

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 02/26 (Ash Wednesday) Holy Mass at 5pm with imposition of ashes. Season of Lent begins. No Mass intention so far!
- 02/28 (Friday) Stations of the Cross at 5pm.
- 02/29 (Saturday) PIEROGI & GOLABKI SALE from 9am to 12pm. We're looking for 2-3 volunteers who can help selling our food products.
- 03/01 (Sunday) Singing of "Bitter Lamentations" before the Holy Mass on every Sunday of Lent at 9.40am. Come and join us as we meditate the Passion of Jesus and the sufferings of His Blessed Mother. No Mass intention so far!

- I would like to thank all parishioners who participated in yesterday's meeting with Bishop Paul & Strategic Planning Committee. The meeting was very fruitful and it gave us an opportunity to share some ideas about the future of our Church with people from other churches of the Diocese. **Special THANK YOU to Magda** for delicious lunch served at the end of the meeting. Thank you **Nancy, Jacqueline and Phyllis** for cleaning the church hall after the meeting.
- We're looking for a volunteer or volunteers who would like to sacrifice some time cleaning the church before the Ash Wednesday.



## LENTEN DEVOTIONS

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Fridays of Lent at 5pm.

**BITTER LAMENTATIONS**  
Sundays of Lent at 9.40am.

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PARISH BULLETIN

## QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + *STEPHEN LUKAS JR.*

### INTROIT

C: I cry aloud to God, cry to God to hear me.

R: **On the day of my distress I seek the Lord; by night my hands are raised unceasingly; I refuse to be consoled.**

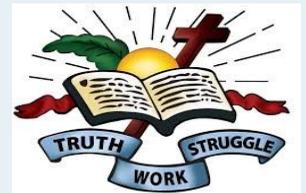
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 the Prophet Isaiah.**

Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me;  
my LORD has forgotten me."  
Can a mother forget her infant,  
be without tenderness for the child of her  
womb?  
Even should she forget,  
I will never forget you.

**The Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

## IS 49:14-15

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*„Rest in God alone, my soul.“*

## PS 62

## READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters:  
Thus should one regard us: as servants of  
Christ  
and stewards of the mysteries of God.  
Now it is of course required of stewards  
that they be found trustworthy.  
It does not concern me in the least  
that I be judged by you or any human tribu-  
nal;  
I do not even pass judgment on myself;  
I am not conscious of anything against me,  
but I do not thereby stand acquitted;

the one who judges me is the Lord.  
Therefore do not make any judgment befo-  
re the appointed time,  
until the Lord comes,  
for he will bring to light what is hidden in  
darkness  
and will manifest the motives of our hearts,  
and then everyone will receive praise from  
God.

**The Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

## 1COR 4:1-5

## GOSPEL

## MT 6:24-34

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pa-  
gans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besi-  
des. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

**The Gospel of the Lord.** *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

Matthew's Gospel today begins with a very strong statement: "No one can serve two masters." Now, take a moment and calculate how many masters you strive to serve in one day's time. How many masters do you have? Who and what are your masters? Note: a master does not have to be human. It may be helpful to write down who and what your masters are.

Today Jesus warns his disciples to keep their priorities in order. He doesn't want them to worry about the little things. Jesus reminds them that life is more than food or shelter. We can have all the money in the world and still not be satisfied. Jesus is reminding his listeners that only God has the ability to give us true and lasting peace and happiness. Yes, there are many gifts in our wonderful world, but without God, there is no meaning! Yet so often, I continue to look for love (or satisfaction) in all the wrong places. Do you? Today may we look to God for our peace, our grace and our happiness! Everything else is short-lived!