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— HAMTRAMCK'S NEWSPAPER OF RECORD —



Quick Hits

A twist on an old treat for the holidays

By Charles Sercombe

Is it ever too early for paczki?

In Hamtramck, it's a resounding no.

While the pastry treat is generally consumed on the last day before Lent begins, known as Paczki Day around here, there's no law saying you can't enjoy the delicacy year-round.

Hamtramck's last remaining Polish-centric bakery, New Palace (9833 Jos. Campau) has come up with a novel paczki fitting for the holiday season: peppermint paczki.

Yes, peppermint because nothing says Christmas like peppermint.

By all accounts, we have heard rave reviews of this novel treat. One friend called it "Crack Paczki" – which is about as addictive as you can get.

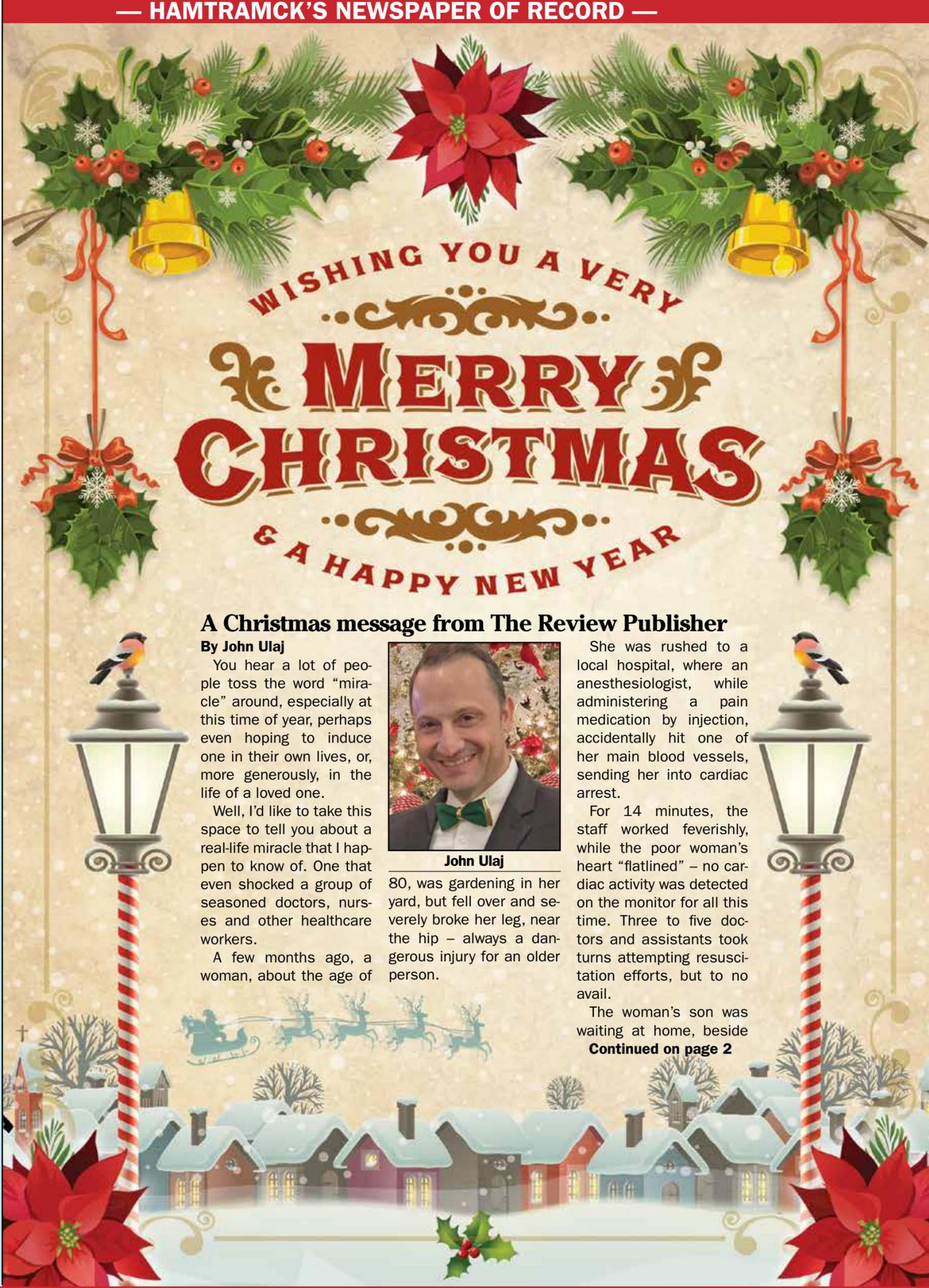
Vicky Ognanovich of New Palace said the idea came from her son's wife.

