

Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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January 15, 2012. **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Rev. Gregory Mludzik, Pastor

Raymond Bielski, Parish Chairman Dawn Wassman, Music Minister

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3, 3-10, 19

Samuel is one of the great prophets of the Hebrews. It is he who anointed David as king of Israel. By setting down this beautiful tradition, the author relates Samuel's work and life directly to a call of almighty God.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6, 13-15, 17-20.

Notice that in Paul's language "body" stands for the whole person. Paul gives two reasons for a morally responsible life. First, you are members of Christ; in other words, you belong to Christ by faith and baptism and should be faithful to your baptismal commitment. Secondly, you are a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: John 1, 35-42.

Today's Gospel tells about our Lord's own call/task in life. John designates him as "the Lamb of God", a sacrificial lamb offered to God - in contemporary language, "the Man for others," giving himself to God in his fellow humans. We also learn about the call of the first disciples. God's word to us asks us to question ourselves about our relationship with God. Is it a dynamic one of call and response? Is it an ongoing process? An ever more generous response should be the result of counsel and constant prayer.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Samuel grew up, and the Lord was with him...

List ten words used often in our society that have a hold on you (e. g. Sale! Terrorist, taxes,). Which God-words also speak to your heart?

Whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him.

- How many ways can you consciously join yourself to the Lord(e. g. prayer, Eucharist, imitation)?
- When do you feel closest to God?

Jesus turned and said to them, "What are you looking for?"

- When you come to Jesus, what are you looking for?
- Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? Therefore glorify God in your body.
- How have you glorified God in your body today? What further steps can you take each day to be a vessel of divine life?
- The two disciples said to Jesus, "Rabbi, where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."
- What are the two most important occasions on which we were forced to change our minds, our behavior; or our goals?

HOLY MASSES

January 15, 2012. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time.

9:00am Holy Mass for Jamie Kotula req. Mr. & Mrs. Richard Maciag.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za duszę śp. Jadwige Gniazdowska zam. syn Kazimierz z rodzina.

January 22, 2012. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.

9:00am Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za duszę śp. Mariana Sowe zam. córka Tatiana z rodzina.

Events and activities

Responsorial Psalm for today is: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

January 29, 2012.

* Annual Parish Meeting after Mass.

* Election of the Parish Committee and officers

*** Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am !!!**

Parish dues... Parish books will be closed for 2011. If you didn't pay them, please do it next Sunday. As Church Constitutional responsibility, our Parish Committee is obliged to send notices to any of our parishioners found to be one year or more behind in their parish dues, asking them if they wish to retain their membership in the Church. This becomes necessary, in order to keep our parish records up-to-date, as well as the census of the entire Church.

The Passaic Ecumenical Committee invites you to attend the Annual Prayer Service in celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be held this year in St. John's Episcopal Church, 215 Lafayette Ave. Passaic at 3:30pm on Sunday January 22. Singing will be led by the Ecumenical Choir made up of members of the choirs of the participating churches. Those who attend are asked to bring non-perishable food items to be given to the Salvation Army and the United Passaic Organization Food Bank for distribution to the needy of Passaic. Refreshments will be served at a social after the service. All are welcome.

Parish Sunday offering envelopes for 2012 are on the desk in the church hall. If you have not picked yours up, please do so.

January 06, 2012: Epiphany Pastoral Visitations begin. Blessing of the homes will take place Tuesday through Saturday (weather permitting). No blessing will take place on night when meetings or activities are being held. Visitations must end prior to Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2012) as the Holy Season of Lent begins, and Church Law does not permit Epiphany Visitations beyond that time. Please be informed that the priest will only bless the homes of those parishioners who invited him to do so.

Please pray for all the sick and shut-ins especially for: Caren Lagerstrom, Donald Forrester, Joseph Zavatsky, Edwin Zulkowski, 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.

MISSION STATEMENT

Transfiguration of Our Lord Polish Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church carries the light of Christ to all people. As a welcoming community of believers, we seek the truth by reading and studying the Sacred Scriptures, and live the Gospel values of faith, hope, and love through worship, stewardship, service and evangelization. Guided by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the sacraments, we strive to be disciples of the good news.