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TODAY, SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2024

THE 17th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated outdoors in the Contemporary Rite.

Mass Intention: Sp. Thomas Koerber, 22nd anniversary of his death, offered by daughter, Joye and son, Rev. Fr. Robert Koerber.

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

(Psalm 132:13-15)

V. For the Lord has chosen Zion; He prefers her for His dwelling. “Zion is My resting place forever;”

R. “In her will I dwell, for I prefer her. I will bless her with abundant provision, her poor I will fill with bread.”

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: Blessed are You, Lord our God, for Your Son Jesus multiplied bread for the poor. Help us, who are nourished with the life of Your Son, understand that we, like the apostles, must share our material goods with our brethren. We ask this through the same 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 2nd BOOK OF KINGS
(2 Kings 4:42-44)

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing to Elisha, the man of God, twenty barley loaves made from the first fruits, and fresh grain in the ear. Elisha said, “Give it to the people to eat.” But

his servant objected, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" Elisha insisted, "Give it to the people to eat." "For thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and there shall be some left over.'" And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the LORD had said.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Revelation 7:17a; Micah 5:3)

V. For the Lamb Who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to the springs of life giving water.

R. He shall stand firm and shepherd His flock by the strength of the Lord, in the majestic name of the Lord, His God. And they shall remain, for now His greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth.



**A READING FROM THE SECOND LETTER
OF SAINT PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS**

(Ephesians 4:1-6)

Brothers and sisters: I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

C. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Romans 14:17)

C. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of food and drink, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN
(John 6:1-15)**

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed Him because they saw the signs He was performing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near. When Jesus raised His eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to Him, He said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him because He himself knew what He was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little." One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So, the men reclined, about five thousand in number. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also, as much of the fish as they wanted. When they had had their fill, He said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." So, they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat. When the people saw the sign He had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world." Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry Him off to make Him king, He withdrew again to the mountain alone.

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

(John 4:32)

V. But He said to them, “I have food to eat of which you do not know.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, accept in this sacrifice of Your Son our gifts of bread and wine. Unite us around Your altar that we may live a life worthy of Your calling, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We ask this through the same 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. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE

(Isaiah 58:14b)

V. I will nourish you with the heritage of Jacob,
your father, for the mouth of 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, by the power of Your love, which comes to us in this Sacred Meal, teach us to live as You would have us live, so that we may find You in our midst where it pleases You to dwell. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R. Amen.



THE FEEDING OF THE 5000

In today's Gospel we read of the miracle of the "feeding of the 5000" who gathered to hear the words of Jesus. This feeding is the only miracle of Jesus found in all four gospels accounts: - Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:31-44; Luke 9:12-17; John 6:1-14).

The feeding of the multitudes of bread and fish is not the only time that a mass feeding is recorded in the New Testament as having taken place. We find the second reference to a mass feeding of 4000 which is only recorded in Matthew 15:32-39) and (Mark 8:1-9, and not in Luke or John.

In the 6th Chapter of the Gospel according to St. John, we read of Jesus feeding the 5000. Afterward, Jesus reminds his listeners of the "manna" which came down from heaven. He reminds them that God provided them not only with their physical needs, their "daily bread", but that God also provides them with their spiritual needs, the food for their souls.

Now Jesus, in John 6:35, speaks of Himself, as the "Bread of Life." "And Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst.'" Jesus also reminds them that their forefathers ate of this "manna" and died, but He declares in John 6:51: "I Am" the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world."

The Gospel of Jesus reminds us, that we need to turn to God for not only our physical needs but most importantly our spiritual needs. In John 6:27, we read: "And Jesus answered them and said: "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on Him the Father, God, has set his seal."

Today's message is for each of us to look to God, to trust in God, and to have faith in the providence of God. In Matthew 6:31-34, we read these words of Jesus: "So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom [of God] and his righteousness,* and all these things will be given you

besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil."

Whenever we receive the Holy Eucharist, we are reminded of not only the Last Supper of Jesus with His Apostles where He is Bread of Life, but also are reminded that it is by God's Providence by which we are fed.



