

Bulletin – Parish News

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March 27, 2011. **Third Sunday of Lent.**

The Rev. Gregory Mludzik, Pastor.

Raymond Bielski, Parish Chairman Dawn Wassman, Music Minister

People will always be hungry and thirsty again. Besides a continued need for food and drink, human beings have many more wishes and desires, sometimes even conflicting ones. They may yearn for truth, freedom, justice, love, which require more perfect fulfillment time and again. The great bishop St. Augustine stated: "My heart is restless till it rests in God." God-with-us in the Lord Jesus is ready to satisfy human desires. The Bible uses a wealth of symbols to bring this out, among which are bread, wine, oil, and light.

Today's Bible readings use the symbolism of water. Water is life-giving. God's people lived in a land surrounded by barren deserts, and water constituted a question of life and death. The theme of this Sunday is: "Is the Lord with us or not?" He is.

The point is that we should open up to this mysterious presence of God in our midst, which today's Bible readings present through the symbolism of water, so avidly experienced by our Biblical ancestors as life-giving. "Whoever drinks the water that I shall give him, says the Lord, will have a spring inside him, welling up for eternal life".

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

"Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink."

- How many water stories in Scripture can you recall?
- How does water shape your local story?

We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- What has kept you distant from God in the past?
- How do you make your way back to divine friendship?

"Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty."

- When and with whom has a single conversation nourished you into a whole new appreciation of life?

Faith Response

Chances are none of us will be taking the bullet for an enemy this week. But as a first step in the work of reconciliation, try praying for groups or individuals that you find presently unacceptable.

HOLY MASSES

Sunday, March 27, 2011. Third Sunday of Lent.

9:00AM Holy Mass for Lindsay Kriston req. by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maciag. + Mary Vuz req. by Kaiser and Vuz families. + Alexander Mendyk req. by Mendyk family.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za duszę śp. Stefani Maciąg zam. Irena i Stanley Adamczyk.

Sunday, April 03, 2011. Fourth Sunday of Lent.

9:00AM Holy Mass for Jamie Kotula req. by Spojnia Branch 162.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za duszę śp. Tadeusza i Wacława Lapinskih oraz za Henry i Janina Kulesza zam. córka Halina i Grzegorz Lesniewski.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Responsorial Psalm for today is: **If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Wednesday March 30, 2011. Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM

Droga Krzyżowa w kazda środę o godz. 7:00 wieczorem.

Soup Sale. YMSofR provided for cleaning the floor in the church hall. You could **help by continuing to purchase soup**, which is available every Sunday. See Richard Maciag for details.

Tuesday, April 26, 2011. Tricky Tray will be held at the Landmark II in East Rutherford, NJ. Doors open at 5:45, auction begins at 7:00. Admission is \$35 per person and includes dinner, dessert and one sheet of regular chances. Express packs available for \$25 if purchased by April 14 or \$30 if purchased at the door. Monetary and/or gift donations are needed and much appreciated. Deadline is April 14. Contact Dawn Wassman or Leslie Pietrowitz.

Parish DUES

Parish dues for 2011 are \$90 for singles and \$180 for families.

The Blessed Sacrament Societies and United Choirs of NY/NJ Seniorate will conduct their annual Lenten program - "Agape" - on Sunday, April 10 at The Church of the Holy Trinity and St. Joseph, in Linden, NJ. The program will begin at 3:30PM.

A Prayer for Lent

Jesus, My Crucified Savior, please walk with me on this Lenten Journey. I want to begin it with a generous heart, willing to share what I have with those in need. I want to pray often and reach out with a generous heart to all those who need me.

Loving Savior, You are calling me to grow holy this Lent. May I daily say “no” to sin and selfishness and “yes” to You and Your Will for me.

Help me to walk this journey with patience and kindness toward my family members, my co-workers, and my friends and neighbors.

Jesus, Crucified Savior, show me the way. Teach me to fast, to share and to pray this Lent. AMEN!

Please pray for all the sick and shut-ins especially for: Marian Sowa, Anthony Mikovski Sr., 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.

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