

# COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 01/14** (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** Polish breakfast follows the Mass in the church hall. **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** will be held after the Mass in the Church Hall. At the meeting: Pastoral report of Fr. Adam, Report of the Parish Committee & election of the Parish Committee for 2024. **All Parishioners are strongly encouraged to participate in this very important meeting.** *In case of bad weather, the meeting will be postponed to the following Sunday, Jan 21.*
- 01/20** (Saturday) **Polish Food Sale** 10am - 12pm.
- 01/21** (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** Coffee hour (fellowship hour) follows the Mass in the church hall. Mass Intention: For TADEUSZ PILCH.
- **THANK YOU** to all who helped preparing the Annual Parish Meeting and the Polish Breakfast.

## CHURCH NEWS

- This month we're going to start **renovation project of the church vestibule**. If you have any ideas how to improve functionality of the vestibule, please, share them with Fr. Adam or Mitchell. Thank you!
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: JACQUELINE GIROUARD (01/19). 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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January 14, 2024

# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

## II SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASS INTENTION

*For the benefactors of St. John's Church.*

### INTROIT

C: Thus says the Lord: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine. Because you are precious in My eyes and glorious, and because I love you.

R: When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart, because I bore Your name, O Lord, God of hosts.

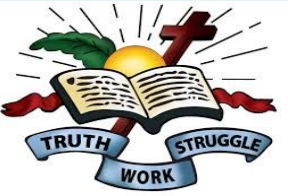
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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

1 SM 3:3B-10, 19

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he

said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 40

„Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.“

READING 2

1 COR 6:13C-15A, 17-20

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

Brothers and sisters:  
The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 1:35-42

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel is appropriate for this beginning Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are transitioning from the reflection on the Incarnation into the public life and ministry of Jesus. Last Sunday (the Baptism of the Lord) was the last day of the Christmas/Epiphany season. Today we reflect on how Jesus begins His mission of proclaiming GOD’s GOoD News. John the Baptist points to Jesus and proclaims, “There is the Lamb of GOD.” Two individuals leave John and start their journey with Jesus. They are curious about this One Who is proclaimed to be the Lamb of GOD, a term that has a great deal of meaning not fully explained by John. The inquirers call Jesus “Rabbi” or “Teacher” and they ask Him about His living situation. Jesus simply offers an invitation: “Come, and see.” After spending the day with Jesus, Andrew has a sense about Who Jesus is. In the last verses of today’s Gospel, Andrew races to his brother, Simon, and tells Simon, “We have found the Messiah (Christos – Anointed One).” As Simon meets Jesus, Jesus gives Simon the Aramaic name of Cephas (translated into Greek as Petros meaning “Rock”).