

Bulletin – Parish News

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May 02, 2010. Fifth Sunday of Easter.

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Human beings cannot live without joy. If life consisted only of funerals without weddings, only of work without recreation (a party, a show, a vacation), the burden of human existence would be unbearable for most of us. However, expecting too much joy from life is also dangerous because it easily results in disappointment. Friends may tell us enthusiastically about a new movie in town: “You must see it!” We look forward with great anticipation to it and finally get to see it. In most cases, we come away sorely disappointed by it! Similarly, at every wedding, the mother of the bride sheds a tear of joy but it becomes a tear of sadness when the bride leaves home to follow her husband. During the fifty days of Easter, the Liturgy of the Church invites us to be joyful because Christ, our Savior is risen and we as God’s adopted children will live with him forever. Christians have reasons for joy, but we should not forget that God’s kingdom has only been initiated in us. The full realization will come later. On this side of the grave we will have to live with the tension between “already” and “not yet.”

Expecting too much from Church and religion may disillusion you, and it takes maturity and courage to cope with this situation. Today’s Bible readings deal with Christian existence which is often joy mingled with tears.

Questions for reflection

They called the church together and reported how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

- Which “newcomers” are not yet being fully welcomed in your local community?

Then I, John, saw a new heavens and a new earth.

To inherit the New Creation, you must become a new creation.

- What steps are you taking toward that end?

“My children, I give you a new commandment: to love one another.”

- What are your greatest challenges under the new rules of the love command?

Faith Response

Get acquainted with your extended family in faith! If there are any unfamiliar names on the list above, find out who they are. Buy a book about the lives of the saints. Learn more about someone in the Bible who makes you curious.

HOLY MASSES

May 02, 2010. Fifth Sunday of Easter. **May Devotion after Mass.**
9:00am Holy Mass for Stanley Vuz req. by Vuz and Kaiser families.
11:00am Polska Msza za parafian.

May 09, 2010. Sixth Sunday of Easter. Mothers Day.

9:00AM Holy Mass for all Mothers.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. w intencji wszystkich matek.

10:00AM Mother`s Day breakfast sponsored by Y.M.S. of R. Śniadanie dla wszystkich parafian z okazji Dnia Matki. Zapraszamy.

Events and activities

Responsorial Psalm for today is: I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.

Thank You... to all of you for your work that the TRICKY TRAY was successful. *Special Thanks to Dawn Wassman and Leslie Pietrowitz.* May God reward your efforts abundantly. Profit from the TRICKY TRAY was \$10,140.00

Friday May 07, and Saturday May 08, 2010. Rummage Sale from 10AM to 3:00PM Friday, and 10:00am to 12:00pm Saturday.

Items for the Rummage sale can be brought in starting Monday, May 03.

Memorial Candles will be available for the Mother`s Day. Memorial Cards are available in the Church vestibule. Memorial Candles may be designated in memory of deceased mothers, family members and friends. Memorial Cards should be returned by May 02, 2010.

2010 PNCC YOUTH CONVOCATION - *The Central Diocese of the PNCC will host this weeklong event on July 26 - 30th, 2010 at Monmouth University. The theme of this year`s Convo is "Governed by God." The age group for the Convo is 12 to 18. Please contact Fr. Gregory as soon as possible.*

ACOLYTE RETREAT - Bishop Anthony Mikovsky and the clergy of the Central Diocese at their meeting on August 20, 2009, decided to organize Acolyte Retreat for the Central Diocese of the PNCC in summer of the year 2010. The retreat will be held from Tuesday, June 29 (noon), through Friday July 02 (noon) 2010 at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA. The participants will have a great opportunity to pray together in order to know better our Lord Jesus Christ and to spend a wonderful time with "old" and "new" friends. The deadline for registration is June 06, 2010. Cost of retreat: \$65. Registration Forms and Information Sheet are at the parish office.

Please pray for all the sick and shut-ins especially for: Barbara Nowicki, Caren Lagerstrom, Joseph Zavatsky, Edwin Zulkowski, Jean Manowiecki, Edmund Satulla, Bp. Anthony Rysz, Bp. John Swantek, Fr. Senior Eugeniusz Stelmach, Julia Paluszek, Theodore Ciulac, Catherin Zglobicki, Jennie Corrigan, 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.

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.

Monthly bulletin sponsorship

You, as individual, family, or group are invited to become partners in this important work of the parish by becoming a "Monthly bulletin sponsor". For only \$50, you will be able to provide the paper and printing supplies for the entire month for our weekly parish bulletins (a minimum of 4 Sundays). Please take a moment to sign up today by placing your name or the name of your sponsoring family, or group. Thank you for your assistance in spreading the "GOOD NEWS".
Fr. Gregory and the Parish Committee