

Bulletin

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August 16, 2009. Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time.

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Absence, alienation, loneliness, communication gaps are the ailments of modern life. We yearn for presence and the loving care of a person who is close by. The great consolation which Christianity offers to mankind, haunted by the threat of alienation, is that God is close by, Emmanuel, in Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus is always present in his Church, especially in the liturgical celebrations. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of the minister, but especially under the Holy Eucharistic species. By his power he is present in the Sacraments, so that when a person baptizes it is really Christ himself who baptizes. He is present in the word, since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church. He present, finally, when the Church prays and sings, for he promised: "Where two or three are gathered for my sake, there am I in the midst of them" (Mt18,20). Know that Jesus Christ is present to you. Turn to him in faith!

Questions for reflection

Wisdom has dressed her meat, mixed her wine, yes, she has spread her table.

- How is the meal at Wisdom's house an example of slow food?

And do not get drunk on wine... but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs.

Sing a church song, alone or as a group.

- What difference does it make, before and after?

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."

- How has your participation in the slow food of Eucharist changed your life over time?

Faith Response

What a commitment to sit at Wisdom's table. You may want to attend daily Eucharist when possible, or read a verse of Scripture daily. You may also consider regular reading of spiritual guides.

HOLY MASSES

Sunday, August 16, 2009. Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time.

9:00am Holy Mass for + Craig Chajkowski req. by Cris and Heather Chajkowski. 1st anniversary in Heaven.

11:00am Polska Msza sw. za dusze sp. Teresa Ivers zam. mama Wladyslawa Szewczyk oraz Timothy I James Ivers.

Sunday, August 23, 2009. 21st Sunday in ordinary time.

9:00am Holy Mass for parishioners.

11:00am Polska Msza sw. za parafian.

Events and activities

Responsorial Psalm for today is: **Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

We hunger for many things however, only God can satisfy our deepest hungers. We are gathered in God's house to celebrate the Eucharist, the banquet God has provided for us, his pilgrim people. Let us prepare ourselves to receive the nourishment God wants to give us in this banquet.

FUND DRIVE--RECTORY FURNACE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

A special fund drive has been directed by the Parish Committee to provide for the replacement of the gas-fired steam furnace in the rectory. The furnace cannot be repaired - It must be replaced. We appeal to you for your help to finance this project. Make your donation now to Fr. Gregory or the Parish Committee. If your financial commitments are not as you wish today, you can participate by making a pledge payable by December 31, 2009. A \$400 pledge can be payable--Sept.\$100,Oct \$100, Nov. \$100, Dec.\$100.The same schedule applies for \$300, \$200 or other amount. See Edmund Kotula about the details of a pledge. We are doing everything possible to have it completed well before the heating season starts. THE PARISH COMMITTEE APPEALS TO YOU NOW FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

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.

The clergy of the Central Diocese will meet from Tuesday, August 18 until Thursday August 20, 2009 for the Clergy Conference and for the Summer retreat at the Villa of Our Lord House, Mt. Pocono, PA. In case of emergencies you can reach me at 973-907-0301.

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.

The BULLETIN for the month of August is DONATED BY: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maciag in loving memory of *Stefania Maciag.*