This year, Paczki Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, Feb. 22.

We have not heard of any plans for festivities this year, but we expect more venues will be offering entertainment, Mardi Gras style, as in previous years.

Unfortunately, the city lost one of its last Polish bakeries, New Martha Washington, located just a few blocks away from New Palace, this year because the owners retired. The bakery has since been converted into a taco diner.

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A Christmas message from The Review Publisher

By John Ulaj

You hear a lot of people toss the word "miracle" around, especially at this time of year, perhaps even hoping to induce one in their own lives, or, more generously, in the life of a loved one.

Well, I'd like to take this space to tell you about a real-life miracle that I happen to know of. One that even shocked a group of seasoned doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers.

A few months ago, a woman, about the age of



John Ulaj

80, was gardening in her yard, but fell over and severely broke her leg, near the hip – always a dangerous injury for an older person.

She was rushed to a local hospital, where an anesthesiologist, while administering a pain medication by injection, accidentally hit one of her main blood vessels, sending her into cardiac arrest.

For 14 minutes, the staff worked feverishly, while the poor woman's heart "flatlined" – no cardiac activity was detected on the monitor for all this time. Three to five doctors and assistants took turns attempting resuscitation efforts, but to no avail.

The woman's son was waiting at home, beside

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Quick Hits

Cont. from front page

For the past few years we all had to take a break from paczki festivities during the covid pandemic so as to tamp down on the

spread of the virus, but everything basically returned to normal this past year.

Having said that, covid did not go away so do take precautions just the same. But, yeah, wearing a mask while chomping down on a paczki is a challenge.

But, hey, who can resist a paczki?

(Don't want to stand in line to get your hands on a dozen or so of peppermint paczki? You can place an order at New Palace by phone, 313-875-1334.)

A Christmas virtue... Continued from front page

himself, being filled in by his brother, and crying out to God to save her life – because he truly believed that she had more of that life to live.

At this same time, this man, through his feelings of helplessness and dread, felt a growing calm – a sense that somehow, in spite of the lengthening odds against a positive outcome with each passing moment, that things would somehow turn out all right.

Suddenly, the man received a call from his older brother: The woman had somehow successfully been revived, and less than an hour later, had not only awoken, but had instantly recognized the brother, and cried out his name!

Perhaps more amazingly still, she suffered no permanent damage to her heart, nor to her brain, in spite of having been flatlined for that much time. It is, truly, incredible, if you stop to think about it.

Nurses then further told the brother that she was in considerable pain, doubtless due to multiple broken ribs from her fall.

And then, another miracle: X-rays found no broken ribs – not one!

We live in a world where the media feeds us an almost-constant stream of frightening, negative, unpleasant stories and warnings.

They rarely mention the miracles. The miracles that occur around us. Every day. Small miracles, medium-sized ones.

And big ones. Big miracles – like the one that happened to that woman, and her terrified family, that day...

That woman in the story, who is my mother. And that son, who is me.

So you see, I have personally witnessed the miracles that prayer can bring forth.

God sees our suffering, and knows it: He commanded his only begotten Son JESUS to die on the cross for the sins of all humanity, so that those who believed in Him would come to know his Love and Mercy.

All that we must do is repent our sins, believe in Him, and accept this most precious gift of salvation at Christmas. Or, any time – but none like the present.

The world is temporary. One day, that woman, my mother, will pass on. As will I, as will you, as will we all. This life is temporary, but our destination is Eternity.

I have come to this con-



Lena Ulaj, the mother of Review Publisher John Ulaj, experienced a miraculous recovery – and close call – during a recent surgery.

clusion: God will not sacrifice the tiniest portion of Eternity for the greatest length of worldly time. Because time is not permanent, but eternity is.

In conclusion, in the book of Isaiah 9:6, we are reminded that "Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

This Old Testament verse is referring to the amazing Christmas gift from God, the one True God: Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior! To Him may there be the honor and glory forever and ever, Amen!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a healthy New Year!



