

# Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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August 07, 2011. Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Human life is a remarkable mixture of that famous “smile and a tear.” We all have our ups and downs in life. We attend both weddings and funerals. Parents witness graduations and often the failures of their children as well. Married life can be like the smell of roses and turn into nightmare. Young people are successful today and can be turned down tomorrow. Friends may disappoint us and we may witness infidelity not only in our government but even in our Church. All this may leave us confused and downcast. What are we to do? Are we to give up our faith in God? Queen Jezebel threatened the life of Elijah. He went to a cave in search of God; he prayed and encountered God in “a tiny whispering sound,” as the beautiful, idyllic tradition of the first Bible reading has it. Jesus` best friend, John the Baptizer, was beheaded in jail and “he went up on the mountain by himself to pray, remaining there alone as evening drew on”. That night Jesus` disciples were in serious trouble, their boat being tossed about in the waves. Lack of faith made them desperate and perhaps Peter, becoming frightened, would have drowned if he had not cried out: “Lord, save me!” God`s word to everyone tossed about on the waves of life is: Find a quiet moment for yourself, search for God, pray with Faith: “Lord save me!”

## **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

“Go outside and stand on the mountain; the Lord will be passing by.”

Imagine yourself as Elijah found himself, awaiting the whisper of God.

- What would you say to the Almighty in that encounter?

I have great sorrow and anguish of heart... for the sake of my own people.

- Do you intercede for those you know and love?
- Are you willing to intercede for strangers, and enemies?

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

Consider times when you have stayed in the boat; gotten out of the boat; gone under.

- What makes the difference in each event?
- How does God speak to you through the ordinary events of your life?
- Compare a free act with an obligation. Which word best describes your

faith?

- When has your faith been tested by stormy events? How did your faith endure?

## **Faith Response**

Walk in faith, even if it means getting out of the safe boat you've been sailing lately. Take a risk in faith: give charitably beyond what is comfortable. Tell the truth even if it costs you something. Pray through your doubts.

## **HOLY MASSES**

August 07, 2011. Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

August 14, 2011. Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

## **Events and activities**

***Responsorial Psalm for today is: Lord let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation.***

Fr. Gregory will be away from the parish from August 8 to August 27. On Sundays, August 14 and 21 Holy Masses will be celebrated by Rev. Stanley Kural. Rev. Joseph Cyman will conduct pastoral care during my absence. You can contact him at 973-256-4888.

**Courage! DO NOT BE AFRAID**

Like Peter we too have often set out confidently across the waters of life. However, as soon as the winds of trouble rise against us, and the waves of adversity begin to buffet us, we lose our nerve and begin to sink. Lord, when our faith falters, as it often does, may we hear your gentle voice saying to us, "Courage! Do not be afraid."

In that moment, Lord, may your divine power uphold us, calm our fears, steady our nerves, and enable us to steer our little boat to a place of safety and peace, beyond the wind and the waves.

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

*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.*