

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10/27 (XXX Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism class** for children. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) and the **Food Sale** in the church hall follows the Mass.
- 11/01 (Solemnity—All Saints) **Solemn Holy Mass** at 5pm.
- 11/02 (All Souls) **Holy Mass** at 5pm. *Mass Intention: For all deceased offered in this year's Remembrance Cards.*
- 11/03 (XXXI Ordinary Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **NO Catechism class** for children. **Pizza Brunch** in the church hall! Everyone is welcome to enjoy good food and fellowship. **During the brunch, children dressed as saints will present their costumes and share a bit about their chosen saint.** Each child who dresses up as a saint will receive a special gift. We look forward to celebrating together!

- **FREE FOOD PANTRY.** One storage cabinet in the church hall has been transformed into small Free Food Pantry. All items stored inside are free to take. You can take as much as you need for yourself, your family, friends or neighbors. FREE FOOD PANTRY items will be also used to help all those who reach our church asking for food assistance.

CHURCH NEWS

- We have begun the renovation of **the stained glass windows**. Mike is currently working on the left side, and once that is completed, we will move to the right side before winter arrives.
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: BP PAUL SOBIECHOWSKI (10/31), DIANE MAKLES (11/02). 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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BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

XXX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For the benefactors of St. John's Church.

INTROIT

C: God's divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of Him Who called us by His own glory and power.

R: Anyone who lacks them is blind and shortsighted, forgetful of the cleansing of his past sins.

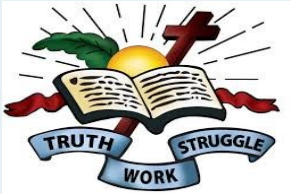
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:
Shout with joy for Jacob,
exult at the head of the nations;
proclaim your praise and say:
The LORD has delivered his people,
the remnant of Israel.
Behold, I will bring them back
from the land of the north;
I will gather them from the ends of the world,
with the blind and the lame in their midst,
the mothers and those with child;
they shall return as an immense throng.

JER 31:7-9

They departed in tears,
but I will console them and guide them;
I will lead them to brooks of water,
on a level road, so that none shall stumble.
For I am a father to Israel,
Ephraim is my first-born.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 126

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

READING 2

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:
Every high priest is taken from among men
and made their representative before God,
to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.
He is able to deal patiently with the
ignorant and erring,
for he himself is beset by weakness
and so, for this reason, must make sin
offerings for himself
as well as for the people.

HEB 5:1-6

No one takes this honor upon himself
but only when called by God,
just as Aaron was.
In the same way,
it was not Christ who glorified himself in
becoming high priest,
but rather the one who said to him:
*You are my son:
this day I have begotten you;*
just as he says in another place:
*You are a priest forever
according to the order of Melchizedek.*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

MK 10:46-52

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory be to You, Lord.

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaheus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

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

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel comes at a key point in Mark’s account of the life of Jesus. Jesus is just about to make His entrance into Jerusalem to be the perfect High Priest and perfect Victim. As He approaches the Holy City for the ultimate sacrifice to bring salus to the people, He encounters a blind man (Bartimaeus). This man has a sense of the specialness of Jesus. He has faith in Jesus and His healing ministry. He cries out to Jesus. Jesus asks Bartimaeus what He would have Him do for him. The blind man asks to be healed so that he can see and be true disciple of Jesus. It is his faith in Jesus that makes the miracle possible. Following his healing, Bartimaeus follows Jesus and becomes a dedicated disciple.

As I reflect on the readings, I am touched by the ministry of Jesus. Jesus has come among mortals, shared in the human conditions which include suffering, temptations, trials, and tribulations. Jesus, united with us in our human nature, fulfills His call as the great High Priest by offering Himself as the Victim Who truly brings salus (healing, wholeness, salvation) to the people. As Jesus touches the lives of those who are responding to the gift of faith which they have received, He continues the process of giving salus. Jesus not only brings physical and spiritual sight to those who seek to profess their faith, He also allows them to join Him in His ministry. Jesus is the one and only perfect High Priest. He has offered the one and only perfect sacrifice which takes away sins. Yet, He empowers others to share in His priesthood by acts of ministry.