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1/14 – Go Get It, 2:30 p.m., Away (Ferndale) Davison High
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2/11 – W.C. Showcase, 6 p.m., Away (Benton Harbor) Kalamazoo Central
2/17 – River Rouge, 7 p.m., Home

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS

Second Front Page

Students and volunteers get into the holiday spirit

By Charles Sercombe

There is no shortage of the holiday giving spirit in this community.

Just a few days before Thanksgiving, Hamtramck Public School students helped dish out holiday meals to needy families and individuals at Detroit Friendship House.

Over at Hanley International Academy, other students, under the direction of Dr. Girdwood, recently held a school-wide food donation drive, also to help out Detroit Friendship House.

The charter school said of this event:

"All grades, pre-K through 8th, participated in the drive. They collected and donated a whopping 1,224 pounds of food! That is roughly equivalent to 765 meals!

"Several students helped load up the director's SUV three separate times to transport all the food to the food pantry. The students Gzwan, Thomas, Leia and Alae, said they enjoyed the challenge to compete with each other class to collect the most food."

Director Cathy Maher thanked the school. "These students did an amazing job, and should be very proud of what they did to help their fellow residents," Maher said. Also lending a helping



Hanley International Academy students, under the direction of Dr. Girdwood, organized a food drive for Detroit Friendship House.



Volunteers with Holy Cross Parish collected and donated toys to Detroit Friendship House.

hand to the Friendship House food pantry were members of Holy Cross Parish.

Parish.

Volunteers from the parish held their annual toy drive to benefit the families of Friendship House.

Here's what the parish had to say:

"Every Sunday, our pastor, Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, invited our parishioners to drop off toys for the toy collection box. Community members also contributed to the drive.

"On Tuesday, Dec. 6, we met with the Detroit Friendship House staff and delivered 210 toys, 30 fleece blankets, 49 handmade hats and 40 scarves, to be distributed to the deserving children in our area."

By the way, Holy Cross is celebrating its 100th anniversary of being located in Hamtramck.

The clothing donation is just one of several outreach programs parish volunteers organize each year for the community.

(Detroit Friendship House is located at 9540 Conant. You can reach them at 313-871-7443.)



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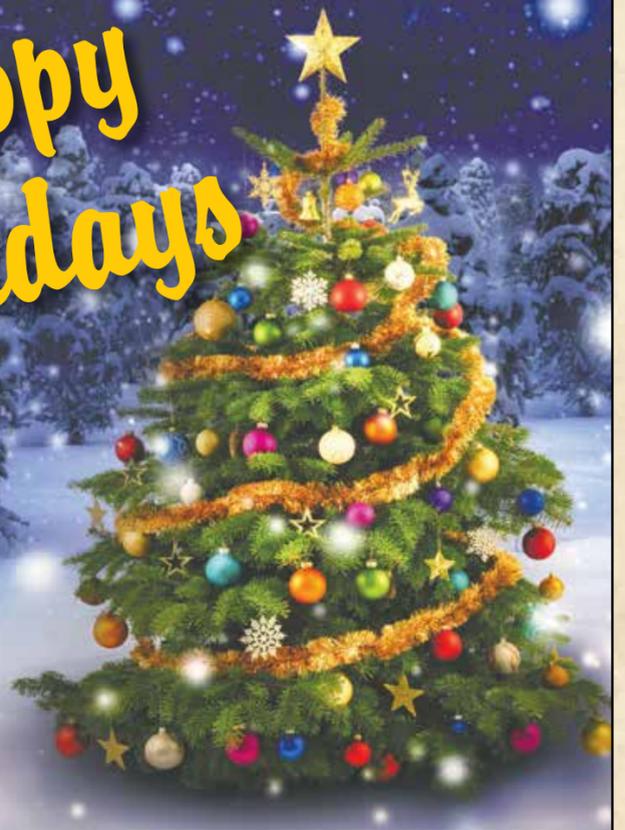
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Review: Opinion Page

In Our Opinion

Have a happy holiday season and new year

The holiday season is officially here, and once again, for the next two weeks, The Review will be taking a bit of a break.

This is when we present our "Year in Review" of all the news Hamtramck has experienced over that time.

Obviously, it's a time to reflect, and looking back at the year is something that we look forward to

producing. While we say this every year, it's amazing how much news this little town packs into 12 months.

Hamtramck is endlessly interesting – even as, at times, we Hamtramck-ans squabble. Those interactions mean that we all care about this town.

The Christmas and New Year's Eve weeks also allow folks to re-charge

their batteries, and get together with family and friends.

It's good for all of us to slow down every once and awhile.

