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TODAY, SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2024 THE 13th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

9:00 am –Holy Mass of the Eucharist celebrated in the Traditional Rite.

10:00 am - Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee of Holy Name of Jesus.

OPENING HYMN

"To Thee, We Come, O Lord, Our God"

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God, Before Thine altar, Father Thou knowest best our yearning hearts. This supplication answer. Lift up from want Thy people, Lord, Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

Under Thy cross we stand prepared, To serve Thee with devotion, Be it with sweat of blood or tears, Or humble resignation. For we Thy people are, O Lord, Save us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.



ENTRANCE HYMN (Wisdom 1:13; 2:23)

V. Because God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living.

R. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him.

- 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.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest, And peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, **Almighty God, and Father** We worship You; we give You thanks We praise you for Your glory Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father Lord God, Lamb of God You take away the sins of the world Have mercy on us You are seated at the right hand of the Father, **Receive our prayer** For you alone are the Holy One You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

- C. The Lord be with you.
- **R.** And also with you.
- C. Let us pray: Almighty God, You are the consolation and salvation of those who trust in You. In our deepest sorrow and despair our help is assured because of Your love and compassion so that we may always call upon You and seek Your aid. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
- R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM (Wisdom 1: 13-15, 2:23-24)

God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living. For He fashioned all things that they might have being and the creatures of the world are wholesome, and there is not a destructive drug among them nor any domain of the netherworld on earth, for justice is undying. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world, and they who belong to his company experience it.

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

GRADUAL (Psalm 30:4)

- V. O Lord, You brought me up from the nether world.
- **R.** You preserved me from among those going down into the pit.



A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS (2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15)

Brothers and sisters: As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also. For you know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, for your sake He became poor so that by His poverty you might become rich. Not that others should have relief while you are burdened, but that as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their needs, so that their abundance may also supply your needs, that there may be equality. As it is written: Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less.

C. The Word of the Lord. R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE (John 11:25a)

- C. Alleluia, alleluia.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.
- V. Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life."
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (Mark 5:21-43)

- C. The Lord be with you.
- **R. And also with you.**
- C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.
- **R.** Glory be to You, O Lord.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around Him, and He stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing Him, he fell at His feet and pleaded earnestly with Him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed Him and pressed upon Him. There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind Him in the crowd and touched His cloak. She said, "If I but touch His clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from Him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched My clothes?" But His disciples said to Jesus, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon You, and yet You ask, 'Who touched Me?" And He looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told Him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction." While He was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany Him inside except

Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, He caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So, He went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed Him. Then He put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with Him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth Of all that is seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, The only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, True God from true God, begotten not made Of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made For us and for our salvation. He came down from heaven: By the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary AND BECAME MAN. For our sake, He was crucified under Pontius Pilate He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again In fulfillment of the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and Is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory To judge the living and the dead And His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life

Who proceeds from the Father, With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERTORY VERSE (Psalm 6:5)

V. Return, O Lord, save my life; rescue me because of Your kindness.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

C. Heavenly Father, may we, who offer these gifts, look forward to our own resurrection. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE (Isaiah 25:8)

V. He will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; The reproach of His people He will remove from the whole earth, for the Lord has spoken.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- C. The Lord be with you.
- **R.** And also with you.
- C. Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, may Your death and resurrection be the hope of those in the grave. Through this Eucharist may we, and all who have gone before us, rise up to meet You in Your heavenly kingdom. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
- R. Amen.



THE POWER OF HEALING

"One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward and upon seeing Him [Jesus], fell at His feet and pleaded earnestly to Him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please come, lay Your hands on her. that she may get well and live."

- Mark 5:22-24

"And as the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to Him; and He laid his hands on each of them, and He cured them." - Luke 4:40

My dear brothers and sister in Christ Jesus:

I am reminded in the Gospel of Luke, of the time, when John the Baptist, was imprisoned by king Herod; and in his imprisonment, he sends two of his disciples to Jesus with one simple question:

"Are you the one who is to come, or do we wait for another?

