

# Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

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December 20 , 2009. Fourth Sunday of Advent.

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When a mother is expecting a baby, in a way the whole family is expecting with her. There is joy in expecting a beautiful happening to come. There is excitement in expecting a vacation trip which is going to be an entirely new experience. We ask friends who have been there. Expecting keeps us young. We look to the future instead of to the past. There are always new and exciting aspects in life, if only we have the eye to see them and the gift of wonderment, which children possess and grown-ups should never lose.

Christmas is such an event to come. It is God revealing “the mystery hidden for many ages”. He wants to be present to us. He wants to give us image of himself in Jesus Christ, an image which we are able to perceive with our weak human senses. Christmas is great every year, but only for those who are expecting “Emmanuel-God with us” in faith and wonderment.

## **Questions for reflection**

His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

- What can you do to bring peace to all households you enter this season?

“As is written of me in the book, I have come to do your will, O God.”

- What’s the first step you must take on the path of becoming a man or woman of peace?

But who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?”

- Where have you been welcomed, whether or not you were expected?
- How do you practice the spirit of Christmas welcome all year long?

## **HOLY MASSES**

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. Zygfyryde Zielinska zam. Mariola Zielinska i Wieslaw Zielinski.

## ***EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES***

Responsorial Psalm for today is: **Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

### **Christmas Mass schedule**

#### **Thursday, December 24, 2009 Christmas Eve.**

11:00PM - Caroling by Polonia Choir

11:20PM - Blessing of Manager, etc.

11:30 PM Shepherd's Mass, Pasterka.

For God`s blessing upon all parishioners.

#### **Friday, December 25, 2009 - Christmas Day.**

9:30AM Nativity of our Lord Mass.

11:00AM Polska Msza. Boze Narodzenie.

#### **Saturday, December 26, 2009- St. Stephen's Day.**

7:00PM Holy Mass, Swietego Szczepana.

#### **Sunday, 27, 2009. Solemnity - Humble Shepherds**

9:00AM Holy Mass for God`s blessings upon Benjamin Michael Wicherski req. by parents and Godparents.

11:00AM Polska Msza za +Zygfyryde Zielinski zam. Mariola Zielinska i Wieslaw Zielinski

#### **Thursday, December 31, 2009**

7:00PM Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for the closing of the Year of 2009. Msza Dziekczynna na zakonczenie Starego Roku

Sunday, January 03, 2010. Solemnity - Holy Family

9:00am Holy Mass - Oplatek Breakfast.

11:15am Polska Msza Sw. za + Zygfyryde Zielinski zam. Mariola Zielinska i Wieslaw Zielinski

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.

**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.

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 Corrigen families.