

Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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January 08, 2012. **Baptism of the Lord**

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Today we celebrate the Lord's Baptism by John in the Jordan. Matthew relates Jesus' baptism as another epiphany (manifestation), declaring that the Lord Jesus is the servant (Son) of Yahweh. His call in life is that of the Servant as depicted in today's first reading. This is an aspect of Jesus' personality that gives us a deeper insight into who our Lord is. He is "the man for others." He is there for you and me. Experiencing this in prayer, we should appreciate and love our Lord more for it. We each have our own calling in life. We must respond to it in the framework of our personal capabilities and the circumstances of time and milieu. Serious and mature people understand that only a life of service is a meaningful life. What do you consider your main calling in life, and how do you fulfill it?

Almighty, eternal God, keep us, your children born of water and the Spirit, faithful to our calling. Today's feast marks the end of the Christmas Season.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

The Lord bless you and keep you!

- How has your faith affected what you have seen, heard, and understood?

So you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son then also an heir....

- How much of your present life is bound to sin, and how much is free to inherit God's many gifts?

And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.

- What role does contemplation play in your life?
- How does contemplation inform how you act?
- How has your original understanding of Christian responsibility changed over the years? What has remained the same?

John tried to prevent Jesus from being baptized, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"

Make a list of questions you have stopped asking of God. Now make a list of questions you've only recently begun to ask.

HOLY MASSES

January 08, 2012. The Solemnity – Baptism of the Lord

9:00AM Holy Mass for God`s blessing upon Edward Rocco Collins.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

January 15, 2012. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am Holy Mass for all parishioners.

11:00AM Polska Msza Św. za parafian.

Events and activities

Responsorial Psalm for today is: The Lord will bless his people with peace.

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.

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.

The Peace Prayer... Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. AMEN!

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.