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TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

29TH SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

HERITAGE SUNDAY

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist 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

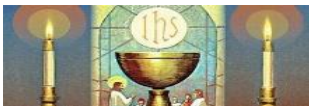
Thou knowest best our yearning hearts;
This supplication answer.

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

(Romans 13:1; Daniel 4:14b)

V. Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for this no authority except from God, and those that exist have been established by God.

R. The Highest rules over the kingdom of men: He can give it to whom He wills.

V. 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

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. Let us pray: Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe, for You rule over all nations. May we, who through baptism are heirs of Your Kingdom, always be worthy of our high calling. 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.

R. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF
ISAIAH THE PROPHET (Isaiah 53:10-11)**

The LORD was pleased to crush Him in infirmity.
If He gives His life as an offering for sin, He shall

see His descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through Him. Because of His affliction, He shall see the light in fullness of days; through His suffering, My servant shall justify many, and their guilt He shall bear.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

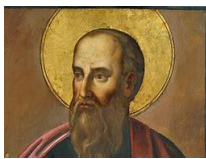


GRADUAL

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

V. First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgiving be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity.

R. This is good and pleasing to God our Savior, Who wills everyone to be saved and to come in knowledge of the truth.



**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE HEBREWS
(Hebrews 4:14-16)**

Brothers and sisters: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK
(Mark 10:35-45)**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to Him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of You." He replied, "What do you wish Me to do for you?" They answered Him, "Grant that in Your glory we may sit one at Your right and the other at Your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to Him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at My right or at My left is not Mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles, lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

V. 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

(1 Peter 2:17)

V. Give honor to all, love the community, fear God,
honor the king

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

V. Lord God, we offer You this sacrifice that the
Gospel may be established among us not only in
word, but also in power We ask through our Lord,
Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

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

(Proverbs 24:21-22)

V. My son, fear the Lord and the king: have nothing
to do with those who rebel against them: for
suddenly arises the destruction they send, and the
ruin from either one, and who will measure?

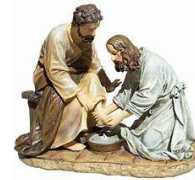
CLOSING PRAYER

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also, with you.

V. Let us pray: Heavenly Father, through the
Eucharist we have received, help us to fulfill our
duties to you and our brothers and sisters. 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.



REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S GOSPEL TEACHINGS OF HUMILITY AND SERVICE.

We read in today's Gospel:

"Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles, lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you, will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you, will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many."

As I read these words, I thought of Jesus washing the feet of His disciples at the Last Supper, as we read in the Gospel of John,13:12-16:

"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 the discipleship to the Lord, we are reminded of His teaching as found in today’s Gospel “I have come not to be served, but rather to serve.”

“As long as you are proud you cannot know God. A proud man is always looking down on things and people: and, of course, as long as you are looking down you cannot see something that is above you.”

- C.S. Lewis

“True humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.”

- Rick Warren

I believe, at the crux of Christianity and all religions and faiths, there is the conflict of pride versus humility. They are both human attributes at the opposite ends of the human specter. This conflict is apparent in today’s Gospel.

There are two versions to this story. One is found in Mark 10:35-45 and the other is found in Matthew. In Matthew 20:20-28, the mother of James and John, asks for this special favor. In today’s Gospel, we hear James and John personally ask Jesus to grant them this special privilege.

“James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to Him, “Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.” He replied, “What do you wish Me to do for you?” They answered Him, “Grant that in your glory we may sit, one at your right and the other at your left.”

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, were but simple fishermen, when called upon by Jesus, just as Peter and his brother Andrew and the others, who had left everything they had and followed the Lord without question. But even with their daily travels with the Lord and His teachings on humility, pride and ambition as taught to them, by our Lord, as we see in today’s Gospel, it becomes hard to “deny oneself, take up one’s cross and follow the Lord. It should be noted that in the teachings of the Church, pride is the first of the Seven Deadly sins and that humility, is its counterpart, which is the first of the Seven Virtues.



“Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.”

– Psalm 119:111

Today, we celebrate Heritage Sunday, who along with many other churches, are connected as a common people, by a single common “thread” with binds each of us, in the Judeo-Christian tradition, to what we can call “heritage.” St. Paul was to speak of this “common” heritage, as being known as first “followers of the Way,” and later as Christians, where he spoke of the principles of the “One Faith, One Lord and One Baptism.”

Now “heritage” is simply defined as: “that which is inherited.” To understand our multi-faceted heritage, we must first begin with that which we first inherited. To understand this, we must first seek to understand our beginnings with God, the “Creator of Heaven and Earth,” as written in Genesis 1:1.

As a people of God, we find our heritage with God’s covenant with Abraham as found in Genesis 17:1-2:

“When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, “I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers.” This covenant was a “promise” made by God, to bless His descendants.”

In further reading Genesis 17:6-7, God says to Abraham:

“I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish My covenant as an everlasting covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”

We find that in this heritage, an eternal blessing would come to future generations.

In the book of Deuteronomy 28:1-6 we read:

“And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. And all

these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you if you obey the voice of the LORD your God. Blessed shall you be in the city and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. You will be blessed when you come in and be blessed when you go out.”

Throughout the entire OT, we see God keeping His promise to bless all those whom He called.

In the New Testament, we are reminded of our “common” heritage with God as disciples unto the Lord, Jesus Christ.

In the 1st Letter of Peter 2:9-10, Peter again reminds us of our “common” heritage:

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.”

It was out of love that God chose us to have a very special relationship with Him. In this relationship, he gives us meaning and purpose of life as taught by the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Himself declares this calling out as found in John 15:16, where He says:

“You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you.”

