

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 06/21** (Sunday) **FATHERS' DAY.** At the end of the Mass a special blessing will be given to all men on the occasion of the Feast day. There will be also a blessing for women as we couldn't celebrate Mothers' Day in May. Collection for Clergy Pension Fund at the door.
- 06/27** (Saturday) Funeral of **EMILY LONCOLA**, mother of Fr. Stanley Loncola, former Pastor of St. John's (1983-1996). Service at St. John's Cemetery at 11am.
- 06/28** (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** Mass intention: For + Emily Loncola.
- THANK YOU **Robert** for supporting yesterday's POLISH FOOD SALE with your donation. It was a very successful event even though less people than usual ordered pierogies & golabkis. Total amount collected: \$ 1,039. We're going to continue the Sales in July & August to succor our financial situation.
  - THANK YOU **Jacqueline & Linda** for cleaning our Church in June! God bless you for your time and dedication!
  - We would like to remind you about the possibility to offer a **Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam.

### Church Mice



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June 21, 2020

# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

XII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
FATHERS' DAY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For *ELLYONA & AALIYAH (granddaughters of Jacqueline)*

INTROIT

C: This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with Him we shall also live with Him; if we persevere we shall also reign with Him.

**R: But if we deny Him He will deny us. If we are unfaithful He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.**

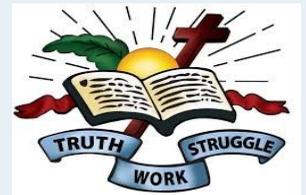
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**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 Jeremiah.**

Jeremiah said:

“I hear the whisperings of many:  
‘Terror on every side!  
Denounce! let us denounce him!’  
All those who were my friends  
are on the watch for any misstep of mine.  
‘Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.’  
But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph.

## JER 20:10-13

In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!”

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL

## MT 10:26-33

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

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Jesus said to the Twelve:

“Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*„Lord, in your great love, answer me.”*

## PS 69

## READING 2

**A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans.**

Brothers and sisters:  
Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—  
for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law.  
But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam,

## ROM 5:12-15

who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

When have you been really afraid? Was it when facing circumstances which seemed beyond your control and could be harmful to you emotionally, physically, mentally, or spiritually? What did you do? Did you receive help from another person (including possibly the Lord Jesus)? When we experience being loved by another person, it makes the fear dissipate. 1 John 4:18 reminds us: “There is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear.” Obviously the greatest love is the love which GOD has for us since GOD is love (1 John 4:17).

The Gospel relates Jesus’ pep talk to the disciples, in which He speaks about their role in the process of announcing the GOoD News to others. They may be fearful now as they head out on their first missionary journey, but Jesus promises that His Abba-Father, Who happens to be GOD, will recognize what they do in His name. He forecasts that what they have learned and discussed in secret will be proclaimed from housetops and be known throughout the world. He cautions them to not be afraid even if they meet opposition and persecution, because GOD will take care of them even more than GOD takes care of the sparrows, which are worth only a few cents.

One of the things that prevents us from boldly proclaiming the Gospel in actions and words is fear. Fear of what may happen to us can be counterproductive. It is normal to experience uncomfortableness and anxiety as we know that we face possible physical pain or emotional rejection. Yet as St. John says in his First Letter, love is not yet perfect in the person who fears. Fear is the opposite of love. Fear of losing something we value (healthy, life, property, loved ones) causes us to be reluctant to love others and boldly proclaim the GOoD News.