

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 02/12 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Mass. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall.
- 02/14 (Tuesday) Parish Committee meeting at 3.30pm.
- 02/18 (Saturday) Free Lunch Saturday 11am - 12.30pm.
- 02/19 (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 + ADELLA CARNEILLA.

- THANK YOU **Linda and Tadeusz** for running yesterday's Polish Food Sale. Thank you **Jacqueline** for taking care of online preorders.
- **ADELLA CARNEILLA** - lifetime parishioner, who just turned 102 years old, passed away last week at Manchester Memorial Hospital. Day before she received the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Funeral arrangements to be announced.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. R: And let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. R: Amen.

CHURCH NEWS

- New cameras have been installed in the Church Hall.
- Church kitchen ceiling remodeling project has been accomplished. You can take a look downstairs at our renovated ceiling with new tiles and new LED lights. Thank you Mike!
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: GEORGIANNA LAFRANCHISE (02/22), RENA GERVAIS (02/25), EDWARD MAKLES (02/26), RICHARD GRABOWSKI (02/28). 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

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + STEFAN PIETRZYK (req. by his wife)

INTROIT

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

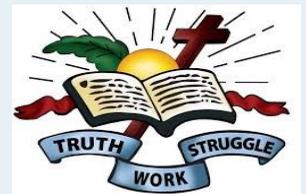
R: But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

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.

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

LV 19:1-2, 17-18

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 wise 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: 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.

1 COR 3:16-23

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

In the Gospel, Jesus is always aware of the law that has been passed down over the centuries to those who believe in GOD. The commands which flow from GOD in the Old Testament are just the beginning and minimal requirements of what it means to be part of GOD's holy people. Jesus requires more of His disciples. He wants them not just to refrain from hatred, but also to proactively love others, even, or especially, our enemies. If GOD can love even the greatest sinners and send the Son to die for them, who are we not to love them. Love does not mean we are to have warm "fuzzies" about everyone, but that we should seek out the GOoD that is in each person whom GOD has created. We must love and pray for those who love us, but we must go out of our way to do whatever we can for the benefit of others.