

Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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August 28, 2011. Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Those who are dedicated to a once given commitment know that their dedication implies sacrifice. Married people may think of their mutual commitment in love; religious, brothers, sisters and priests may think of their vows; children and parents, if committed to mutual happiness in the family, may think of their daily living under one roof. Love means giving of self. This self-giving is a source of happiness but it entails sacrifice as well.

Christian life, although seen as a response to God's love human beings, implies carrying a cross, as the Lord himself has done. Is Christian life then a miserable life, a life of those trapped in a situation from which there is no escape? No, as long as "sacrifice" is seen in the perspective of love. The secret of a happy Christian life is not to avoid "the cross", but to keep love alive! "Lord God, ... place in our hearts a desire to please you and fill our minds with insight into love".

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones...

- How has your relationship to Scripture affected you so far?
- How far are you willing to allow it to take root in you?

Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind...

- What role does media play in your life?
- How do you make time and space for "the renewal of your mind" as Paul urges we do?

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"

- How much are you invested in the past, the present, and the future?
- In what ways do you invest yourself in eternal things?
- When has a challenging word proved prophetic in your life?
- Name three strong messages from our culture. How do they compare with

religious truth?

- Do you think the demands of Christianity are reasonable, or outrageous? Explain your answer.
- Question of the week: What part of your life has been “lost” for the sake of Jesus?

Faith Response

Pick up a book by or about a modern prophet, such, such as Thomas Merton, Oscar Romero, Dorothy Day, Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, or Mohandas Gandhi. Learn what makes their message so outrageous.

HOLY MASSES

August 28, 2011. Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

September 04, 2011. Twenty-Third 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: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

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;

There is a way of losing by gaining.

You can win an argument but lose a friend.

Though competition and promotion

I may advance in my profession,

but in terms of relationships I am impoverished.

My energies are so focused on efficiency and success

that I haven't time to grow emotionally

and to develop my capacity for relationships.

In one's drive to attain power,

a person may sacrifice friendship and loyalty,

so much so that one ends up alone.

Lord, let me never forget your haunting words:

"What good will it do you to gain the whole world

if you lose your soul?"

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.