To this Jesus replies:

"Go back and tell John what you have seen and heard; The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

Jesus does not tell them to ask others about what they have seen and heard, but rather He tells them to tell John, their teacher, a great and the last prophet of the New Testament, what they have personally experienced. They were to give testimony to their teacher John, of what they personally witnessed.

Of all of the miracles of Jesus as found in the Gospels, I believe that there are 26 miracles of healing. by our Lord. Along with these individual miracles of healing, there are other scriptural passages, where it is merely mentioned that Jesus "healed" all those who were brought to Him.

It is interesting that Luke, a physician, would record in his Gospel account of the life and public ministry Jesus, more miracles of healing than the other Evangelists.

Although Luke, it is believed, did not know Jesus personally, nor was he one of the first chosen as the Evangelists Matthew and John, he did travel with Mark, the other two Evangelists, along with Saint Paul, who personally knew the Apostles of Jesus.

Many consider the main source of the ministry of Jesus to be attributed to Matthew, who has also been linked to the undiscovered "Q" source, or the "sayings of Jesus." It is believed that from these sayings, Mark writes the first Gospel account of the Life and Ministry of Jesus around 70 AD and Luke shortly after.

In today's Gospel, we hear of two incredible healings, one concerning a woman who had an affliction of menstrual hemorrhaging for twelve years and the raising of the daughter of Jairus from the dead. In both healings, faith, and belief in the power of God is the key, just as is found in the many miracles of healing by Jesus.

You know, the science of medicine has come a long way since our Lord walked the earth over 2000 years ago. Today, we have corneal implants as well as glaucoma removal and laser surgery to improve vision, we have ocular transplants and hearing aids to aid the deaf, we have antibiotics to help most forms of leprosy, and institutions such as the Shiner's Hospitals for Crippled Children, who continue to do research to aid those who are crippled, including advancements in spinal cord damage, using the futuristic art of robotics. Having served in the state of New York as a EMT and licensed as a trauma paramedic, I personally witnessed those who went into full "cardiac arrest," and that without CPR, a defibrator, and the various drugs that can be administered, that person would have died. But the healings of Jesus are a whole different story.

The history of laying of hands for blessing and for healing is well recorded in the Holy Bible. In Judaism, Moses laid his hands on Joshua, and the laying of hands by Moses who ordained 70 elders (Numbers 16:11-25). The laying of hands was also associated with sin offerings.

Within the Christian church, the laying of hands is seen in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy orders, as well as the Anointing of the sick

Dealing with the laying of hands, I found that in 1972, Dora Kunz, a psychic healer and Dolores Krieger, PH. D, an R.N. nurse and professor of nursing at New York University introduced what we know today as the "Therapeutic Touch or TT." They both were to meet with Oskar Estebany, a worldrenowned healer and began to establish healing sessions for the sick, after seeing positive results of TT. It is estimated that as of 1998, over 100.000 people around the world have been trained in TT and over 43,000 of those were health care professions working in conjunction with traditional medicine as well as others, who worked in the alternative fields of healing, among them were the osteopathic, chiropractic, naturopathic, and homeopathic therapies. The Therapeutic Touch is now taught in more than 100 colleges, universities and medical schools and is advancing in knowledge every year.

Did you ever bang your "funny bone" or injured other parts of your body? The first reflex for most is to grasp and hold the injured body part with one's hand or hands. It has been proven, as in many religions, that there is energy that exists and flows from an individual's hands. Did not Jesus, over 2000 years ago lay his hands on the sick and cured all types of diseases, infirmities and sicknesses?

In Matthew 10:1, we read: "And he called to Him His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction."

Throughout the centuries, it is well known that many people have been healed of their ailments and afflictions in the name and the divine power of Jesus. But the question asked today is: Does the Lord still heal and are miracles still being experienced in today's world?

