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TODAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

24th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

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

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

(Matthew 16:21; 1 Peter 2:21)

V. From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.

R. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in His footsteps.

- 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 Father, for the redemption of the world You delivered Your Son Jesus to betrayal and crucifixion. Take from us all self-assertion and willfulness and teach us the costs of true discipleship. 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 BOOK OF ISAIAH
(Isaiah 50:5-9a)

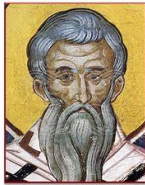
The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who

plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help; therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame. He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me, let us appear together. Who disputes my right? Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?

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

GRADUAL
(Psalm 25:2b-3)

V. In You I trust; let me not be put to shame, let not my enemies exult over me.
R. No one who waits for You shall be put to shame: those shall be put to shame who heedlessly break faith.



A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES
(James 2:14-18)

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?" So, also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead. Indeed, someone might say, "You have faith, and I have works." Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

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

ALLELUIA VERSE
(1 Kings 18:21b)

C. Alleluia, alleluia.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.
C. How long will you straddle the issue. If the Lord is God, follow Him.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW
(Matthew 8:27-35)

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

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him. He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly. Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

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

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 8:12b)

V. I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me
 will not walk in darkness, but will have the light
 of life.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord our God, accept the gifts of Your bounty. May
 we now walk the way of the cross, which leads to life
 and peace. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus
 Christ, Your Son, 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
 (Matthew 10:24-25a)

V. No disciple is above his teacher, no slave above
 his master. It is enough for the disciple that he
 become like his teacher, for the slave that he
 become like his master.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.
 R. And also with you.
 C. Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, having received
 Your Holy Mysteries, may we draw closer to You
 and to one another. Help us in all we do, so that,
 bearing our cross, we may always further Your
 kingdom. For You live and reign with the Father
 and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
 R. Amen.

REFLECTIONS: WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

Today we read where the Lord sought the opinion
 of His disciples of who “people” thought He was.
 He then asks them “personally “of who they thought
 He was. We read:

“Jesus and His disciples set out for the villages of
 Caesarea Philippi. Along the way He asked His
 disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said
 in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others
 one of the prophets." And He asked them, "But who
 do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply,

"You are the Christ." Then He warned them not to tell anyone about him.

We also find this question being asked as found in the Gospel of Luke 9:18-27. It should be noted that Jesus asked this same question, to His disciples, as found later in the Gospel of Matthew 16:13-20:

"Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Eli'jah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loosen on earth shall be loosen in heaven." Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ."

In all these references, we find Peter, who declares that Jesus is the Christ, the Christos, the Anointed One of God.

But we also find in this scriptural passage, an important element, when Jesus says to Peter: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven."

We read of the "spiritual epiphany" of Peter who did not come to know who Jesus was, through His own logic or understanding, but in the Divine "awakening" which I believe awaits all in their search to know the true identity of Jesus.

I believe that all Christians, continuing to put together the mosaic of their faith, is asked of each of us today: "Who do you say that I am?"

Though some may say that this is a "burp" in the similarities of scriptural passages. I believe that in this later passage as found in Matthew, we find the transformation of Peter in knowing who Jesus truly was and is; the "cornerstone" of one's faith.



SEPTEMBER 21st

Feast of Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

St. Matthew was one of the Apostles of Jesus Christ and the traditional author of the first Synoptic Gospel (the Gospel According to Matthew). According to Matthew 9:9 and Mark 2:14, Matthew was sitting by the customs house in Capernaum when Jesus called him. It is written that he left all when called to follow Jesus. Known originally as Levi, he was a tax collector in the service of Herod Antipas. As a tax collector, he was despised by the general populace and Jesus was criticized for eating with him at his house (Luke 5:29). The Gospel According to Matthew was certainly written for a Jewish-Christian church. Tradition notes that he began his ministry in Judaea, afterwards he spread the "Gospel" in the East, either in Ethiopia or Persia. Some believe that St. Matthew was martyred in Ethiopia. The relics of Saint Matthew were reputedly discovered in Salerno (Italy) in 1080 AD. He is represented by an angel or a "winged man" and is a patron saint of tax collectors and accountants. Saint Matthew is recognized as a saint in the Western and Eastern rites of the Christian Church as well as in Lutheran and Anglican churches His feast day is celebrated on September 21st in the West and November 16th in the East.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

Note: The main source of information in the celebration of the saints and martyrs of God is found in the Liturgical calendar of the PNCC.

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist.

Mon. 9/16 Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows
Cornelius & Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr
Ludmila, Martyr
Ninian, Bishop

- Tue. 9/17** **Mass of Thanksgiving**
 Lambert of Maestricht, Bishop
 Columba of Spain, Virgin & Martyr
 Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin & Abbess
- Wed. 9/18** **Mass for Health and Healing**
 Thomas of Villanova, Bishop
 Ferreolus, Martyr
 Edith of Wilton, Virgin
- Thurs. 9/19** **Mass to the Holy Saints of God**
 Januarius, Bishop & Companions, M
 Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop
 Peleus & Companions, Martyr
- Fri. 9/20** **Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus**
 Eustace & Companions, Martyrs
 Peter of Chavanon, Priest
 Aime, Bishop
- Sat. 9/21** **Feast – Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist**
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 Maura of Troyes, Virgin
 Michael of Chernigov & Theodore, M

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

25th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

9:00 am - Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite.

10:00 am – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

Sp. Louise Puchalski

It is with much sadness that I share with you the passing of Louise Puchalski; a sister in the faith, a dear friend to so many, and a life-long parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus Parish who died on Thursday. Speaking with her family, a Christian Wake Service will be held for Louise on Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 pm at the Wrisley Funeral Home in South Deerfield. The next day, on Thursday, September 19th at 10:00 am, a funeral Mass will be celebrated for her at our Parish. As a member of the Ladies Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, fellow sisters will gather and pay tribute to her by holding candles of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament in memory of her. Following Holy Mass, Louise will be interred at our Parish cemetery. All are invited to attend.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, please remember all our brothers and sisters, who seek the blessings of God, and pray for His blessings of health and healing to rest upon each of them.

Each week, depending on the Liturgical Calendar of PNCC, a weekly Holy Mass of **Health and Healing** is celebrated in our church.

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.

Note: In the vestibule of our Church, prayer requests forms may be found. All requests will be added to our prayer list for health and healing which is listed in our weekly bulletin.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS.

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

**“What you have been freely given, freely give.”
 - Matthew 10:8b**



Our Food Ministry: “To Feed the Hungry”

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

“Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” - Matthew 10:18b.

The next date for giving out groceries to those in need will be on **Saturday, September 21st from 10:00 am till noon, while supplies last.**

We thank all who continue to give donations towards this, one of our most special ministries, through the gifts of non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations.



SOCKS FOR VETERANS

We have set up bins in our vestibule as well as in our Parish Hall to help collect socks for veterans. John Czyz and I, prior to the Covid onset in 2020, gave socks and gifts to our local veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Leeds, MA at Christmas time. A suggestion has been made that all socks and other gifts collected be given to veterans in our community this Christmas holiday. May God bless.



The Angel Garden Club of the Holy Name of Jesus

The next workday for projects dedicated to the Holy Angel of our garden. will be Saturday, September 21, 2024 from 8:30 am till 10:00 am, (weather permitting.) An invitation is extended to all to come. Refreshments will be provided.

Much work has been done to help “beautifying” our Parish and we thank all who have given of their time and effort to accomplish these projects.

We are presently finalizing bids for the professional cleaning of our Parish kitchen as well as the cleaning of our carpets in the sanctuary and the painting of our main altar. Finally, one of our major projects that we are seeking to be addressed, is the proper drainage of water around the perimeter of our Church and the eventual installation of an sealed exterior sump pump to accomplish this.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

Pierogi Making – September 28, October 5th.

Gałąbki, Pies and Bazaar Prep – October 14-18. A schedule will soon be posted.

Note: A special “thank you” for the men and women who came out this past Saturday in making pierogi for our upcoming Fall Bazaar. We were able to make 103 dozen cabbage pierogi.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION CALL TO PRAYER EACH WEDNESDAY

During the month of September 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:

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SAINTS OF GOD

Heavenly Father, You have called us to faith and surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, Your saints. May their intercession ever be a focus and a source of hope, love, joy and peace. Encouraged by their example to lay aside every sin, may we imitate them in our lives so that we may one day join them in Your eternal kingdom. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. 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 led us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.