

Bulletin – Parish News

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

www.transfigurationpncc.org

135 Hathaway Street Wallington, NJ 07057 Tel.: 973-779-4329

Fax: 973-779-7173; e-mail frgregory11@verizon.net

January 03 , 2010. Holy Family.

The Rev. Gregory Mludzic, Pastor.

Raymond Bielski, Parish Chairman Dawn Wassman, Music Minister

We are witnessing a breakdown of the traditional family and its values - filial respect for authority, exercised responsibly by parents - and a rising juvenile delinquency. Hence, our society can learn a few things from today's Bible readings. There is no easy remedy available for today's family crisis. The Christian family is part of a culture in which human beings participate-neighborhood, school, television, friends and recreation patterns. But in stormy weather a ship may get at least some guidance from a beacon! And although authority from the earliest infancy on should be exercised perhaps in a different way, it should not be done away with. Parents could discuss this with their children. A substitute for sound family life has not yet been offered by any of the behavioral sciences. Today's readings on the family necessarily reflect the patriarchal family pattern, hence the subordinations family ethic, of the Biblical culture. We should distinguish between the core of the Christian ethic and the cloth in which it is wrapped. This cloth is conditioned by time and culture and not necessarily part of the divine message. But the message on family life as such is timeless.

Questions for reflection

Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.

- How can followers influence the enlightenment of those who lead?

God's secret plan was revealed, unknown in former ages but now revealed by the Spirit.

- With whom do you share the good news of your faith?
- What are the most effective ways of sharing the news?

"Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We have observed his star and have come to pay him homage."

- What is your heart's desire, and how invested are you in pursuing it?

Faith response

Find a quiet hour at the end of the year to practice dreaming. Envision a better world for you, your loved ones, and others. Dream big! Write down three dreams that you are willing to pursue, and take the first step to making them real.

HOLY MASSES

Sunday, January 03, 2010. Solemnity - Holy Family

9:00am Holy Mass for + Justine Sweeney req. by Dorothy Lenc - Oplatek Breakfast.

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

Sunday, January 10, 2010 Solemnity-Baptism of the Lord.

9:00am Holy Mass for + Mary Zajac req. By Virginia Lukashewski.

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

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Responsorial Psalm for today is:

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.

Parish Sunday offering envelopes for 2010 are on the desk in the church hall. If you have not picked yours up, please do so.

January 06, 2010.

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 17, 2010) 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.

Parish dues... Parish books will be closed for 2009. 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. It is our hope to keep everyone in our parish family. Your understanding and cooperation will be most appreciated.

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

Happy New Year 2010!