I would say that healings and miracles are still happening! Jesus was to manifest the power of God in His healings and was to transfer this healing power to Christian believers. He was also to commission His followers to engage in the ministry of healing, just as He did. In the Gospel of John 14:12, we read the words of Jesus: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

My dear brothers and sisters: When was the last time you prayed for someone's healing? When was the last time you laid your hands or touched a loved one or friend and sought the healing in Jesus's name, either spoken or in silent prayer, This is where one's faith and belief in the Lord Jesus becomes an essential part of healing. You know, I also believe that our Lord wants us to help heal the sick! We may not know the will of God for everyone who is afflicted with sickness or illness, but I do believe that the gifts of healing and working of miracles were fully released at the Pentecost experience, We see this in the healings by Peter, Philip and Paul as recorded in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, are attributed to Saint Luke.

The ministry of healing is one of the greatest spiritual gifts that Christ gave unto His Church through the Holy Spirit. Even Saint Paul makes reference of the ministry of healing, as found in 1 Corinthians 12:9: "To another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit."

Though we may not be able to raise the dead back to life as Jesus did, we are assured, that as Jesus prayed and gave thanks unto the Father; we too are asked to offer prayer in His name and that through the power of the Holy Spirit, we to can help to heal and bring others comfort and healing for those who suffer mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and even physically, a greater degree of wholeness.

All that is asked is that we have faith and belief in the power of the most holy name of Jesus.

And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; for your faith has made you well." - Luke 17:19



MIRACLES OF JESUS AS FOUND IN THE GOSPEL OF SAINT LUKE

"Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas greet you." - Colossians 4:1

Luke is the only gospel writer that recorded Jesus' statements about physicians. "Physician, heal yourself!" (Luke 4:23). "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick" (Luke 5:31). The following are the miracles of healing by Jesus as found in the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Jesus' Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law (Luke 4:38-39)

"Now He arose from the synagogue and entered Simon's house. But Simon's wife's mother was sick with a high fever, and they made request of Him concerning her. So, He stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she arose and served them."

Many Healed After Sabbath Sunset

(Luke 4:40-41)

"When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them. And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, 'You are the Christ the Son of God!' And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ."

Jesus Cleanses a Leper (Luke 5:12-14)

"And it happened when He was in a certain city, that behold, a man who was full of leprosy saw Jesus and he fell on his face and implored Him, saying, 'Lord, if You are willing You can make me clean.' Then, He put out His hand and touched him, saying, 'I am willing; be cleansed.' Immediately the leprosy left him. And He charged him to tell no one, 'But go and show yourself to the priest, and make an offering for your cleansing, as a testimony to them, just as Moses commanded.'"

Jesus Heals a Paralytic

(Luke 5:17-26)

"Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them. Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with his bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus. When He saw their faith, He said to him, 'your sins are forgiven you.' And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saving, 'Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?' But, when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, 'Why are you reasoning in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, your sins are forgiven you, or to say, Rise up and walk? But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins'—He said to the man who was paralyzed, 'I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.' Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saving, 'We have seen strange things today!""

Healing on the Sabbath (Luke 6:6-11)

"Now it happened on another Sabbath, also, that He entered the synagogue and taught. And a man was there, whose right hand was withered. So, the scribes and Pharisees watched Him closely, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find an accusation against Him. But He knew their thoughts and said to the man who had the withered hand, "Arise and stand here.' And he arose and stood. Then Jesus said to them, 'I will ask you one thing: Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do evil, to save life or to destroy?' And when He had looked around at them all, He said to the man 'Stretch out your hand.' And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. But they were filled with rage and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus."

Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant

(Luke 7:1-10)

"Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. So, when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, 'for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue.' Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saving to Him, 'Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. Therefore, I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'do this,' and he does it.' When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, 'I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!' And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick."

Widow's Son Raised from the Dead at Nain (Luke 7:11-17)

"Now it happened, the day after, that He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.' Then He came and touched the bier, and those who carried him stood still. And He said, 'Young man, I say to you, arise.' So, he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother. Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saving, 'A great prophet has risen up among us' and 'God has visited His people.' And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding regions."