And, as always, we appreciate our readers for supporting us throughout the year – and for the past 14 years.

We wish all of you Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year.

Odds & Ends

Correction... In last week's issue, the column "City Hall Insider" incorrectly identified the meeting being discussed was held on Oct. 25, 2022.

The meeting in question was from Nov. 25, 2022.

The Review apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

Holiday spirits... Here's a show you don't want to miss.

Hamtramck's favorite party band, The Polish Muslims, will be hosting their annual holiday show this Saturday, Dec. 17, in Ferndale at Otus Supply's Parliament Room, 345 E. Nine Mile Rd.

Yes, we know, it's Ferndale and not Hamtramck, but it's only a short drive there.

The band has been around for something like four decades, and they are known to, as their press release says, "poke gentle fun through parody, with their home town of Hamtramck and Polish ethnicity being favorite targets, (which) has resulted in the release of five full-length CDs, a vinyl compilation in the works, and the critically acclaimed original, 'That's Why God Invented the Polka,' on the

internationally released compilation, Restless Records' 'Polka Comes to Your Haus.'"

Opening the Dec. 17 show will be alternative rockers The Redones.

It starts at 7-ish, and tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$15 at the door, and they are available on Everbrite or through Otus Supply's website: <http://otussupply.com>, as well as that venue's box office.

Partial proceeds will go to a favorite charity of the band's: Gilda's Club, which provides a welcoming community for cancer patients and their loved ones.

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Rollin... We wanted to put in a quick plug for the Broadway in Detroit musical currently occupying the Detroit Opera House down near Grand Circus Park: "Tina!"

It's the life story of soul-singing giant Tina Turner.

We got a chance to see it this past Wednesday, and folks, let's just say it will warm you up on a cold, cold December night.

This cast was on fire. We actually caught an

understudy in the lead role, and she was spectacular. Her name is Paris Lewis, and you'll want to watch for that name in the future. She may very well be going places after this show – big places. Her voice and energy level were completely amazing.

The show plays now through Dec. 18. Contact the box office, or go to the Broadway in Detroit website.

Giving forward... Here's a novel idea for how to make younger people break out in smiles.

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While we can all live without a fancy Starbucks beverage, kids need to eat in order to learn. And, heck, no kid should ever have to go hungry.

Try it some time. **Continued on page 7**

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The City of Hamtramck is holding two Public Hearings on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of Hamtramck City Hall (3401 Evaline Street, Hamtramck, MI 48212) to receive comments from the public on the following topics:

- 1 The City of Hamtramck administration recommends an Amendment to Hamtramck Animals Ordinance; TITLE IX; CHAPTER 90, SECTIONS 90.004, 90.005, 90.030, AND 90.999

Full and complete text of the changes is available on the City of Hamtramck's website through Boarddocs (Resolution 2022-160). The public is invited to view and comment on the amendments during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before January 10, 2023 to the City Clerk at RFaraj@HamtramckCity.com.

The City of Hamtramck will provide necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids, and services for individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon advance notice by writing or by calling the Clerk's Office at 313-800-5233 x343. Please contact the Clerk's office at least 10 days in advance.

Rana Faraj
Hamtramck City Clerk

Odds & Ends

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Health care expands...
CCS Health Michigan recently shared some good news: they are expanding their Medicare coverage, by teaming up with the Greater Genesee County Accountable Care Organization.

The group currently serves most of the state, including Wayne County.

Now, we know that we all live in Wayne County, but this expansion is good news for everyone, as the organization, now known as CCA Health ACO, can continue to expand its ser-

vice area. It now serves 60,000 people in the state.

Reminder... For the rest of this month, through Jan. 2, you don't have to feed the parking meters on Jos. Campau, nor in the city-owned parking lots.

The city is hoping this will encourage shoppers to come to Hamtramck during the holiday season, obviously.

Take advantage of it while you can, and support our local businesses.

Obituaries

MULARSKI



Dolores Mularski (nee Vensel), 88, died December 12, 2022.

Delores was the wife of the late Leonard and mother of Debbie (Adam) Warren. Dolores is also survived by her grandson, Matthew. Many nieces, nephews, and cousins also survive.

