

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/29 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Blessing of new liturgical vessels. Swearing the Parish Committee into office. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall.
- 02/02 (Thursday) Only4Men meeting in the Church Hall at 5pm. We will talk about St. Peter this time.
- 02/05 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Mass. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall. Mass Intention: FOR + ANA MARIA GAÑA.

- Thank you **Jacqueline and Diane** for running yesterday's Polish Food Sale.
- Volunteers needed for our February Church events. The list is in the back of the Church. Thank you for your time and dedication to St. John's Parish.

CHURCH NEWS

- New fire alarm and camera have been installed in the church hall kitchen. There will be two more cameras and fire alarms in the hall itself.
- New liturgical vessels have been purchased for our worship: Chalice with paten, Ciborium for the Holy Communion and Holy Water container.
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: MARGUERITE HENSLEY (1/31), JOSEPH STEPIEN (02/01), GEORGIANNA LAFRANCHISE (02/02), FR. HENRY & MARGO SMOLINSKI (02/04). Happy anniversary! Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

IV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + STEFAN PIETRZYK (req. by his wife)

INTROIT

C: Happy the sinner whose fault is removed, whose sin is forgiven.

R: Happy those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no deceit.

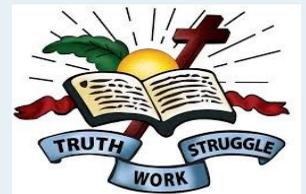
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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



HOLY MASS

. 10 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 Zephaniah.

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger.

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD: the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong

ZEP 2:3; 3:12-13

and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 146

„Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!“

READING 2

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

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing,

1 COR 1:26-31

to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MT 5:1-12A

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus takes on the characteristics of the new Moses. He ascends the mountainside and hands down a new set of commandments. St. Matthew builds on the image of Jesus as the new Moses in the way he sets up his Gospel. There are five sections, paralleling the five books of Moses. Each ends in a similar way. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Mosaic Law. Jesus gives new guidelines for His disciples to follow. And the new guidelines speak about being humble, yet active.

As we look more closely at the Beatitudes, we see the first few Beatitudes speak about people who are like the outcast. They are the poor, the sorrowing, the lowly, the hungry and the thirsty. They are the people who are lowly. They understand that even in their state (and maybe because of their state), they are loved by GOD and will continue to be blessed by GOD. They are humble in that they realize what they are in GOD's eyes. Although in need, they know GOD will take care of them. They humbly place their trust in a GOD Who is all-powerful and Who loves them.