A Demon-Possessed Man Healed

(Luke 8:26-33)

"Then they sailed to the country of the Gadarenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when He stepped out on the land, there met Him a certain man from the city who had demons for a long time. And he wore no clothes, nor did he live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, 'What have I to do with You, Jesus, Son of the Most-High God? I beg You, do not torment me!' For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness. Jesus asked him, saying, 'What is your name? 'And he said, 'Legion,' because many demons had entered him. And they begged Him that He would not command them to go out into the abyss. Now a herd of many swine was feeding there on the mountain. So, they begged Him that He would permit them to enter them. And He permitted them. Then the demons went out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the lake and drowned."

Jairus Daughter Brought back to Life

(Luke 8:41-42,49-56)

"And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And he fell down at Jesus' feet and begged Him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as He went, the multitudes thronged Him. While He was still speaking, someone came from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying to him, 'Your daughter is dead. Do not trouble the Teacher. 'But when Jesus heard it, He answered him, saying, 'Do not be afraid; only believe, and she will be made well.' When He came into the house, He permitted no one to go in except Peter, James, and John and the father and mother of the girl. Now all wept and mourned for her; but He said, 'Do not weep; she is not dead, but sleeping.' And they ridiculed Him, knowing that she was dead. But He put them all outside, took her by the hand and called, saying, 'Talitha koum,' which means, 'little girl, arise.' Then her spirit returned, and she arose immediately. And He commanded that she be given something to eat. And her parents were astonished, but He charged them to tell no one what had happened."

Woman Sick for Twelve Years Healed (Luke 8:43-48)

"Now a woman, having a flow of blood for twelve years, who had spent all her livelihood on physicians and could not be healed by any, came from behind and touched the border of His garment. And immediately her flow of blood stopped. And Jesus said, 'Who touched Me?' When all denied it, Peter and those with him[a] said, 'Master, the multitudes throng and press You, and You say, 'Who touched Me?' But Jesus said, 'Somebody touched Me, for I perceived power going out from Me.' Now when the woman saw that she was not hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before Him, she declared to Him in the presence of all the people the reason she had touched Him and how she was healed immediately. And He said to her, 'Daughter, be of good cheer; your faith has made you well. Go in peace."

A Boy Is Healed of a demon (Luke 9:37-43)

"Now it happened on the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, that a great multitude met Him. Suddenly a man from the multitude cried out, saying, 'Teacher, I implore You, look on my son, for he is my only child. And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out; it convulses him so that he foams at the mouth; and it departs from him with great difficulty, bruising him. So, I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.' Then Jesus answered and said, 'O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.' And as he was still coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father."

A demon is Cast Out (Luke 13:11-17)

"And He was casting out a demon, and it was mute. So it was, when the demon had gone out, that the mute spoke; and the multitudes marveled. But some of them said, 'He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.' Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. But He, knowing their thoughts, said to them: 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house will fall."

A Woman's Infirmity Healed (Luke 13:11-17)

"And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, 'Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.' And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, 'There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore, come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day. 'The Lord then answered him and said, 'Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loosen his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? So, ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound-think of it-for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath? 'And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him."

A Man is Healed of Dropsy (Edema) (Luke 14:1-6)

"Now it happened, as He went into the house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees to eat bread on the Sabbath, that they watched Him closely. And behold, there was a certain man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus, answering, spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?' But they kept silent. And He took him and healed him and let him go. Then He answered them, saying, 'Which of you, having a donkey or an ox that has fallen into a pit, will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day?' And they could not answer Him regarding these things.''

Ten Lepers are Cleansed by Jesus

(Luke 17:11-19)

"Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' So, when He saw them, He said to them, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So, Jesus answered and said, 'Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?' And He said to him, 'Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.'"

A Blind Man Receives His Sight (Luke 18:35-43)

"Then it happened, as He was coming near Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the road begging. And hearing a multitude passing by, he asked what it meant. So, they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on mel' Then, those who went before warned him that he should be quiet; but he cried out all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' So, Jesus stood still and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he had come near, He asked him, saying, 'What do you want Me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, that I may receive my sight.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight, and followed Him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God."

