

Parishes to mark pope's beatification

NEWARK—Parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, which reflect a Polish community heritage and tradition, have planned special masses and events that will coincide with the May 1 beatification of Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

Pope Benedict XVI will celebrate the beatification of his predecessor, an event that's expected to attract thousands of pilgrims to the Eternal City.

According to biographical information provided by the Vatican's Holy See press office, Pope John Paul II, elected to the papacy Oct. 16, 1978, was born Karol Józef Wojtyła in the Polish town of Wadowice, not far from Krakow, on May 18, 1920. He was the youngest of three children born to Karol Wojtyła and Emilia Kaczorowska.

His pontificate lasted nearly 27 eventful years that were highlighted by more than 100 pastoral visits outside Italy and 146 within Italy. Among his many achievements, he penned 14 Encyclicals, 15 Apostolic Exhortations, 11 Apostolic Constitutions, 45 Apostolic Letters and other books.

Father Andrew Ostaszewski, Ph.D., the pastor of Saint Casimir Parish and the coordinator of the archdiocesan Polish-Slovak Apostolate, compiled the following list of celebrations to mark the beatification of Pope John Paul II.

(Editor's note: parishes are listed in alphabetical order by their town or city. Celebrations will take place on Sunday, May 1, unless otherwise indicated. Those interested in attending masses and related events should contact the individual parishes for further information.):

- **Bayonne; Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, 39 East 22nd St.; Mass of Thanksgiving at 3 p.m.
- **Elizabeth; Saint Adalbert/SS. Peter & Paul**, 250 East Jersey St.; Mass at 3 p.m.
- **Elizabeth; Saint Hedwig**, 600 Myrtle St., April 29, 30 and May 1, celebration of the Holy Tridium to the Divine Mercy, 3 p.m. each day
- **Garfield, Saint Stanislaus Kostka**, 184 Ray St.; combined celebration of the pope's beatification and Divine Mercy Sunday during regular masses on May 1
- **Hackensack; Saint Joseph**, 460 Hudson St.; concert at 6 p.m. in thanksgiving for beatification of Pope John Paul II.
- **Harrison; Our Lady of Czestochowa**, 115 South Third St.; Novena to Divine Mercy and Liturgy of Thanksgiving at 3 p.m.
- **Irvington; Sacred Heart of Jesus**, 537 Grove St.; April 29, 30 and May 1, celebration of Holy Tridium; Devotion to Divine Mercy, 2 p.m. on May 1
- **Jersey City; Saint Ann**, 291 Saint Paul's Ave.; Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by a special ceremony
- **Jersey City; Saint Anthony of Padua**, 330 Sixth St.; Mass at 3 p.m. followed by a concert
- **Linden; Holy Family**, 210 Monroe St.; Liturgy to Divine Mercy, 3 p.m.
- **Linden; Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus**, 131 East Edgar Rd.; April 29, 30 and May 1, Novena to Divine Mercy, 3 p.m. each day; May 1, unveiling and blessing of place of remembrance for Pope John Paul II, containing the pope's relic, following Novena
- **Lyndhurst; Saint Michael the Archangel**, 624 Page Ave., Holy cards and refreshments will be given out after each Mass
- **Newark; Saint Casimir**, 164 Nichols St.; Mass at 10:45 a.m. followed by a luncheon, which will feature a pre-recorded TV broadcast of the beatification ceremonies in Rome; May 8, Mass of Thanksgiving at 8 a.m., celebrated by Archbishop Zygmunt Zimowski, president of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Health Care Workers
- **Newark; Saint Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr**, 146 Irvine Turner Blvd.; May 22, Mass at 11 a.m. celebrated by Archbishop Szczepan Wesoly, president of the John Paul II Foundation
- **Plainfield; Saint Bernard of Clairvaux and Saint Stanislaus Kostka**, 1235 George St.; Blessing and special dedication of life-size statue of Pope John Paul II at all masses
- **Wallington; Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**, 127 Paterson Ave., April 30, 6 p.m., multicultural Vigil mass followed by a reception in the parish auditorium.



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