

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 09/27** (Today) Reading the Catechism of our Church at the end of the Mass.
- 10/03** (Saturday) **HEALING PRAYER SERVICE at 3pm.** This is a powerful church service of bringing God's healing power into the lives of those who are suffering from illness, physical disabilities, grief, fear, and mental or spiritual health issues. If you suffer physically or spiritually come to experience the healing power of Jesus! If you are OK come to thank God for all the blessings you've received so far! INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!
- 10/04** (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** No Mass intention so far!
- Yesterday's POLISH FOOD SALE was a big success! Gross income: \$4.184 almost doubled the gross from the previous sale... Thank you **Diane & Jacqueline** for running this event for St. John's Church.
 - Month of OCTOBER is dedicated in the Church to the Holy Rosary. It was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary by the faithful. At St. John's we will pray **the rosary every Wednesday at 5pm.** and **one tenth of the Rosary before the Holy Mass every Sunday.** Consider joining us!
 - Next Sunday **we return to have a COFFEE HOUR after the Mass for those who wish.** We will still practice social distancing and State recommendations regarding the virus.
 - 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. Have a blessed Sunday!

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PARISH BULLETIN

XXVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For ZUZANNA PIEKARZEWSKA on the occasion of her first birthday.

INTROIT

C: May the God of peace, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do His will.

R: May He carry out in you what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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 Ezekiel.

Thus says the LORD:
You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"
Hear now, house of Israel:
Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are
not your ways unfair?
When someone virtuous turns away from
virtue to commit iniquity, and dies,
it is because of the iniquity he committed
that he must die.

EZ 18:25-28

But if he turns from the wickedness he
has committed,
he does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life;
since he has turned away from all the sins
that he has committed,
he shall surely live, he shall not die.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„Remember your mercies, O Lord.”

PS 25

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encoura-
gement in Christ, any solace in love, any
participation in the Spirit, any compassion
and mercy, complete my joy by being of the
same mind, with the same love, united in
heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of
selfishness or out of vainglory; rather,
humbly regard others as more important
than yourselves, each looking out not for his
own interests, but also for those of others.
Have in you the same attitude that is also in

Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the
form of God, did not regard equality with
God something to be grasped. Rather, he
emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
coming in human likeness; and found hu-
man in appearance, he humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross. Because of this, God
greatly exalted him and bestowed on him
the name which is above every name,
that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bend, of those in heaven and on earth and
under the earth, and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God
the Father. **The Word of the Lord.**

PHIL 2:1-11 OR 2:1-5

GOSPEL

MT 21:28-32

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out
and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not, ' but afterwards changed his
mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply,
'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The
first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering
the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness,
you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw
that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus shares the story of the two children of a parent who requests that the
offspring participate and help out in the family business. One responds affirmatively to the requ-
est, but later changes his mind and does not do what was asked of him. The other responds ne-
gatively, but similarly changes his mind and ends up fulfilling the parent’s bidding. Each had a
change of heart and did the opposite of what he had originally said he was going to do.

As I reflect on these readings I realized that each of us is responsible for not only our words of
choice, but also our actions. Centering my thoughts on the Gospel, I realized that Jesus presents
not the extremes of black and white, but the grey areas in between. Most of us live in the grey are-
as. One extreme would have been an obedient child who not only says that she/he will do the
request of the parent, but actually does it. That offspring, like Jesus Himself, would always be dedi-
cated to doing the will of the parent. The other extreme would be the child who refuses to do the
will of the parent and lives out that decision in her/his very action (or more accurately, inac-
tion). Neither of the two extremes explain where most of us find ourselves. Most of us, during
times in our lives, have said one thing and done another. We have free will and we exercise that
free will, even after saying one thing, we can, and often, do something else.

GOD respects our freedom of choice. GOD does not force us into acting one way or
another. Yes, GOD asks us to do the divine will. Sometimes we say “yes” but do not fulfill our affir-
mative response. Other times we say “no” and later regret our response and do what is expected
of us. Most often, our actions show where our real heart is. Yet, how much more Christ-like it
would be if we could respond affirmatively in both word and in action.