THE DEATH OF THE APOSTLES

We read in Mark's Gospel account in 3:13-19 these words:

"And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those whom He desired; and they came to Him. And He appointed twelve, to be with Him, and to be sent out to preach and have authority to cast out demons: Simon, whom He surnamed Peter; James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James, whom he surnamed Bo-aner'ges, that is, "sons of thunder;" Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him."

When and how did Apostles die?

Summary: The Bible only mentions the deaths of two apostles, James the Greater. who was put to death by orders from Herod Agrippa I in 44 A.D. and Judas Iscariot who many believed committed suicide shortly after the death of Jesus. The details of the deaths of three of the apostles (John, Bartholomew and Simon the Canaanite) are not known at all,

The deaths of the other apostles are known only through tradition or the writings of early Christian historians such as Eusebius. Accordingly, eight of the Apostles died as martyrs. It is widely held, that two of the Apostles, Peter and Andrew were crucified.

Simon surnamed Peter: Died c. 64 AD, 33-34 years after the death of Jesus. According to Smith's Bible Dictionary there is "satisfactory evidence" that he and Paul, the founders of the church at Rome, died in that city. The time and manner of the Apostle's martyrdom is less certain. According to the early

Christian writers, Peter died at or about the same time as Paul, in the Neronian persecution, c. 67- 68 AD. Origen, an early Church father, says that Peter felt himself to be unworthy to be put to death in the same manner as his Master, and was therefore, at his own request, was crucified with his head downward.”

James the Greater, the son of Zebedee: He was put to death by Herod Agrippa I shortly before the day of the Passover, c. 44 AD or about 11 years after the death of Christ. Read Acts 12: 1-2.

John the “Beloved Apostle,” the brother of James the Greater. John is believed to have been the only Apostle to have died of natural causes. It is believed that John died between 89 A.D. to 120 A.D in exile, on Patmos, and island in the Aegean Sea.

Andrew: His death is recorded as November 30th in 60 AD. A variety of traditions report that he preached in Scythia, in Greece, in Asia Minor and Thrace. and is reported to have been crucified in Greece in the city at Patras near the black Sea.

Philip: The date of his death is unknown. but according to tradition he preached in Phrygia and died at Hierapolis by crucifixion.

Matthew: There is no information concerning his death, not even by tradition: He must have lived many years as an apostle, since he was the author of the Gospel which was written at least twenty years after the death of Christ. There is reason to believe that he stayed for fifteen years at Jerusalem, after which he went as missionary to the Persians, Parthians and Medes. There is a legend that he died a martyr in Ethiopia.

Thomas: The earlier traditions, as believed in the fourth century, say he preached in Parthia or Persia, and was finally buried at Edessa. The later traditions carry him farther east. His martyrdom whether in Persia or India, is said to have been by a lance, and is commemorated by the Latin Church on December 21 the Greek Church on October 6, and by the Indians on July 1.

James, son of Alphaeus: We know he lived at least five years after the death of Christ because of mentions in the Bible. According to tradition, James, son of Alphaeus, was thrown down from the temple by

the scribes and Pharisees; he was then stoned, and his brains dashed out with a fuller’s club.

Simon the Canaanite: No information either in the Bible or by tradition.

Jude (Thaddeus): According to tradition Jude preached in Armenia, Syria, and Persia where he was later martyred. Tradition tells us he was buried in Kara Kalisa in what is now Iran.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

DAILY HOLY MASS

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

Mon. 7/29	Mass of Thanksgiving Martha, Virgin, New Testament Lupus, Bishop Olaf of Norway, King and Martyr
Tue. 7/30	Mass of Health and Healing Crescens, Epenetus & Andronicus & companions, Martyrs Abdon & Sennen, Martyrs Olaf of Sweden, King and Martyrs
Wed. 7/31	Mass to the Maryrs of God Ivo of Chartres, Bishop Germanus of Auxerre, Bishop Helen of Skovde, Virgin & Martyr
Thurs. 8/1	Mass to the Holy Angels of God The Holy Maccabees, Martyrs Ethelwld, Bishop Aled, Virgin & Martyr
Fri. 8/2	Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus Stephen I, Bishop Theodota, Martyr Alfrida, Virgin
Sat. 8/3	Feast – Finding the Body of St Stephen Finding the boy of St. Stephen Waltheof of Melrose, Abbot Gamaliel, New Testament

NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 4, 2024

18th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

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



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.

