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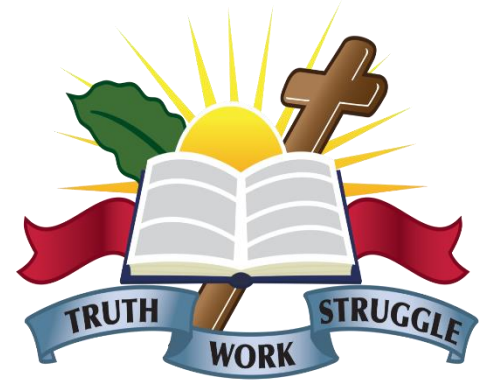
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Solemnity – Transfiguration of Our Lord

A Sabbath Thought

We are granted a momentary view of the glory waiting for us when we meet Jesus. Although mountain top experiences are uplifting, perhaps even necessary to give us hope, it is in the valley where we will find our most beneficial growth.

About Today's Bible Readings

DANIEL 7:9-14

"Ancient One" gazes down from a heavenly throne. One like a human, later to be seen as Jesus, the Christ, comes before the throne.

Responsorial Psalm: 97:1-2, 5-6, 9

R. The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

2 PETER 1:16-19

Peter was blessed to glimpse the heavenly glory that was to be awarded Jesus. He recounts his experience of the transfiguration.

MATTHEW 17:1-9

Peter, James and John are privileged to accompany Jesus to the mountain top and to glimpse the glory of his resurrection.

ENTRANCE RITE: John 3:22; Corinthians 3:18

V. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

R. All of us, gazing with unveiled face on the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord Who is the Spirit.

V. 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!

ALLELUIA: Hebrews 1:3a (NSRV)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Jesus is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and He sustains all things by His powerful word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – August 6th

Solemnity

Transfiguration of our Lord

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Loretta Mikovsky.

Sunday – August 13th

19th Sunday Ordinary Time

ONE MASS ONLY

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

PICNIC DAY!

Sunday – August 20th

20th Sunday Ordinary Time

ONE MASS ONLY

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Picnic Donations

We are at this time asking for donations to help fund the Annual Polish Picnic in August. As you may know, this is our signature fund raising event of the year and require much work and sacrifice on the part of many of our parishioners. If you are financially able to donate to help offset the costs it would be greatly appreciated. **Please make out any checks payable to the YMS of R as they are handling funds for the picnic. If you are donating cash, please mark the envelope clearly "PICNIC DONATION".** Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. May God bless you.

Food Preparation

Due to a glitch in production, we may need to have one more session of golumpkie making this week before the picnic next Sunday. Volunteers may be needed. The time and day is not yet set. Please let Tom Schalata, Jay Rowe or Fr. Sr. Donald know if you are available and willing to help.

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken and Judy Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, and Mary Ann Bezek. For the repose of the soul of Loretta Mikovsky. **Our Father....**

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Weekends in August; Food making in preparation for the Annual Polish Picnic in August. Please see the Monthly Newsletter for dates and signup sheets are in the vestibule. **More help is needed.** Please consider volunteering a day or two of your time to help make the Picnic the huge success that it has been in the past. Flyers are on the table in the vestibule, please take and post them wherever you shop or visit, with permission, of course.

Sunday, August 13th; Annual Polish Picnic! I hope to see everyone there!

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

PICNIC BAKE SALE

This year the bake sale will be returning to the Annual Polish Picnic. This is a call to all of the bakers in the parish to show us what you can do. If you are able to donate any baked goods for sale at the picnic, please contact Marcia Hinner at 610-621-9758 for information and to secure space for your donation. Thank you for your kind generosity and may God bless you all.

FLOOD VICTIMS

Recently, our area was impacted by several flash floods. These brought devastating damage to many homes and properties. Some of our own members have been affected by these acts of nature. During the month of August we are designating all of the donations made to the Little White Church in the vestibule to go towards helping them to recover from this catastrophe. Please be as generous as you can and thank you in advance for your kindness and love.

PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return your PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS by no later than today, Sunday, August 6th; sold or unsold so we may determine the number of tickets available to sell at the grove on the day of the picnic. Thank you for your efforts and kind donations in this matter and good luck to all of the ticket holders.

Also, a friendly reminder to check and see if your parish dues are up to date, it makes it easier on all of us at the end of the year.