

Bulletin

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August 23, 2009. Twenty First Sunday in ordinary time.

The Rev. Gregory Mludzik, Pastor.

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Engagement, betrothal, and marriage imply the faith which two young people have in one another. Though there are and should be reasons for this mutual faith, it cannot possibly be thought out logically. Attempting to do so would destroy the intuitive element of love in it. Dissecting a rose results in insight but kills the beautiful flower in the process. Applying this remark to our faith-relationship with God, we observe that faith is not understanding but taking the risk of the engagement. We have reasons for faith. In our best moments intuitively we feel there must be a transcendent element in reality - an ultimate reality. But the ultimate reason for faith escapes analytical thinking. Like love, faith also knows its dark moments in which we think that God is absent, maybe even "dead". Great mystics have gone through this and in their writings refer to it as "night of faith". It is not God who causes doubts and uncertainty, but our own frail human condition which blurs our vision so often. Today's readings deal with the faith-love commitment.

Questions for reflection

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve."

- Which worldly allegiances challenge your service to God most strongly?

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church.

Name three things you can do to contribute to the unity of the church.

- In what ways does disunity obscure the revelation of Christ in the world?

Many of his disciples no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"

You are the church.

- How do you make yourself "open" to those on the outside?

Faith Response

Move Jesus to the center of your life. Make room for daily prayer, even if it's the time it takes to read one psalm. Make decisions with your faith, not just with your head.

HOLY MASSES

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

9:00am Holy Mass for Anna and Steve Sklepko req. by Rose and Ted Ciulac.

11:00am Polska Msza sw. za parafian.

Sunday, August 30, 2009. 22nd Sunday in ordinary time.

9:00am Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00am Polska Msza Sw. za parafian.

Events and activities

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

FURNACE REPLACEMENT DRIVE

As previously announced by the pastor and the Parish Committee we have established a fund drive to replace the furnace in the rectory. The first week reporting we collected just \$1,000.00 or 25% of our goal of \$4,000.00. (Cash \$1,000.00 Pledges \$0.00 . Please make your contribution without delay.

You can make a check payable to the Church of the Transfiguration or you can give your gift to anyone in the parish Committee. (e.g. A pledge of \$400 can be paid in four payments --the same applies to other amounts.)

See Edmund Kotula to set a plan for your payment schedule. We expect to have the new furnace installed in the next few weeks before the main heating season. Thank you for your Christian charity.

Fr. Gregory Mludzik will be away from the parish from Thursday, August 20, 2009 to Friday, August 28, 2009. On Sunday, August 23 Fr. Stanley Kural will celebrate Holy Masses. In case of emergency you can contact Fr. Joseph Cyman at 973-256-4888.

A Summer Concert, sponsored by the Wallington VFW 2640 and Kennedy Library will be presented on Sunday, August 23, 2009 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm on the Wallington VFW grounds. Bring a blanket or chair. Music by the Fabulous Ablemen. Enjoy Sunday in the park! In case of rain, the concert will be held at the Gavlak School auditorium.

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.

God`s words of life on Obedience.

All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful for those who keep the demands of his covenant. -- Psalm 25:10

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.*