

# Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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August 14, 2011. Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The “I am better than you” syndrome is part of the human condition. Collectively, it appears as triumphalism in religion. The evil of triumphalism has stained the Church for many centuries. Let us humbly admit it. If a certain kind of triumphalism had been confined to “Jesus Christ and his abundant love for us is unsurpassed,” it would have been all right. But often the beauty, truth, and riches of the Catholic Faith were identified with its proud sharers, and resulted in that ominous “we are right and you are wrong” complex which has caused so much damaging alienation. Belonging to God’s chosen people does not mean that we are necessarily better than people who following their own conscience seek God in a different way. Today’s Bible readings suggest an openness in love and respect for others, as taught in the contemporary setting by the Council’s Decree on Ecumenism. “Almighty God, your care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation to the hearts of all who live. May the walls, which prejudice raises, between us, crumble beneath the shadow of your outstretched arm.

## **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people.

- How can you share the times of joy and plenty with those who have not paid the dues to earn it?

God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

- Would it trouble you to learn that God draws bigger circles of inclusion and acceptability than you do?
- How do you combat the spirit of judgmentalism?

“O woman, great is your faith? Let it be done for you as you wish.”

It’s been said we are all racist until we are challenged to be otherwise.

- When have you caught yourself stereotyping the “other” and had to learn a new way of seeing?
- When is it hardest to ask for what you need from God?
- Question of the week: Who seeks a welcome in your community, and how can you begin to extend that welcome this week?

## **Faith Response**

Pray for the grace to see the human family as God sees, across borders and beyond politics. Make that vision concrete in attitudes of tolerance and welcome, and in works of charity and justice for those who are "other."

## **HOLY MASSES**

August 14, 2011. Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

August 21, 2011. Twenty-First 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: O God, let all the nations praise you!***

Fr. Gregory will be away from the parish from August 08, 2011 to August 27, 2011. On Sundays, August 14 and 21, Rev. Stanley Kural will celebrate Holy Masses. Rev. Joseph Cyman will conduct pastoral care during my absence. You can contact him at 973-256-4888.

**Sunday - September 25th at 2:30 PM - ANS Convention at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish Wallington, NJ**

### ***Reflection***

***God be good to you in all your days,***

***God be kind to you in all your ways.***

***God give strength to you when crosses lean,***

***God send light to you, the clouds between.***

***God give peace to you in times of strife,***

***God bless everything that fills your life.***

***God send joy to you when grief is over,***

***God make way for you at heaven`s door. (Brian O`Higgins)***

*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.

LECTORS - The service of Lectors is very important in the parish life. It gives the opportunity for more people to become involved in the celebration of the Mass and makes the liturgy a more solemn event.

If any adult man or woman would like to become a lector in our parish please contact Fr. Gregory after Mass.

*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.*