

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

02/22 (Saturday) Meeting with Bishop Paul & Strategic Planning Committee in our parish hall at 11am. The meeting is going to be about "How to promote the church?!" It's going to last approx. 2-2,5 hours. At the end of the meeting free lunch will be served. Please, consider to join this important event! Sign-up sheet in the back of the church (for lunch arrangements).

02/23 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Mass intention: "For Stephen LUKAS Jr."

02/26 (Ash Wednesday) Holy Mass at 5pm with imposition of ashes.

- At yesterday's meeting, the Parish Committee has officially appointed **Nancy McHugh as Church Hall Director** and **Mitchell Bielenda as Rental Property Custodian** for this year 2020. Thank you Nancy and Mitchell for your service to St. John's Parish.
- Parish Committee has decided to appoint "Parish Cemetery Commission" to deal with all matters regarding St. John's Cemetery on Jefferson St. We're looking for 1-2 parishioners who would like to join this Commission. If you are interested, please talk to the Parish Committee chairman - Edward Makles.
- In March we're going to have our first **BINGO NIGHT!** We're looking for volunteers who would like to join "St. John's Bingo team"! It will be great fun and important fundraiser to the church. If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Adam.



to the new PARISH COMMITTEE 2020

Diane, Linda, Edward & Mitchell!

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PARISH BULLETIN

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For HELEN GIROUARD (req. by Jacqueline Girouard)

INTROIT

C: My brothers [and sisters], show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ.

R: But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

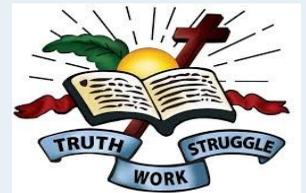
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of Leviticus.

The LORD said to Moses,
“Speak to the whole Israelite community
and tell them:
Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am
holy.
“You shall not bear hatred for your
brother or sister in your heart.
Though you may have to reprove your
fellow citizen,
do not incur sin because of him.
Take no revenge and cherish no grudge
against any of your people.

LV 19:1-2, 17-18

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
I am the LORD.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord is kind and merciful.”

PS 103

READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters:
Do you not know that you are the temple of
God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in
you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God
will destroy that person;
for the temple of God, which you are, is
holy. Let no one deceive himself.
If any one among you considers himself wi-
se in this age, let him become a fool, so as
to become wise. For the wisdom of this
world is foolishness in the eyes of God,
for it is written:

1COR 3:16-23

God catches the wise in their own ruses,
and again: The Lord knows the thoughts of
the wise, that they are vain.

So let no one boast about human beings, for
everything belongs to you,
Paul or Apollos or Cephas,
or the world or life or death,
or the present or the future:
all belong to you, and you to Christ, and
Christ to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 5:38-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The readings challenge us to live a high standard – to be holy and perfect as GOD is holy and perfect. Even as far back as the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament), the people of GOD are given the command to be holy because GOD is holy. We are called to be imitators of the holiness of GOD – to love compassionately, to care for and pray for (be in positive relationship with) others, just as GOD does. The Responsorial Psalm describes the attributes of our holy GOD: forgiving, kind, compassionate, merciful, and gracious. Those are the characteristics that should mark our lives also. In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds the people of Corinth that they are the place where the holiness of GOD dwells, therefore they must act as the holy temple of GOD and expect others to treat them as the place where the GOD of all holiness can be found. In the Gospel, Jesus examines some of the commandments that have been handed down from the law and the prophets of old. Jesus then lifts the bar higher and says that we must do more than the minimum requirements of the old law. We must be perfect as our GOD is perfect.