Dolores followed family members to the Detroit metro area shortly after high school graduation in Pennsylvania where she met Leonard on a blind date, and they were married on August 1, 1964 and were married for 51 years before his passing. Dolores was a Girl Scout Registrar and Cookie manager; was involved in numerous Queen of Apostles activities over the years including Christian Service Commission Chairperson, planned Q of A picnics and Rummage sales along with her committee, managed monthly Coffee and Cake after Masses for many years, member of Q of A Seniors Group, member of Q of A Parish Council, 100th Anniversary committee, Q of A Counting Committee, was involved with Q of A Soup Kitchen until earlier this year, Q of A Lector/Commentator.

Visitation is Friday, December 16, 2022, from 3 - 9 p.m. with Prayers at 7 p.m., at Wysocki Funeral Home, 29440 Ryan Rd, Warren MI 48092. Lying in state Saturday, December 17, 2022, at 10:30 a.m., until time of funeral Mass at 11 a.m. at Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church, 11200 Conant, Hamtramck MI 48212. Entombment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, MI. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Dolores's name to Our Lady Queen of Apostles Catholic Church. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

mother of Joshua. She is also survived by her life-long friend Frances Plawinski.

Maria was always a caretaker of everyone, whether it be of her family, friends, or her favorite creatures her cats. She was also very involved with St. Louis the King Parish and Saint Florian Parish.

Visitation is Friday, December 16, 2022, from 3 - 8 p.m. at Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home, 2396 Caniff, Hamtramck MI 48212. Lying in state Saturday, December 17, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. until time of funeral Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Florian Catholic Church, 2626 Poland, Hamtramck MI, 48212. Entombment will be at Mount Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

SHAMMA



Valerie Shamma (nee Merker), 89, died December 11, 2022.

Valerie was the loving wife of Nickolas and mother of Susan Lubinski, Gari Lynn (Joseph) Zaleski, Nickolas, and Richard. Nana of 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Sister of Henry, and the late Yvonne and Margaret (Judy). To Valerie her family was the most important thing in her life. She was a schoolteacher at Kosciuszko and worked in the Hamtramck Recreation Department. She loved baseball being married to Nick. Valerie even filled in as a coach for Hamtramck Little League and came out victorious against the team her husband was coaching.

A Memorial Mass will be held on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at 10 a.m. at Holy Cross National Church, 2311 Pulaski, Hamtramck MI 48212. Burial of Ashes will be at a future date, at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly MI. Arrangements by Jurkiewicz & Wilk Funeral Home.

RADTKE



Maria Radtke (nee Korzeniewski), 87, died December 11, 2022.

Maria was the loving mother of Richard and Mark (Jean) and grand-

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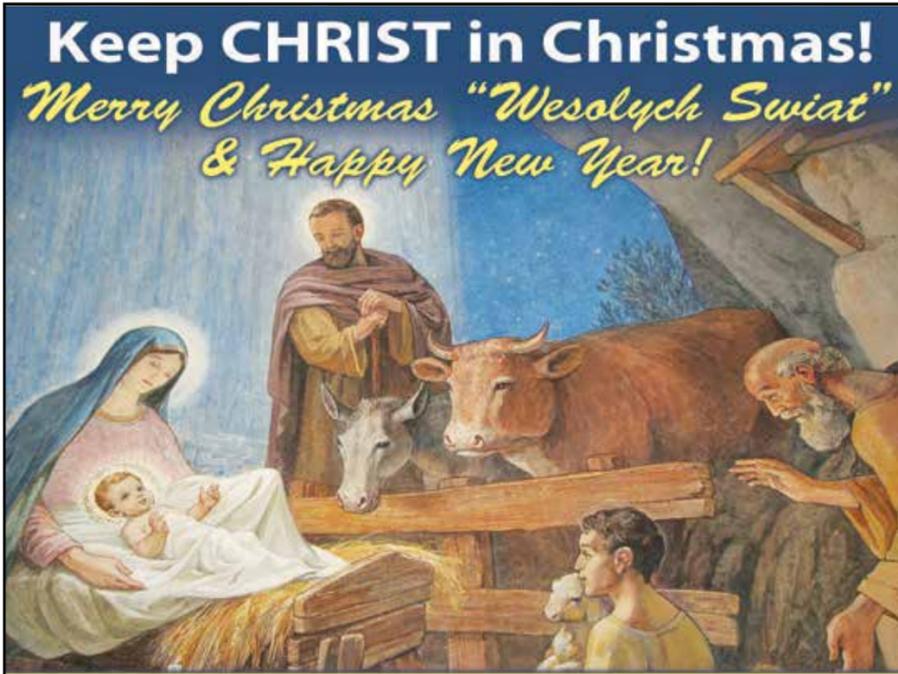
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