

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

02/27 (Today) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Mass. Coffee hour after the Mass in the church hall as usual.

03/02 (ASH WEDNESDAY) Holy Mass at 5pm. Blessing and distribution of Ashes. Season of Lent begins.

03/04 (Friday) Stations of the Cross at 5pm.

03/06 (Sunday) Bitter Lamentations at 9.40am. Holy Mass at 10am. *No Mass intention so far!*

- **THANK YOU** Diane and Jacqueline for running yesterday's Polish Food Sale. Despite the cold and snow the event turned out to be very successful.
- 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 week!**

### CHURCH NEWS

- Solar panels installation on the church roof was finished last week and the system was inspected by the town and fire marshal. Now, we have to wait for an official approval to start using the solar energy.
- Lead paints removal in the rectory (2nd floor) has been accomplished. This week we're going to finish this part of the project with re-painting of the rooms.
- Upcoming birthdays: MARGUERITE SMOLINSKI (03/12), JEAN PASTORE (03/24). 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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# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

### QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY (Pre-Lent 3)

#### MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For MARK & BEN that God would help them find the right path in life (req. by Maria)*

#### INTROIT

C: Grant me justice, Lord! I have walked without blame. In the Lord I have trusted; I have not faltered.

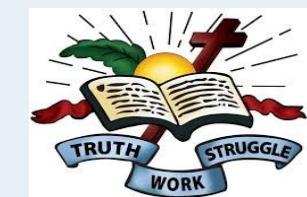
R: Test me, Lord, and try me; search my heart and mind. Your love is before my eyes; I walk guided by your faithfulness.

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

## SIR 27:4-7

**A reading from the Book of the prophet Sirah.**

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*„Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.”*

## READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

## PS 92

## 1 COR 15:54-58

But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

**This is the Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL

## LK 6:39-45

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

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Jesus told his disciples a parable, “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,’ when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. “A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

**This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel today has three parts: 1) an analogy speaking about the need for an “insightful” teacher rather than a mere fellow, blind traveler along the road of faith; 2) a challenge to examine one's one life before criticizing others (using the analog of a person with a plank of wood in her/his eyes, trying to remove a splinter from another person's eye); and 3) a reminder that we can only produce GOoD fruit if we act out of the GOoDness of our whole being. Jesus is challenging His disciples (past and present) to strive to be GOoD by reflecting on their lives and seeing how they can improve and bear the GOoDness which GOD has given them. What strikes me in today's readings is the need to consciously look at our relationship with the Lord Jesus and His Abba-Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. As we do that, we need to focus on what GOoD gifts GOD has bestowed on us and how we have used those gifts for not only our betterment, but also for the betterment of others. That takes work, diligently searching our own lives.