

Bulletin –Parish News

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August 20, 2017. Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time.

The Very Rev. Gregory Mludzik, Administrator

The “I am better than you” syndrome is part of the human condition. Collectively, it appears as triumphalism in religion. The evil of triumphalism has stained the Church for many centuries. Let us humbly admit it. If a certain kind of triumphalism would have been confined to “Jesus Christ and his abundant love for us is unsurpassed,” it would have been all right. But often the beauty, truth, and riches of the Catholic Faith were identified with its proud sharers, and resulted in that ominous “we are right and you are wrong” complex which has caused so much damaging alienation. Belonging to God’s chosen people does not mean that we are necessarily Bible readings suggest an openness in love and respect for others, as taught in the contemporary setting by the Council’s Decree on Ecumenism. “Almighty God, your care extends beyond the boundaries of race and nation to the hearts of all who live. May the walls, which prejudice raises, between us, crumble beneath the shadow of your outstretched arm. better than people who following their own conscience seek God in a different way.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

* How is the church today called to embrace the “foreigner”?

* Under what circumstances are you tempted to see yourself as better than others?

* When is it hardest to ask for what you need from God?

Question of the week: Who seeks a welcome in your community, and how can you begin to extend that welcome this week?

- How exclusive heaven have to be before some people are willing to go there?
- Think of one instance today when you needed God’s mercy. Was there anyone who needed your mercy? Pray for him/her.
- Have you been categorized or diminished by name-calling?
- What would your true name be?

Faith Response

Pray for the grace to see the human family as God sees, across borders and beyond politics. Make that vision concrete in attitudes of tolerance and welcome, and in works of charity and justice for those who are “other.”

HOLY MASSES

August 20, 2017. Twentieth Sunday in ordinary time.

8:15am Holy Mass for all parishioners.

August 27, 2017. Twenty First Sunday in ordinary time.
8:15am Holy Mass for all parishioners.

Fr. Sr. Gregory will be away from the parish from August 22 to August 24, 2017. He will go for the Clergy Conference and for the Summer Retreat at the Villa of Our Lady Retreat House, Mt. Pocono, PA. In case of emergency please call at 973-779-4329

The PNU and the Gifts of Summer

Summer is a time for many celebrations – like Weddings, Graduations, and First Holy Communion. What a great time to share the many benefits of the PNU with your family and friends. Endowments, insurance policies, and annuities are just some of the many gifts ideas the PNU can offer to help you provide for those you care about. Contact the PNU Home Office at 1-800-724-6352 for more information on the gifts of summer.

Reflection

**God be good to you in all your days,
God be kind to you in all your ways.
God give strength to you when crosses lean,
God send light to you, the clouds between.
God give peace to you in times of strife,
God bless everything that fills your life.
God send joy to you when grief is over,
God make way for you at heaven`s door. (Brian O`Higgins)**

If you are new to our parish, please submit your name and phone number to Fr. Sr. Gregory. Father will contact you regarding parish

membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our Church. Welcome!

Please pray for all the sick and shut-ins, especially Very Rev. Gregory Mludzik, Irene Janke, Olga Bordino, Marian Tencza, Jules Nagy, Antoinette Dypko, Eve Yaros, 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.

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. Sr. Gregory and the Parish Committee.

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