The Ear of the High Priest's Servant Healed (Luke 22:50-51)

And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear. And Jesus said: 'No more of this!' And He touched the man's ear and healed him.



THE EVANEGLISTS: MARK & LUKE A TALE OF TWO DISCIPLES OF JESUS

The importance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ has become for Christians around the world, a cornerstone of faith, but we read in the Book of the Acts of the Apostles 4:11, Peter declared to the Jews, gathered in Jerusalem, at Pentecost, or at the Jewish feast "of the harvest" a scathing condemnation that Jesus was rejected by them. In this statement, he reminds those present of a scripture passage, which finds its origin in Psalms 118:22:

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

This scriptural passage, declared by Peter, states that Jesus was rejected by the religious leaders of His time. This scripture is repeated in Matthew 21:42, Mark 12:10, Luke 20:17 and 1 Peter 2:7.

Blessed St. John the Evangelist was to write in his Gospel:

"He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own, and His own received Him not."

Though rejected and not accepted by the people of His time, Jesus was and is the cornerstone of the world's largest religion, the Christian Church, with approximately 2.4 billion followers as of 2024.

Unlike Matthew and John, Mark and Luke were not among the first chosen by Jesus as Apostles but were to go on to write valuable accounts of the life and public ministry of Jesus, cornerstones of our faith.

Mark, also known as John Mark, is believed to have been among the seventy disciples that Jesus chose, as we read in Luke 10:1. He is credited to have written the first Gospel account of Jesus circa 70 AD, following the siege of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Jewish temple by the Romans. Mark is considered by many biblical scholars to have the distinction of being the first to write of the life and public ministry of Jesus the Christ. It is believed that St. Peter met Mark and took him as a travel companion and interpreter since Mark spoke Greek.

Luke, according to tradition, was a Greek Gentile and physician from Antioch, who lived in the first century AD. Though he was not an "eyewitness" to the life and ministry of Jesus, he was to carefully scrutinize and reviewed the life of Jesus. Luke was to write his Gospel account of Jesus circa 63-70 AD, though some has stated that his account came even later. He is also considered to be the author of the NT book of the **Acts of the Apostles**, that historically gives the events of the Ascension of Jesus, the Pentecost experience and the events of the life of St. Paul, who Luke traveled with in Acts 16:10.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

DAILY HOLY MASS

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE (July 1th – July 6th)

- Mon. 7/1 Private Prayer & Devotions Shenute, Abbot Gall of Clement, Bishop Carilefus, Abbot
- Tue. 7/2Solemnity Visitation of the BVM
Visitation of the Blessed Mother Mary
Processus & Martinian, Martyrs
Monegundis, Widow
- Wed. 7/3 Mass of Health and Healing Heliodruus of Altino, Bishop Anatolius of Constantiople, Bishop Iranaeus, Doctor & Mustiola, Martyr
- Thurs. 7/4Mass of Thanksgiving 4th of JulyFlavian & Elias, BishopsAndrew of Crete BishopOdo of Canterbury, Bishop
- Fri. 7/5Mass to the Holy Angels of God
Cyril, Monk & Methodius, Bishop
Anthony Zaccaria, Priest & Confessor
Anthansius the Athonite, Abbot
- Sat. 7/6 Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus Jan Hus, Priest & Martyr Sisoes, Hermit Sexburga, Abbess & Widow



SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024 The Angel Garden Club of HNJ

8:30 am – 10:00 am The Angel Garden Club of HNJ to meet and continue work projects around the Church proper (weather permitting). Refreshments to be provided.



JULY 4TH – OUR INDEPENDENCE

"And you shall know the Truth and the Truth will set you free." – John 8:32

"Give me liberty or give me death." Spoken by Patrick Henry in a speech he delivered at the Second Continental Congress of Virginia on March 23, 1775, at St. John's Church in Richmond, Virginia.

