

Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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December 12, 2010. **Third Sunday of Advent.**

The Rev. Gregory Mludzik, Pastor.

Raymond Bielski, Parish Chairman Dawn Wassman, Music Minister

The better the hostess has prepared for a party, scrutinizing all the details, checking the guest list and making sure that nobody has been overlooked, the more likely her party will be a success. The better we plan a vacation the more guarantee we have that it will be a great one. It is a joy to prepare well for the visit of friends and to know that they have enjoyed it. Many people, though, want instant joy. They do not want to plan, to prepare, and to sacrifice. Moreover, they do not have the insight or the faith that service to others can be a source of joy!

One of the great contributions of Christianity is that it has brought “joy to the world.” This is even well-known Christmas hymn! The Scripture readings of today deal with this joy. It is a joy which cannot be obtained overnight. It is a joy which is found in service. Christianity does not have the answer for all questions. But if you are yearning for real joy, happiness and peace of mind, you should prayerfully go over these readings.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, who comes with vindication.

- What’s parched territory to you, and what could use a little rain this season to bloom?

Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets...

- How do you cultivate the virtue of patience and what battles of self-control are still left to fight?

“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?”

This idea may take time to reflect on: What’s central to my religious concern, sin or grace?

Faith Response

Find ways to bring the spirit of this season to more than your family and friends. Give generously to charities. Welcome those who have no place to celebrate the holiday. Be fair in all your dealings. And make Christmas last all year.

HOLY MASSES

December 12, 2010. Third Sunday of Advent.

9:00am Holy Mass for Fr. John Kotula req. by Fr. Gregory and family. (5th anniversary of his death).

11:00am Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

December 19, 2010. Fourth Sunday of Advent.

9:00am Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00am Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

Events and activities

Responsorial Psalm for today is: **Lord, come and save us.**

BEEFSTEAK: Saturday, January 08, 2010; doors open at 6:30pm, beef served at 7:30pm. Tickets \$40 per person. Advance reservations only. Limited to first 150 responses. Contact Leslie Pietrowitz at 201-393-0696 for tickets and information.

Christmas Wafers "Opłatki" are available in the Parish Hall.

Young Women`s Guild Christmas Party will be held Sunday, December 12 at 2:00PM

Advent Tree: In this season of giving, please remember your parish. The giving tree is located in the church vestibule along with a "wish" list of the parish's needs. Please choose an item, and either purchase the item, or a check can be given to a member of the parish committee or Fr. Greg.

Y.M.S. of R. is having soup sale after Mass. For more information ask Richard Maciag.

Memorial Candles will be available for the Christmas Holidays. Memorial Cards are available in the Church vestibule. Memorial Candles may be designated in memory of deceased parents, family members and friends. Memorial Cards should be returned by December 19, 2010

Parish dues... Parish books will be closed for 2010. If you didn't pay them, please do it next Sunday. As Church Constitutional responsibility, our Parish Committee is obliged to send notices to any of our parishioners found to be one year or more behind in their parish dues, asking them if they wish to retain their membership in the Church. This becomes necessary, in order to keep our parish records up-to-date, as well as the census of the entire Church. It is our hope to keep everyone in our parish family. Your understanding and cooperation will be most appreciated.

As in the past, we will be having our *Remembrance Tree*. Bring an ornament with a loved one's name on it and hang it on the tree during the Christmas Eve or Christmas morning Mass.

Please pray for all the sick and shut-ins especially for: **Marian Sowa**, Barbara Nowicki, 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

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The Bulletins for the month of December are donated by
Dr. Joseph Matriss
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If you wish to order a poinsettia plant, please return this form with check or cash by December 19 to the church office, or drop it in the offering plate.

I would like to give ____ poinsettia(s) at \$10.00 each

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____