

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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Sunday, October 16, 2011, 11:00AM

Confirmation and Holy Mass

Celebrant: Rt. Rev. John Mack, Ordinary of the Central Diocese

Procession from the parish hall to the Church

(order of procession)

- 1. Processional Cross**
- 2. Altar Servers**
- 3. ANS members**
- 4. Confirmation Class Students and Sponsors**
- 5. Clergy**
- 6. The Bishop and Assistants**

Bp: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

R: Who made heaven and earth.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (all stand)

**Blessed is he who trust in God Almighty,
and he who hopes in God`s most gracious mercy.
He shall acknowledge: God is my protector,
In life`s dark journey, (I shall fear no danger x2)**

**From all the pow`rs of evil God shall save him,
Of nature`s forces, he shall ne`er fall victim.
Under the pinions of the Lord Almighty,
In-God`s protection, (he shall dwell in safety x2)**

**God`s mighty strength shall be his shield and buckler,
and shall protect him from all nightly danger.
Thousands shall fall, yet he shall walk without fear.
Kept from the arrows (of the foe that is near x2).**

When the Bishop arrives at the main altar, a traditional greeting shall be offered by those selected to do so.

The procession, having arrived at the main altar and all taking their places, the Bishop will intone the Hymn of Faith, found below. Please remain standing.

**To Thee we come, O Lord, Our God,
Before Thine altar, father.
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;
This supplication answer.
Lift up from want Thy people, Lord,
bless us O God, O Father bless our toil.
Under Thy cross we stand prepared,
To serve Thee with devotion;
Be it with sweat of blood of tears,
Or humble resignation.
For we thy people are, O Lord,
Save us, O God, O Father bless our toil.**

The Holy Mass will begin on page 63 of the tan Mass Book.

**The Sacrament of the Word of God
First Reading: Ez 26, 24-28.**

Responsorial Psalm.

Second Reading in Polish; drugie czytanie w języku polskim: Rz. 8, 14-17.

Following the second lesson the Cantor will sing Alleluia, all stand.

C. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;
and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

R. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Following this, the priest will offer the Holy Gospel. **ALL STAND**

Gospel Mt 5, 1-12

Homily – Rt. Rev. John Mack, Ordinary of the Central Diocese.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will follow the Homily

(Confirmands and sponsors will take then places in the center aisle - everyone kneels)

The Bishop intones the hymn to the Holy Spirit:

**Come, Thou Creator Spirit blest,
And in our souls take up Thy rest;**

**Come with Thy grace and heavenly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.**

**All glory while the ages run
Be to the Father and the Son,
Who gave us life; the same to thee,
O Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.**

The Bishop sings:

**Bp: May the Holy Spirit come down upon you, and may the power of the Most High
keep you from sin,
R: AMEN.**

The Bishop makes the sign of the cross saying:

**Bp: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
R: Who made heaven and earth.**

**Bp: O Lord, hear our prayers,
R: And let our cry come to you,**

**Bp: The Lord be with you,
R: And also with you.**

The Bishop with hands extended over the ones being confirmed says:

**Bp: Let us pray... Almighty, everlasting God, Who hast deigned to beget new life in these
Thy servants by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast granted them remission of all their
sins, bestow upon them Thy Holy Spirit, the Consoler with His sevenfold gifts.**

**Bp: The Spirit of wisdom and understanding,
R: Amen**

**Bp: The Spirit of counsel and fortitude,
R: Amen.**

**Bp: The Spirit of knowledge and piety,
R: Amen.**

**Bp: Fill them with the spirit of fear of the Lord, and seal them with the sign of the Holy
Cross, plenteous in mercy unto life everlasting. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, God eternally.
R: Amen.**

The Bishop lays hands on those to be confirmed anointing the brow with Holy Chrism. Sponsors stand behind placing right hand on right shoulder of kneeling candidates.

Bp: N., I sign you with the sign of the Cross and I confirm you with the Chrism of salvation. In the name of the father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop strikes the confirmed upon the cheek, saying:

Bp: Peace be with you.

After all have been confirmed, the Bishop cleanses his fingers and sings:

Bp: Strengthen, O God, what you has wrought in us through your Holy Church. Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end.

R: Amen

The newly-confirmed **kneel**. The Bishop, facing them sings:

Bp: Show us your mercy, Lord,

R: And grant us your salvation.

Bp: O Lord, hear our prayer,

R: And let our cry come to you.

Bp: The Lord be with you,

R: And also wit you.

Bp: Let us pray... O God, Thou didst give the Holy Spirit to Thine Apostles, and didst will that He should be handed down through them and their successors upon the rest of the faithful. So now behold with favor our lowly ministration and grant the same Holy Spirit may come and abide in the hearts of them whose brow we have anointed with Holy Chrism and sealed with the sign of the Holy Cross. And by His indwelling, may He graciously cause them to become a perfect temple for the living God. Thou who lives and reigns together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

The Bishop, having received the mitre and crosier, turns toward the confirmed and blesses them.

Bp: Behold, thus shall every person be blessed that lives in the fear of the Lord.

Bp: May the Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

Declaration of the confirmed

(Confirmands will stand)

On this solemn day of my life - the day on which I received the Sacrament of Confirmation - I publicly declare before Almighty God, His Holy Church, and all here present that I shall be a faithful member of Christ's Church

Strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Ghost:

I Promise - to do all in my power to live according to the Commandments of God, and fulfill His Holy Will.

I Promise - to avoid sin, the occasion of sin and evil companionship.

I Promise - to remember always, and in all places, that I am a member of the Polish National Catholic Church, and to faithfully fulfill all my obligations towards this church.

So help me God, one in the Blessed Trinity and all the Saints. Amen.

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, sitteth at right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Mass continues on page 73.

Dalszy ciąg Mszy na stronie 73.

Eucharistic Prayer 5 will be used, located on page 92 of the Mass Book. All shall kneel.

W czasie Mszy Św. będziemy używać modlitwę eucharystyczną nr 5 na stronie 92. Wszyscy kłecza.

Holy Communion - Confirmation class students will receive first, to be followed by the families, sponsors, friend and congregation. Communion will be distributed as usual. Komunie św. pierwsi otrzymują osoby, które otrzymały sakrament Bierzmowania, później ich rodziny i sponsorzy, a następnie parafianie obecni w kościele.

During the Holy Communion the Choir shall offer some hymns and then the blessing and dismissal will be offered by the celebrant.

The Bishop`s blessing - page 100
Biskupie błogosławieństwo strona 100

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Słowa podziękowania - ks. Grzegorz Mludzik

The Hymn of the Church

Tyle lat my Ci o Panie
służbę wierna wypełniali,
szli ku słońcu w świt, zaranie,
łańcuch niewoli targali, łańcuch niewoli targali.

O bodajem wierni byli,
o bodaj ten sztandar święty,
aż do zgonu naszej chwili,
w duszy, w sercu był rozpięty, w duszy w sercu był rozpięty.

The Recessional Hymn

CONFIRMANDS

Emily Desbiens

Patryk Pocztarski

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