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence composed by Thomas Jefferson, who was to be the third President of our Nation, was approved and signed by the 56 delegates who had gathered at the Second Continental Congress held at Freedom Hall in Philadelphia, PA. This Declaration of Independence explained why the thirteen original colonies, who were at war with Great Britain, regarded themselves as thirteen independent and sovereign states, no longer to be under British rule. With this Declaration of Independence, these new states took a collective first step toward the forming of the United States of America.

Merriam-Webster defines "independence" as: "free from outside control; not depending on another's authority," and the word "freedom" is defined as: "the power or right to act, speak, or think as one wants without hindrance or restraint."

The story of the beginning of our nation is a history filled with much struggle and hardships. From the opening battles of Lexington and Concord, to Bunker Hill; from the hardships of the Continental Army at Valley Forge in the winter of 1777, to the many battles that were fought between the Colonialists and the "Red Coasts" over 5 years, it was not until, the surrender of the British General Charles Cornwallis at Yorktown, Virginia on October 19, 1781, that our independence was truly won.. As we celebrate this 4th of July, I think of the many "Sons of Liberty" such as Joseph Warren, John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Adams, Paul Revere, Patrick Henry and others who came to believe in the freedom as expressed by Patrick Henry: who said in 1775; "Give me liberty or give me death."

I do not know how many of you have ever read the Declaration of Independence, but I believe every American should read this great document at least once in their lifetime, for it is the foundation of our democracy. This document begins with these words: "When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them." These opening words would serve as the belief of those who signed this document; that a man's right to freedom from tyranny and oppression was a God given right.

I believe, that what followed, as found in the Preamble of this document, was the core of this right of independence and freedom: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Unfortunately, in 1776 and even to this day, there are many Americans who do not believe that all men are created equal, which is shown in the way that people talk to one another and treat each other. It should also be understood that slavery and the enslavement of people was an accepted economic practice in the south, and the crimes, treatment and bartering of a fellow human being, were one of the darkest marks on our nation. This injustice continued until President Abraham Lincoln issued the **Emancipation Proclamation on September 22, 1862,** at a time when our nation was embroiled in the middle of a "great civil war." This proclamation officially took effect on January 1, 1863. It is where Lincoln declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious states during the Civil War are, and henceforth shall be free."

At the dedication of the National cemetery in Gettysburg, PA on November 19, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln recalls the beginning of this declaration of independence: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal."

As a reader and lover of American history, I am saddened and disappointed, that there is so much anger and division in our nation; that we stand at a crossroad of losing the concept of "democracy," which brought our nation together by our founding fathers. We must always remember and strive to remember that the early founders of this great democracy called all of us to be the "United" not the "Divided" States of America. Whatever political affiliation and thought process one may possess, we should stop, put aside politics, even for but a day, come together and celebrate in a mutual freedom and democracy that so many other nations desire to have.

As a lover of biographies, I read that the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, kept a Holy Bible on his desk, which was a source of comfort and inspiration. One of his best-known quotes comes directly from the Gospel according to Saint Mark 3:25 when he spoke: "A house divided against itself cannot stand." It was in 1858 that Lincoln spoke these words, speaking against slavery that would eventually divide our nation and bring about the American Civil War starting in 1860.

I think about the non-violent philosophy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who patterned many of his sermons and beliefs after the life of Mahatma Gandhi of India, another proponent of non-violence. Gandhi began, as a lawyer and a civil rights activist back in 1914 and continued to protest against British colonial rule until India won its independence from England on August 15, 1947. Known as the "Father of India," Gandhi strove to unite Hindu and Muslims in peace & harmony. Both would be assassinated.

As we celebrate our 4th of July independence, amid all the celebrations, cookouts and the fireworks, may we never forget the words found in the Pledge of Allegiance which centers on each of us and serves as an inspiration for what it truly means to be an American: **"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."** My dear brothers and sisters: The word "indivisible" means "not to be divided" and therefore to be one nation. May we all pray to be enlightened, that in our souls, we may all learn to grow and live in peace and harmony with one another for the greater good and in the ideals that liberty and justice should be for all and not just for some. Amen.



