

Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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December 13 , 2009. Therd Sunday of Advent.

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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 glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

Three goals for Gaudete Sunday: forgiveness, presence, welcome. Choose one or all three by sundown!

Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again. Rejoice! The Lord is near.

Happiness may be conditional, but joy is an orientation of the spirit for those who believe.

- How have you found joy in spite of difficult conditions?

Tax collectors also came to be baptized and asked, “Teacher, what are we to do?”

- How do our possessions likewise possess us?
- What do you presently hold onto that has become a burden?

FAITH RESPONSE:

No surprises here: let`s find joy in our present circumstances and be the source of joy for others both near and far away. Jesus is our good news. We can be good news for others if we follow his lead.

HOLY MASSES

Sunday, December 13, 2009. Third Sunday of Advent.

9:00am Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00am Polska Msza Sw. za dusze sp. Zygryde Zielinska zam. Mariola Zielinska I Wieslaw Zielinski. + Anna I Czeslaw Puscian zam. rodzina.

Sunday, December 20, 2009. Fourth Sunday of Advent.

9:00am Holy Mass for + Matthew Chajkowski and family req. by Heather and Cris Chajkowski.

11:00am Polska Msza Sw. za dusze sp. Zygryde Zielinska zam. Mariola Zielinska I Wieslaw Zielinski.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Responsorial Psalm for today is: **Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.**

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

Decoration of the church, Saturday, Dec. 19, 2009 starting 1:00pm

BEEFSTEAK: Saturday, January 09, 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.

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 20, 2009

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

Parish dues... Parish books will be closed for 2009. 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.

Please pray for all the sick and shut-ins especially for: Caren Lagerstrom, Joseph Zavatsky, Edwin Zulkowski, Blanche Forrester, 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.

If you wish to order a poinsettia plant, please return this form with check or cash by December 20 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: _____

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.

May you experience the blessing of God this Christmas and throughout the New Year 2010. Peace and Goodwill to all parishioners from Bielski and Corrigan families.
