

Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

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January 22, 2012. **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

The Rev. Gregory Mludzik, Pastor

Raymond Bielski, Parish Chairman Dawn Wassman, Music Minister

First Reading: Jon 3, 1-5, 10.

The theme of this passage is God's call and our response to be the kind of person the Maker has designed us to be. It is the call to repentance. This reading introduces Jesus' call for repentance in today's Gospel: Reform your lives!

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7, 29-31.

We should heed Paul's timeless advice that all human values, possessions, and even marriage are relative to the ultimate values of the hereafter. Married people are necessarily involved in the cares of this world, but they should be careful not to attach their hearts to it.

Gospel: Mk 1, 14-20.

Like the author of Jonah, Mark also deals with two calls. He first sets forth the call for repentance to all of us: "Reform your lives and believe in the good news."

Secondly, Mark relates, another call of the disciples.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

"Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed."

- How do you make use of the extraordinary power of repentance in your life?

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out.

- What are the three most important things you have done with your life so far?
- What may be left to do?

So they left their father Zebedee in the boat... and followed Jesus.

- When have you heard a direct invitation to follow Jesus?
- What did you do with it?
- How many ways have you been loved today? How many ways have you shown your love today?
- "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."
- When have you been willing to risk something in order to get something worth having?

HOLY MASSES

January 22, 2012. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za duszę śp. Mariana Sowe zam. córka Tatiana z rodzina.

January 29, 2012. Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Holy Mass for William Hudak and Eleanor Palazzo.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za duszę śp. Mariana Sowe zam. Irena Adamczyk z rodzina.

Events and activities

Responsorial Psalm for today is: Teach me your ways, O Lord.

A special thank you is extended to the members of the Parish Committee and congregation for all their efforts in cleaning the church and storing the Christmas decorations this past week. A special thank you is extended to Edwin Zulkowki and Edmund Kotula for their efforts in painting the storage room under the front porch and the floor was refinished. New metal racks were provided by Ray Bielski.

January 29, 2012.

* Annual Parish Meeting after Mass.

* Election of the Parish Committee and officers

*** Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am !!!**

Parish dues... Parish books will be closed for 2011. 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.

The Passaic Ecumenical Committee invites you to attend the Annual Prayer Service in celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be held this year in St. John's Episcopal Church, 215 Lafayette Ave. Passaic at 3:30pm on Sunday January 22. Singing will be led by the Ecumenical Choir made up of members of the choirs of the participating churches. Those who attend are asked to bring non-perishable food items to be given to the Salvation Army and the United Passaic Organization Food Bank for distribution to the needy of Passaic. Refreshments will be served at a social after the service. All are welcome.

Parish Sunday offering envelopes for 2012 are on the desk in the church hall. If you have not picked yours up, please do so.

January 06, 2012: Epiphany Pastoral Visitations begin. Blessing of the homes will take place Tuesday through Saturday (weather permitting). No blessing will take place on night when meetings or activities are being held. Visitations must end prior to Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2012) as the Holy Season of Lent begins, and Church Law does not permit Epiphany Visitations beyond that time. Please be informed that the priest will only bless the homes of those parishioners who invited him to do so.

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

MISSION STATEMENT

Transfiguration of Our Lord Polish Parish of the Polish National Catholic Church carries the light of Christ to all people. As a welcoming community of believers, we seek the truth by reading and studying the Sacred Scriptures, and live the Gospel values of faith, hope, and love through worship, stewardship, service and evangelization. Guided by the Holy Spirit and strengthened by the sacraments, we strive to be disciples of the good news.

March bulletin sponsorship available.