<u>NEXT SUNDAY – JULY 7, 2024</u> 14th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY 9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional Rite.



CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES

The **Eastern Diocese of the PNCC** will hold its Annual gathering at the **Cathedral of the Pines** in Rindge, NH at 3:30 pm. Holy Mass will be con celebrated by our Diocesan Bishop, Paul Sobiechowski, along with his clergy, for the intention of all departed Bishops, priests and deacons of the PNCC. A free **barbeque** will be served following Holy Mass at the Woodbound Inn located also in Rindge, NH.



"Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others." - Philippians 2:4

OUR PARISH OUTREACH

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for Me." - Matthew 25:40

Our Food Ministry: "Feed the Hungry"

The next date for giving out groceries will be on Saturday, **July 20th from 10:00 am till noon**, while supplies last.



HELPING TO CLOTHE THOSE IN NEED

"I was naked, and you clothed me." - Mt 25:36

As we continue to develop our Parish Outreach programs, it was decided that we would set up a collection bin, in the vestibule of our church, to help those in need, by collecting **new packages of underwear and socks for men, women and children**.

I wish to thank all those who have already given towards this ministry and I encourage others to do so.

If you are able, please consider helping us, to help others, by donating through donations or monetary contributions. May God bless all our efforts.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, may we remember all our brothers and sisters, who are sick or ill and pray for God's blessings of health and healing to rest upon them.

Every Tuesday, depending upon the Liturgical Calendar, or the Ordo of the PNCC, a Holy Mass of Health and Healing is celebrated.

In our prayers, may we remember with love all those who are currently in health care facilities;

> Pauline Puchalski George Sadowski Joe Kisloski

Prayer requests may be found in the vestibule of our Church. Please offer your request for healing.

Let us pray. O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Make them worthy of health, deliver them from their present sicknesses and illnessness and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



PARISH OBLIGATIONS

Presently, as a reminder, our annual current dues are as follows: <u>Single Unit</u> Under 65 years of age: \$310.00

Over 65 years of age: \$290.00

Family Unit Under 65 years of age: \$555.00 Over 65 years of age: \$530.00

It should also be noted that the requirements of being a member in "good standing" of Holy Name of Jesus PNCC, is in accordance with the Constitution of the PNCC. These requirements includes the need for financial support of the Parish, and also includes the fulfilling of the spiritual obligations of attending church and receiving the Sacraments as a member.



<u>FRONTIER CABLE ACCESS TV (FCAT)</u> Times to view our Holy Masses <u>Wednesdays</u>

> **Channel 12:** 10 am, 2 pm, 7 pm **Channel 15:** 7 am, 5 pm

Sundays

Channel 12: 10 am, 2 pm, 6 pm 7pm **Channel 15:** 9am, 3pm, 7pm

Please note: Rebroadcasts and other information pertaining to Holy Name of Jesus PNCC can be found on YouTube. We welcome all to worship with us.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

I wish to thank all of our parishioners and friends, for their time and their efforts given in helping to beautify our church Proper. There is much work that still needs to be done, and we are thankful for all the efforts made. I wish to also acknowledge the donation of artificial flowers for our outdoor flowerpots which accentuate the beauty of our outdoor altar.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION CALL TO PRAYER

During the month of July 2024, the **Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission** of the PNCC, has called upon its members and others to offer the following two following prayers every **Wednesday** at noon:



LOVING GOD

Almighty Father, I believe in You; strengthen my faith. Centered in You, Lord, may all my hopes for this day be secured and may they fulfill Your will. I adore You, as my first beginning and I aspire after You as my last end. Teach me to love You more and more each day, so that I may love You with all my heart. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



INSTRUCTION FROM PAUL TO TIMOTHY

We find in the New Testament, two letters that St. Paul wrote to Timothy, a young priest who he calls "my true son of the faith," in 1 Timothy 1:1. In his instruction to Timothy, he defines the **cornerstone** of our faith, as he writes in 1 Timothy 3:16:

"Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our religion: He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory."