

Bulletin

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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November 08th, 2009. 32nd Sunday in ordinary time.

The Rev. Gregory Mludzik, Pastor.

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A priest was asked: “Father, how much should I spend on my wife’s Christmas present?” In plain language the answer was: “If you love her, you know. And if you do not love her, give nothing!” Around Christmas, Mother’s Day, and Father’s Day millions are made on our desire to express our affections for loved ones by giving presents. Giving is a beautiful symbolical way of saying: “I love you - I am grateful - I’m sorry, forget what has happened!” bulls as a sign of submission, and atonement for sins, as a preliminary to asking expressing meanwhile a whole gamut of feelings in between. Mainly in primitive cultures, we see that people use a similar symbolism of giving to placate and favor their gods. They offer the gods sacrifices of food, lambs, for favors. The Jews offered daily sacrifice in the temple of Jerusalem to Yahweh the God of Israel. Small wonder, then, that the Jewish writers of the New Testament have, used this well-known symbolism to explain the redemptive act of Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross. Understanding this ancient symbolism is a condition for intelligent Bible reading.

Questions for reflection

The jar of flour did not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

- How does it affect the meaning of the story that God’s prophet assists a foreigner; and not an Israelite, in the time of famine?

Christ does not make his offering like the high priest, or he would have had to suffer repeatedly from the foundation of the world.

- How does your participation in any celebration – holiday, birthday, wedding, or Eucharist – deepen your awareness of its meaning?

“These rich people have contributed from their surplus wealth, but this widow, from her poverty, has contributed all she had.”

- When has your faith overcome your fear and led you to take risks with your time, money, authority, or life direction?

FAITH RESPONSE:

Open your heart. Forgive someone who doesn't deserve it. Open your mind. Accept someone you don't understand. Open your purse or wallet. Give something you think you can't afford.

HOLY MASSES

Sunday, November 08, 2009. 32nd Sunday in ordinary time.

9:00am Holy Mass for Alexander Mendyk, Irene Mendyk and Scott Mendyk req. by Mendyk family.

11:00am Polska Msza Sw. za Stanislawa Nowak zam. zona z rodzina. 8 rocznica smierci.

Sunday November 15, 2009. 32nd Sunday in ordinary time.

9:00am Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00am Polska Msza Sw. za wszystkich parafian.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Responsorial Psalm for today is: **Praise the Lord, my soul!**

Gift Auction Sunday Nov. 08th 2009.

Doors open 1:00PM. Auction starts 2:30PM.

A table has been set up in the church vestibule for our annual Thanksgiving food drive. Please bring in your donation of canned and non-perishable goods by Sunday, November 22, 2009.

November 25, 2009. Thanksgiving Eve Mass will be celebrated at 7:00PM. Social to follow.

Pierogi Sale Sat. Dec. 5, 2009. Volunteers are needed for Thursday 12, 03, 09 from 7:00pm; Friday 12.04, 2009 and Sat. 12, 05, 2009 to help prepare pierogis. Start time is 8:00AM for both days. You can place your order with Linda Zulkowski after church or by calling 201-7919272 on or before Nov.. 29. 2009.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to all parishioners who are celebrating birthdays in November. May God bless you and grant you all a very happy birthday!

PARISH YOUTH. If you are interested in attending the CONVO 2010 next July and want your registration to be all or partially paid consider volunteering to help at various parish and organization functions. Activities include help in the kitchen, help at gift auctions, serving at mass, assisting our pastor in Sunday school activities, and, outdoor activities raking leaves, cleaning debris etc. Report your participation to Fr. Gregory or Richard Maciag, President of the YMS of R for details of how you can qualify for some financial help to attend CONVO 2010.

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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