

# Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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September 11, 2011. Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Solemnity of Brotherly Love

The Rev. Gregory Mludzik, Pastor.

Raymond Bielski, Parish Chairman Dawn Wassman, Music Minister

The lesson of today runs counter to certain opinions on what it means to be “a man”, “a strong person”, a person who stands for principles which are not for sale. Where do the values of the Lord Jesus fit into this traditional picture of strong and unyielding personhood? One thing is certain: our Lord did not come to destroy human nature; he came to elevate it, to preserve the best in us, to ennoble us to what a Christian man or woman should be.

Hatred revenge, and anger are human vices. The law of talion, “an eye for an eye” is even Old Testament ethics, but it is not Christian. Jesus refers to Old Testament ethics and states: “But I tell you...” Have a realistic look at yourself and check where your personality should be “Christianized”.

The “human” in us may be vengeful, but God, whom we should follow, is different: “The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion”

## **QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION**

Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the Lord?

- How do you “set enmity aside” as Sirach urges, especially when it feels justified?
- Why does Scripture insist that vengeance belongs to God alone?

If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord.

- How does the surrender of your life begin now, rather than on the day of your death?

“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?”

As we forgive, so we are forgiven. \* In your ledger of forgiveness versus condemnation, are you presently running in the black or in the red?

\* What holy objects assist you in religious understanding? Have you ever had to “put away” an image or object that became important for its own sake and was therefore an obstacle to understanding?

Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him.

\* Name places that are holy to you. How many of them are explicitly religious?

“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up.”

\* How does the sign of the cross speak most powerfully to you of what you believe?

## **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**

September 11, 2011. Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### **Solemnity of Brotherly Love.**

9:00AM Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za duszę śp. Teresy Iwers zam. mama Władysława Szewczyk oraz dzieci Timothy i James Iwers (4 rocznica śmierci).

September 18, 2011. Twenty Fifth 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, let us see Your kindness, and grant us Your salvation.***

*Monday Sep. 12, 2011 Parish Committee Meeting at 7:00PM*

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

## A Prayer for Unity

Reverend Wintley Phipps

We pray today that from the ashes will rise a new spirit of beauty and unity in America. Already, all across this nation our hearts have been knit together into a new tapestry of one America. Because of this tragedy, we have been bound together by a silver chord of hope and brotherhood and sisterhood.

What was meant to drive us apart has really drawn us together. May we always remember. And so today we ask, God, that you would wipe the tears of all in need of comfort.

That you would warm the heart of one who would grow cold from bitterness.

That you would lift the head of that one who is bowed down in sadness.

That you would touch the discouraged and remind them that love will always conquer hate.

We thank you, God, for making us such a resilient people. We know that we are. And we pray now for the strength to rise again, to build again, and to live free from fear.

We pray that you will help us rebuild our broken lives and mend our broken hearts.

We pray that you will give us the courage to face evil and the faith to believe that good will never be defeated.

Hold us close to your heart. And through our tears, and through our sorrow, may we all see a new vision of a new tomorrow.

PNCC of the Transfiguration of Our Lord presents our first craft and vendor fair September 17, 2011 10am – 2pm

Church Lawn (rain option church hall). For more info contact Linda Bielski at 973 4589107 or Linda Zulkowski at 201 791-9272. \$20.00 per table, checks payable to PNCC of the Transfiguration 135 Hathaway St. Wallington, NJ 07057

*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.

*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.*