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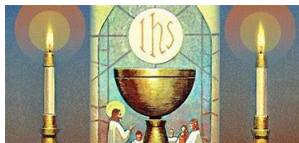
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024
25th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

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

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

Mass Intentions:

- Sp. Louise Puchalski, as offered by friends.
- Sp. Irene Farrick, as offered by friends.



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

(Jeremiah 12:19a, 20)

- V. Yet I, like a trusting lamb led to slaughter, had not realized that they were hatching plots against me.
- R. But You, O Lord of hosts, O just Judge, searcher of mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance. You take on them, for to You I have entrusted my cause!
- 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. Heavenly Father, Your Son has taught us that service is the way to Your Kingdom, and that suffering is the prelude to glory. May we learn from His example to place the needs of others before our own. 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.



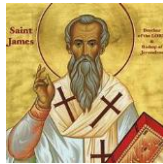
LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF WISDOM (Wisdom 2:12, 17-20)

The wicked say: Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us; he sets himself against our doings, reproaches us for transgressions of the law and charges us with violations of our training. Let us see whether his words be true; let us find out what will happen to him. For if the just one be the son of God, God will defend him and deliver him from the hand of his foes. With revilement and torture let us put the just one to the test that we may have proof of his gentleness and try his patience. Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him.

C: The Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.



A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES (James 3:16—4:3)

Beloved: Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, without inconstancy or insincerity. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy, but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask. You ask but do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

C. The Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



ALLELUIA VERSE

(1 Peter 3:18a)

- C. Alleluia, alleluia.**
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.**
- V. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that He might lead you to God.**
- R. Alleluia, alleluia.**



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK (Mark 9:30-37)

- 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.**

Jesus and His disciples left from there and began a journey through Galilee, but He did not wish anyone to know about it. He was teaching His disciples and telling them, "The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill Him, and three days after His death the Son of Man will rise." But they did not understand the saying, and they were afraid to question Him. They came to Capernaum and, once inside the house, He began to ask them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they remained silent. They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then He sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, He placed it in their midst, and putting His arms around it, He said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in My name, receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but the One who sent Me."

C. The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



In 325 AD, the Nicene Creed was adopted at the First Council of Nicaea as a summarization of accepted beliefs of the Christian Church.

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
 (2 Corinthians 5:15)

V. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him Who for their sake died and was raised.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, our God, bless what we offer in love for Your Name. May we always proclaim that we are not our own, but Yours, for You both gave us life and redeemed it. 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

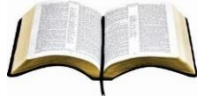
Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself 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
 (Romans 6:5)

V. For if we have grown into union with Him through a death like His, we shall also be united with Him in the resurrection.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.
 R. And also with you.
 C. Let us pray. Blessed are You, Almighty God, for the demonstration of Your love in Christ's atoning death and in this Eucharist we have received. Teach us to be content in all circumstances and to rejoice in all trials because our hope is in You. 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.



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again speaking about what awaits Him in Jerusalem. Up to this time, Jesus spent most of His ministry in the northern portion of Israel, where He was somewhat secure, and now He will soon travel to Jerusalem for the final time. This is a somber time of our Lord Jesus, who being surrounded by crowds, seeking His blessings, healings and teachings, now sought solitude and insolation. He tells His disciples again that He will be soon be handed over to the religious leaders in Jerusalem where He will be killed.

He follows this statement, and declares:

"In three days, I will rise from the dead."

This is a milestone and a turning point in the life and ministry of Jesus.

We read that His disciples did not fully understand His words and were afraid to ask Him for further explanation.

I am sure that the disciples knew about the concept of death and dying, but when Jesus spoke of His own coming death, in such a short period of time, it must of come as a sudden shock to each of them. As we read, His disciples did not fully understand His rising from the dead, and they were afraid to ask.

It may be said that this can be compared to anyone of us, who out of concern, are afraid to ask for any more information about a friend, a loved one, with failing health.

What started off with Jesus, in His first year, as a "year of popularity" became increasingly "the years of opposition" by the religious leaders of His day. And Jesus knew this.

Last week, we heard of Jesus asking His disciples; "Who do people say that I am?" He also asks His disciples personally: "But who do you say that I am?" We read that Peter, one of the first chosen, came to a "spiritual awakening,"

revealed through of grace by God and by the Holy Spirit, that Jesus was indeed the "Christ." Others, such as Andrew. Peter's brother, would go on to share a message to Peter, probably his older brother as we read in John 1:41: "We have found the Messiah."

You know, we have all heard of the "Good News" of Jesus, but unfortunately, for many, people have "cherry picked" those aspects of the "Good News" of Jesus that they like and reject those they do not like. Part of this is their lack of study, understanding and reflection of Holy Scripture and on the true "message" of Jesus, as found in the "Gospels" of Jesus and expounded upon by Holy Scripture.

I also believe that His message is "muddied" in the confusion and chaos of living externally in the world and avoiding or denying the "spiritual."

In the vision of St. John, the "Beloved Apostle" as found in the last book of the New Testament, the Book of Revelation, we read in 3:15-16:

"I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!"

An example: How sad our nation has become. I recently have read about the death threats to poll workers, to their families and even their children in the upcoming presidential elections of 2024; death threats to people who are only trying to do a job.

An example: I have read of members of right wing hate groups, and influencers who keep trying to find evidence to back ex-President Trump's claims that Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, who are legal immigrants, are stealing and eating pets. For those of you who have not followed this story: A woman from Springfield, Ohio, found her cat was missing and associated the Haitians as a part of this story. She later found "Miss Sassy," her cat, four days later in her basement. She has since recanted her story. These claims, though repeatedly being debunked, finds that this form of negative "rhetoric" continues to be repeated as a probable solution and the need for "mass deportation" of immigrants, instead of working "together" for other positive solutions.

Please read Republican governor Mike DeWine statements about the “soundness” of the state of Ohio, who writes of the “positive” advancements of Springfield, Ohio in the Haitian community.

Sadly, we see in today’s politics, “division,” instead of “commonality,” ignoring the message of Jesus of “doing unto others, as one would have done unto them,” a message of mutual respect, even through disagreement, where people need to come together for the “common” good of one another, instead of working against each other. The message of Jesus as found in the Parable of the “Good Samaritan,” which should cause each person to consider our common humanity.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul writes: 3:22-24: “The righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ is for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God; they are now justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

We read in Holy Scripture that Jesus knew the hearts and minds of people.

It is interesting how the rest of today’s Gospel changes. In the beginning it was Jesus who gave His Apostles the news of His death, but yet now, they are arguing among themselves. We find it was their pettiness of who was the greatest among them. Isn’t it interesting that even today, so many miss and ignore the divine and only think of the temporary?

Missing the importance of Jesus as being their awaited Messiah, they thought only about their own positions and status. How sad that He talked about the cross and they talked only about themselves. We read that when Jesus asks them what they are talking about, they say nothing. They must have come to a realization of what Jesus was saying to them and when He turned His attention to them, they became silent, for they were ashamed of their narrow-mindedness.

I wonder how many people would change their attitudes and pettiness, if they but knew, that Jesus is hearing their every word of jealousy,

anger and hate, seeing their every action that is contrary to His message. I have a plaque in my home with these words: **“Christ is the head of the home, the unseen guest of every meal, the silent listener to every conversation.”**

We read in the Gospel where Jesus is called “Rabboni” or more accurately: as “my Rabbi.” Jesus took the position of not only being a teacher and one who would give valuable lessons about God and His kingdom, but also how to live “morally” with practical lessons for the life to come.

Regarding the Apostles arguing among themselves of who was to be the greatest, I think one of the greatest lessons, which is found in the Gospel of John 13:4-17,

This is where at the Last Supper, Jesus gets up from this most important meal of Passover and takes off His outer garment, taking the place of a servant, and proceeds to wash the feet of His disciples. In John 13:12-17, we read:

“After He had washed their feet, had put on His robe, and had returned to the table, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So, if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.”

In conjunction, we read from last weeks’ Gospel: “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.”

It should be said, that Jesus spoke about the cost of discipleship as one dedicated to God. In His own discipleship, it would be more than sacrificing lambs but rather Himself.

The teaching of Jesus in today's Gospel is simply put: "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

It takes a special person, who is willing to be "selfless" in the midst of a selfish world, but I believe, that this is the cost that our Lord teaches of being a "true disciple" unto Him.



The final portion of today's Gospel is where Jesus takes a child, to bring home His message: "Whoever receives one child such as this in My name, receives Me; and whoever receives Me, receives not Me but the One who sent Me."

We also find in the Gospel of Matthew 18:1-5, a universal teaching of the simplicity of being a true disciple of the Lord:

"At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a child, whom He put among them, and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever welcomes one such child in My name welcomes Me." Let those who have ears hear!



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

Note: The main source of information in the celebration of the various 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. 9/23 Private prayer and devotion
Thecla of Iconium, Virgin & Martyr
Linus, Bishop, NT
Adamnan, Abbot

Tue. 9/24 Mass of Thanksgiving
Gerard Sagredo, Bishop & Martyr
Robert of Knaresborough, Hermit
Alcund & Tilbert, Bishop

Wed. 9/25 Mass for Health and Healing
Ladislaus of Gielnow, P & C.
Cadoc, Abbot
Sergius of Radonezh, Abbot

Thurs. 9/26 Mass to the Holy Saints of God
Cyprian & Justina, Martyrs
Herman the Cripple, Confessor
Colman of Lann Elo, Abbot

Fri. 9/27 Mass to the Holy Angels of God
Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
Barry, Bishop & Hermit
Elzear of Sabran, Confessor

Sat. 9/28 Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus
Wenceslau of Bohemia, King & Martyr
Lioba, Abbess & Martyr
Eustochius, Virgin

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 26th 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, please remember all our brothers and sisters, who seek the blessings of God, and pray for the blessings of health and healing to rest upon each of them. **Note:** Prayer request forms may be found in the vestibule of 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 illness 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.



OUR PARISH OUTREACH PROGRAMS.

“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.” - Matthew. 25: 35.

The next date for giving out groceries to those in need will be on **Saturday, October 19th from 10:00 am till noon, while supplies last.**

I wish to thank Cheryl Major who helped give out groceries this past Saturday. Cheryl shared with me that there were 12 bags of groceries that were given out along with 7 children bags.

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 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 28th from 10:00 am till noon**

(weather permitting.) An invitation is extended to all to come.

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.



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.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION

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.