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.

Prayer requests forms may be found in the vestibule of our Church.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

“Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.”

- Philippians 2:4



Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”

“I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat.” - Mt. 25: 35.

The next date for giving out groceries to those in need will be this Saturday, **August 17th from 10:00 am till noon, while supplies last.** We thank all who continue to give towards this special ministry.



HELPING TO “CLOTHE THE NAKED”

“I was naked, and you clothed me.” – Mt 25:36

Early this year, our Parish decided we would reach out in our Parish ministries, to help those in need, by collecting **new packages of underwear and socks for men, women and children.**

From an email, that I received several weeks ago, it was recorded, that from donations of many of our parishioners and friends we collected:

310 pairs of socks

156 pairs of underwear

76 t-shirts

All of these donations were brought over to the Community Action Center in Greenfield, MA

It has also been mentioned that the Community Action Center in Greenfield, MA, has need for men's clothing as well as “survival packets” of toiletries. We are currently in the process of planning on making this happen.

Recently, I met via Zoom with a combined meeting of members of the Strategic Planning sub-committee of the PNCC and the Mission & Evangelism Commission of the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC of which I serve as chaplain.

We spoke on ongoing ministries within our various parishes in the Diocese and it was decided that we would start to collect school supplies to benefit our local communities. We will be setting up a collection bin in the vestibule of our Parish to collect all donations.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 2024

**The Angel Garden Club
of the Holy Name of Jesus**

**8:30 am - The Angel Garden Club of
Holy Name of Jesus to meet.**

As Pastor, I am so grateful for all the time, help and work, given to help “beautify” our Parish proper, given by so many, as family members of a “Christian community,” here in South Deerfield.

Among some of our recent projects:

- Dismantling of the Parish pool and decking has been completed.
- A new roof and repairs to our Parish garage has been made.
- A new roof and repairs to our Parish shed has been made and will be converted to our Garden Shed. storing garden supplies.
- Tree removal and pruning of branches and hedges are currently underway.

We have received bids on the re-painting of our main altar, as well as for masonry works around our church proper, for free removal around the rectory, and parish proper, and new paving for our access road.

Another area of our concern is the cleaning of our Parish kitchen prior to our Fall Bazaar.

**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES
TO REMEMBER**



Sunday, August 18, 2024
HNJ ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

to be held at the Hadley Young Men’s Club. Take out from 11:30 am – 12:00 pm. Sit down serving from 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm. Music until 4:00 pm.

Sponsorship letters have been sent out to local businesses as well as to members and friends of our Parish. Please consider helping by contributing to this Annual event.

For additional tickets, please see either Fr. Koerber or Sue Dibrindisi.

Signup sheets may be found in the vestibule of our church. We also are currently asking for donations for our raffle that will also take place at our Chicken BBQ.



Saturday, October 19, 2024 – **Fall Bazaar** at Holy Name of Jesus. In preparation for this event, we have the following dates:

Pierogi Making – September 14 & 28, October 5th
Golabki, Pies and Bazaar Prep – October 14-18.



Sunday, November 17, 2024

Thanksgiving sit down meal to be held at the South Deerfield Polish-American Citizen’s Club starting at 12:00 pm. More information will soon be posted. Thank you.



**ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION
CALL TO PRAYER EACH WEDNESDAY**

During the month of August 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:

AN ACT OF LOVING GOD & OTHERS

O God, I love You above all things with my whole heart and soul. You are worthy of all love. I also love my neighbor as myself just as You commanded me to do, because of my love for You. In living this love I will forgive those who have injured me and I will ask pardon all whom I have injured.

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.