

Bulletin

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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August 30, 2009. Twenty Second Sunday in ordinary time.

The Rev. Gregory Mludzik, Pastor.

Raymond Bielski, Parish Chairman Dawn Wassman, Music Minister

On leaving the safe family setting and going to college, many young intellectuals begin to have doubts about their religion. An agnostic professor may make a sneering remark about “The Good Book”; fellow students, though ostensibly Catholics, may show by their behavior that they could not care less about religion. Although there are many reasons for such confusion in young minds, one may be that many do not make a distinction between what is God-made and what is human in religion, especially as we used to live it in the Catholic tradition. Basic Christianity is a beautiful way of life, but many object against the way it has been institutionalized over the centuries. Many human-made details were added and some of them are/were undoubtedly outdated. The renewal movement begun by the Church Council aims at divesting the Church of human baggage picked up along its path through history. Naturally, this requires sound and informed leadership in order not to “dump the child with the bath water,” in other words, in the process of cleaning not to do away with divine elements. As the saying goes: “Church wanted to open the windows to let in fresh air, not to throw out the furniture! Young and old should update themselves. If programs are available, take part in them, or ask your parish council to take constructive initiatives.

Questions for reflection

The nations will hear of all these statutes and say, “This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.”

Name some people who you consider wise and spiritually strong.

- Do they gain the world’s respect?

Religion that is pure before God is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

- Who might need your protection and advocacy close to home?

“Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.”

- What are you carrying around in your heart today?
- How has it affected your exchanges so far?

Faith Response

Examine the contents of your heart. Sift through the motivations that come from love, and separate them from those that emerge out of fear. Confess the latter if necessary, and dedicate yourself to the purity of love.

HOLY MASSES

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

Second collection for Youth Fund.

9:00am Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00am Polska Msza Sw. za parafian.

Sunday, September 6, 2009. 23rd 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:

He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

FURNACE REPLACEMENT DRIVE -- RECTORY

The parish Committee has initiated a special fund drive to raise funds for securing a new steam boiler for the rectory with a goal of asking parishioners to help fund this project estimated at \$4,000.00. As of Sunday August 23, we have \$1,540.00 which is 39% of our goal. Please make your gift to the parish Committee or pledge an amount that you can pay in easy monthly payments. See Edmund Kotula regarding your pledge. We thank you for your Christian charity and stewardship.

CHURCH PROPERTY AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE A special thank you is extended to Edwin Zulkowski, Paul Desbiens, and Edmund Kotula for the following projects: Exterior painting of the stained glass window high above the altar, exterior fan louvers, Exterior doors, cleaning debris off the church rain gutters. A special appreciation to Raymond Bielski and Richard Maciag for grounds cleaning and maintenance.

Saturday, September 5, 2009. Annual Field and Track Meet.

8:00am Marathon event for the "Zlot".

10:00am Holy Mass celebrated by our Prime Bishop Robert Nemkovich at the Grotto in the Scranton Cathedral Cemetery.

Monday, September 07, 2009 – Labor Day

Friday, September 11, 2009 – 8th Anniversary of 9/11/01

Monday, September 14, 2009. Parish Committee Meeting.

Saturday, September 19, 2009. CONVO 2010 meeting, Scranton, PA

September 21 – 23 Mission and Evangelism Commission meeting Washington, PA

September 26, 2009. Diocesan Council meeting, Scranton, PA

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.

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.*