

Bulletin

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July 19, 2009. sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time.

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A high school teacher, discussing the importance of mutual care in the family, mentioned the nightly television flash: “Do you know where your children are?” and a senior snapped: “They’d better ask: “Do you know where your parents are?” So many youngsters drop out of our impersonal and anonymous society to join communes! Broken families and homes where parents have no time for their children are not without guilt concerning this phenomenon.

Nobody can live in the vacuum of loneliness. We need care. Parents should provide it. Wherever possible, we should try to personalize situations in which we are together as human beings: schools, offices, jobs, church.

Using the familiar image of shepherd and flock, the Bible readings emphasize the necessity of a real person-to-person care, which all of us need it.

Questions for reflection

I will appoint shepherds... so they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the Lord.

Name those in various categories who have proven their ability to lead well: in government, ministry, society, or your family.

- What characteristics mark these people as worthy leaders?

Brothers and sisters: in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have become near by the blood of Christ.

- What obstacles have seemed insurmountable in your life?
- How does the peace of Christ make beating the odds possible?

When Jesus disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.

- What are the things you find hardest to forgive in yourself?
- How do you think God approaches the business of forgiving you, and them?

Faith Response

Pray for leaders, especially the ones you don't like the most. Pray for those who seem to have the farthest to go to turn their lives around. Ask for the grace to know God's forgiveness for yourself.

HOLY MASSES

Sunday July 19, 2009. Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary time.

9:00am Holy Mass for + Elmer Sherman req. by Dores Sherman.

+Alice Zandarski and Vincent Massimo req. By Kaiser and Vuz families.

11:00am Polska Msza za parafian.

Sunday July 26, 2009. Seventeen Sunday in ordinary time.

9:00am Holy Mass for Anna Hudak and Josephine and Anthony Regula req. by Kaiser family.

11:00am Polska Msza za parafian.

Events and activities

Responsorial Psalm for today is: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Please pray for all the sick and shut-ins especially for: Caren Lagerstrom, Joseph Zavatsky, Jean Manowiecki, Edmund Satulla, Bp. Anthony Rysz, Bp. John Swantek, Fr. Senior Eugeniusz Stelmach, Julia Paluszek, Theodore Ciulac, Catherin Zglobicki, Jennie Corrigan, Frank Kusniesz, Wanda and Andrew Closterman, and all in need of our prayers.

Please check this out; our new website: www.transfigurationpncc.org

Did you know that ...

... we often pray without using words at all?

... kneeling is a sign of our humility before God?

... kneeling on one knee is called a genuflection?

... standing is a sign of alertness and readiness to listen?

... the sign of the cross demonstrates belief in the Trinity and the power of Jesus' death to save us?

... using holy water is a reminder of our Baptism?

... folding one's hands is a sign of concentration in prayer?

... sitting or kneeling quietly before the Blessed Sacrament is a prayer?

... honoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the reason for a devotion called

benediction?

... incense is sometimes burned at liturgies and devotions to help people focus on their prayer?

A harvest prayer:

On the day of the harvest the straw is set aside, the chaff is blown away by the wind, and the weeds are consigned to the flames. But the wheat, like sacks of gold, is gathered into the barn. Lord on the day of death, the harvest of my life will be poured out before you, wheat and chaff and weeds together. Let your wise hand sift through it; then keep that is worth keeping, and with the breath of your kindness, blow the rest away.

Sacrament of Baptism: Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangement should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

Emergencies, Sickness and Death should be reported to the rectory office immediately.

Welcome to Our Visitors - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please introduce yourself to the Pastor after Mass, please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us in worship at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish.