.

FOOD CUPBOARD: Our parishioners have been amazing with the contributions every Sunday to the Food Cupboard (which is in front of the Polish Village Hall). We'd be very grateful to anyone who can stop by the Food Cupboard to help keep it filled.



PRAYERS FOR JOE GILLIS ON HIS

BIRTHDAY: Sto lat, Joe! Wishing you lots of health and happiness.

CELEBRATING THE POLISH MAY 3rd HOLIDAY (THE FEAST OF MARY, QUEEN

OF POLAND AND CONSTITUTION DAY):

Please join us **Monday, May 3**, for a really interesting lecture by author Brianne Turczynski, whose recent book is *Detroit's Lost Poletown*. It's a tragic story of people who struggled to save their church and neighbourhood – and the toll all this took on people's health. What can we learn from this here in Cape Breton?

This year's lecture is dedicated to the memory of Melbourne McKay.

You can join **by computer or telephone**. Here are the links:

Zoom link for May 3rd lecture to mark the Polish holiday. Looking forward to seeing you!

Monday, May 3, at 7 p.m.:

<https://zoom.us/j/99417295836?pwd=WG40U2thaE9INVdiTUdWTKpVK0wxQT09>

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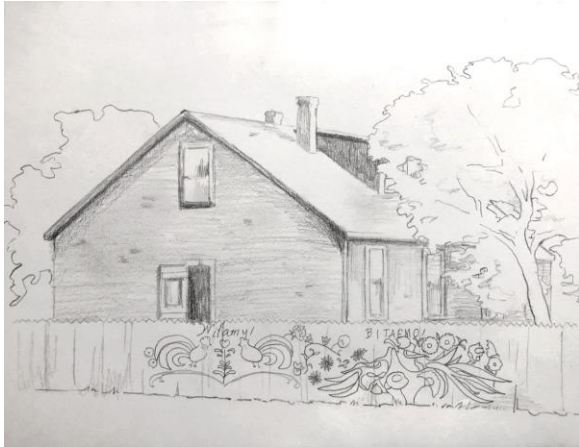
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SPECIAL ART PROJECT TO FEATURE "HISTORIC HOMES OF POLISH CAPE

BRETON": We'd love to feature a home associated with your family history. We'll share some more information at

Monday's lecture. Artist Emily Sheppard will join us.



Above is a sample of Emily's work. We would like to feature as many of the "Polish homes" as possible. The first step will be a mural in the Polish Village Hall, to be unveiled during NS Polish Heritage Month.

BULLETINS: If you know someone who is not receiving a bulletin either by e-mail or regular mail, please advise: 902-563-1226; tom_urbaniak@cbu.ca

VIRTUAL GARAGE SALE: Magda Rudiuk sent along a request from **the family of the late Dr. Marek Knott** in North Sydney, who passed away last year.

Unfortunately, the family will be selling their home. They have a number of items that may be of interest, including Polish CDs and DVDs, many home and garden supplies, and much more. If interested, please don't hesitate to contact Joanna Knott: (902) 371-4696; joasiaknott@gmail.com.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: \$930, including \$170 for the Building Fund. Recent IMO (in memory of) contributions to the Building Fund: IMO Sam and Ann Kulynyck, from Shirley (Kulynyck) Dolhun; IMO Julie Marcoux, from Elaine Tynski-Shipley and Chris Shipley.

DONATIONS DURING THE SHUTDOWN;

We are deeply grateful for everyone's generosity through the pandemic. If you wish to make a donation, the parish's mailing address is 21 Wesley St., Sydney, NS, B1N 2M5. You can also make an on-line donation via CanadaHelps (and receive an instant tax receipt). Here is the link:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/st-marys-polish-parish/>

FINANCE COMMITTEE

TELECONFERENCE: Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m.

STEERING COMMITTEE – NOVA SCOTIA

POLISH HERITAGE MONTH – Zoom meeting: Friday, May 7, at 7 p.m.

CZYTANIA/READINGS

Pierwsze czytanie/First Reading: Dz (Acts) 9,26-31

Psalm: 22

Drugie czytanie/Second reading: 1 J 3,18-24

Ewangelia/Gospel: J 15,1-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Będę Cię chwalił w wielkim zgromadzeniu. / I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Uroczystość Najświętszej Maryi Panny Królowej Polski / Feast Day of Mary, Queen of Poland

The following is excerpted from an article by Martin LaMartina in Christian Culture (2009): “For the ultimate expression of Polish Catholic devotion we can look to the fruition of Polish Marian piety in the lives and in the enduring spiritual gifts to the Church of her contemporary martyrs [and] saints. The list includes St. Faustina, Blessed [now Saint] Pope John Paul II and St. Maximilian Kolbe. These sons and daughters of Poland of the twentieth century are still influential in the life of the universal Church of today ... The nation’s strong devotion to Mary traces its roots back to the installation and adoration of Our Lady’s iconic image at Czestochowa. While each of these individuals has given us a unique personal witness, they are all similar in their personal dependence on the will of Christ through obedience to His Mother through the Church. A dependence summed up in the motto of John Paul II: ‘Totus Tuus’. This motto is also applicable to the collective soul of the Polish nation from which these saints come forth. This soul was officially recognized, and Poland’s faith was

solidified, with the crowning of Mary as ‘Queen of Poland’ through an official Act of Parliament proposed by King John Casimir.”



The Jasna Góra Monastery, revered holy site in Częstochowa.

Polish stamp released for May 3, 2021 – the 230th anniversary of the famous May 3rd Constitution – guaranteeing the country’s parliamentary heritage, rights of minorities, and the rule of law.



May 2nd – the day before May 3rd Constitution Day -- is International Polonia Day. (“Polonia” refers to people of Polish heritage living outside Poland.)