

Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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December 18, 2011. **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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Faith.

King Ahaz had more faith in a treaty with the Assyrians than in God, who approached him in the prophet Isaiah. It is faith in God, who approaches us in the Lord Jesus that saves us from a meaningless existence. God is willing to step into the darkness of our confusion, if we “let the Lord enter”.

Loneliness is the greatest threat to happiness. A person alone has no answers. A loner is an unhappy person, depressed, facing absurdity. “Emmanuel - God with us” in Jesus Christ saves us from ourselves.

Time and again, Christmas reminds Christians that God came to share our human situation on this planet. Looked at in this way, Christmas will become a happy and meaningful day for us. “Lord, as Christmas draws near make us grow in faith and love to celebrate the coming of Christ our Savior.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

“Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!”

- What has God made of me so far, and what might God make of me if I permitted and cooperated?

According to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages...

- Who might need the good news proclaimed to them this season?

“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son...”

- Under what humble circumstances have you had an encounter with the Sacred?

Faith Response

Be an active vessel of grace. Admit your faults and rely on the sufficiency of God to supply whatever is lacking in you. Engage Christ’s life in you and participate in the flow of mercy and love.

HOLY MASSES

December 18, 2011. Fourth Sunday of Advent

Confessions; before Mass - adults, after Mass - children.

9:00AM Holy Mass for Chajkowski family req. by Chajkowski family.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

December 25, 2011. The Nativity of the Lord.

9:00AM Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

Events and activities

Responsorial Psalm for today is: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Christmas Holy Mass schedule

Saturday, December 24, 2011. **Christmas Eve**

11:00PM - Caroling by Choir

11:20PM - Blessing of Manager, etc.

11:30 PM **Shepherd's Holy Mass/Pasterka.**

For God`s blessing upon all parishioners.

Sunday, December 25, 2011 - Christmas Day.

9:30AM **Nativity Mass.**

11:00AM **Polska Msza. Boże Narodzenie.**

Monday, December 26, 2011 - **St. Stephen's Day.**

7:00PM Holy Mass.

Tuesday, December 27, 2011 - **St. John Evangelist.**

7:00PM Holy Mass. Wine will be blessed before Mass and will be distributed following communion.

Saturday, 31, 2011. New Year's Eve.

Solemnity – Holy Family.

7:00PM Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for the closing of the Year of
2011

Sunday, January 01, 2012 - New Year's Day

Circumcision of our Lord.

11:00AM For God`s blessing upon all parishioners in the coming
New Year 2012.

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.

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 18, 2011

Christmas Wafers “Opłatki” are available in the Parish Hall.

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 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.

BEEFSTEAK DINNER: Saturday, January 07, 2012; doors open at 6:30pm, beef served at 7:30pm. Tickets \$40 per person. Advance reservations only. Limited to the first 150 responses. Contact Leslie Pietrowitz at 201-393-0696 for tickets and information.

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.

If you wish to order a poinsettia plant, please return this form with check or cash by December 18 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: _____