

Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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August 21, 2011. Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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It is clear that perseveringly living up to what Jesus Christ stands for cannot be done alone. We need one another's inspiration and encouragement. In accord with the will of our Lord himself and the oldest traditions, we live Christianity in groups or congregations. Consequently, wherever one establishes a group one needs institution, rules and regulations as an alternative to chaos. Hence, authority (one or another form of government) becomes a necessity.

As it is, authority in the Catholic tradition, exercised in Jesus' name and seen as brotherly service, is invested in our bishops. Indeed, bishops receive their mission and authority in the name of God's people and as such they stand before God as any other "receiving" faithful.

Christ gave authority to God's people by putting it into the hands of his apostles and their successors, the bishops: "I send you..." Our bishops are human beings. Some are conservative, some progressive, and others just careful. We should responsibly think with our bishops and support them with constant prayer!

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor..."

- How do you exercise your responsibilities as a follower in some situations, and a leader in others?

Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

The parable of the talents reminds us that God gives us gifts to be developed, not hidden away.

- What have you made so far of what you have received?

"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church..."

- Do you believe you are pursuing the vocation to which you are called?
- What factors confirm or challenge your choices?
- Which world leaders today demonstrate both power and authority in their office?
- List ten things you "know" about God. From what sources did you learn these things?
- Which names of God are most revealing to you of the nature of God?

- Question of the week: Who has been a model for you of wise, just beneficial authority?

Faith Response

Reflect on your relationship to authority: political, legal, religious, or social. Examine the relationships in which you exercise authority. Pray for those who wield such influence in our world, and for the wisdom to use your own authority wisely.

HOLY MASSES

August 21, 2011. Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

August 28, 2011. Twenty-Second 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, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

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

Peter has been called a stumbling saint. He is a great consolation to us because courage fails us all. All of us are mere mortals, who are inconstant in our beliefs. We must learn to forgive ourselves momentary weaknesses and failures.

We need to surmount these things and see the world in less rigid terms. We must not judge ourselves or others by momentary inconsistencies, but rather by commitment given over a long time. Jesus was well aware of Peter`s faults, but he saw that, in spite of everything, his heart was sound. Which meant he had the ability to love. And in the long run love is what counts.

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.