John, reminds us in his Gospel account, that Jesus, declared in chapter 10, he remembers that He was and is the “Good Shepherd.” I believe that when Jesus spoke the words: “Come, follow me,” He was not just speaking to just His first chosen, but to all of us.

In Romans 8:15-17, Paul writes: “For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, Abba! Father!’ it is that very Spirit, bearing witness with our spirit, that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

We find another aspect of our **“heritage”** in our great American nation, where we, as citizens of the United States of America, have received the blessings of freedom and democracy as set forth by our founding fathers and as found in the various documents of the “Declaration of Independence,” as well as the “Constitution.” It was these principles that so many died so that so many would be free. We must never forget this heritage given to us and to cherish and not tarnish these principles as we see so sadly see in the division of our American nation today.

Today, many of us a share another another important “heritage,” of being of Polish ethnicity. The history, the language, the customs, and the traditions speak volumes of a nation that always sought to be free and proud, But, on this Heritage Sunday, it goes beyond being Polish, for it encompasses all the different ethnic heritages that we must hold dear and special in our hearts and respected.

Finally, we celebrate today our heritage is of being a member of the PNCC. It is a rich heritage that was given to us through the efforts of our first Bishop and Organizer of the PNC Church, the Most Rev. Francis Hodur. who along with the early organizers of the PNCC were persecuted, Bishop Hodur taught that it was through “Truth, Work and Struggle” the motto of our Church, “that we will overcome.” It was through their efforts, that today, we continue to affirm our heritage, for God did not abandon those who sought Him through His Word. In 1929, this heritage found its way to South Deerfield, where a group of Polish immigrants, heard and answered the call from God to build and dedicate a church based on their faith and love of God.

So, today, on this Heritage Sunday, we have a lot to be proud of as we remember of the covenant we have from God.

It all began with a promise that was made that “if we faithfully obey the voice of the Lord our God, and carefully fulfill all of His commandments that He gave unto us, then we will be blessed by the Lord our God and that He will set us on high above all the nations of the earth.”



PULASKI DAY PARADE

I recently attended the Pulaski Day Parade held in Northampton, MA along with our Diocesan Bishop, Paul Sobiechowski, Fr. Adam Czarnecki, host Pastor and Fr. Pawel Lukaszewicz.

Holy Mass was concelebrated by our Bishop in the Polish language, along with his clergy, who gathered with many in attendance to honor Kazimierz (Casimir) Pulaski. I was honored to have been asked to deliver a homily on the importance of this day.

A parade followed Holy Mass to Pulaski Park in Northampton, where a program was prepared with several dignitaries speaking. This annual Pulaski Day celebration was organized by the Polish Heritage Committee of Northampton, which began in 1986.



WORDS OF APPRECIATION

During these past few weeks, the men, women and of our Parish gathered to make over 350 dozen pierogi, 350 galąbki or stuffed cabbage, kapusta, along with apple pies, French meat pies, various soups and sandwiches, and tables of different deserts as well as many craft items.

I want to thank all who came to help and support our Parish through donating desserts and crafts as well as all those who gave toward our raffle which saw over 33 gifts and for tickets purchased.

So, to Alice, Peg, Jane, Maryanna; to Karen, Bobbi, Debbie, Halina and Wayne; to Eric & Sue, Josh & Mary, Buddy & Cathy, Walter & Linda, Carl & Eva, Shirley & Dick, John & Fernanda, thank you.

For those who were not able to attend our Fall Bazaar, there are some food items which will be on sale tomorrow, Sunday, following Holy Mass.

There will also be, following Holy Mass, the drawing of names for the various door prizes and gift certificates which will be announced. Again, with much gratitude, thank you all.



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

Please note: Due to my participation via Zoom of the National Mission and Evangelism Commission meeting, Holy Mass will be celebrated on Monday – Wednesday at 8:00 am. Thank you.

Mon. 10/21 Mass of Thanksgiving
Hilarion, Abbot
Ursula & Companions, Virgin & Martyrs
James of Antioch

Tue. 10/22 Mass of Health and Healing
Abercius of Hieropolis, Bishop
Philip of Heraclea & Companions,
Bishop and Maryrs
Donatus of Fiesole, Bishop

Wed. 10/23 Mass to the Holy Saints of God
Theodoret of Syria, Prince & Martyr
Severinus of Bordeaux, Bishop
Ignatius of Constantinople, Bishop

Thurs. 10/24 Feast – Raphael, Archangel
Raphael, Archangel
Felix of Thibiuca, Bishop & Martyr
Proclus of Constantinople, Bishop

Fri. 10/25 Mass to the Holy Angels of God
Chrysanthus and Daria, Martyrs
Crispin & Crispinian,, Martyrs
Gaudentius of Brescia, Bishop

Sat. 10/26 Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus
Evaristus of Rome, Bishop & Martyr
Lucian & Marcian, Martyrs
Rusticus of Narbonne, Bishop

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

30th SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY

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

10:00 am – Parish Committee Meeting.

Mass Intention: Sp. Robert Jekanowski offered by wife Mary, daughter, Cheryl Major and family.



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 held on **Saturday, October 26th from 10 am till noon** or while supplies last.

We wish to thank all who continue to give donations towards this most special ministry through the giving of non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations which helps in purchasing food.



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 this Saturday, **October 26th 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 much work that still needs to be done prior to the colder weather. We wish to thank all who have given of their time and effort to accomplish these projects.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CHURCH PNCC

is sponsoring a

THANKSGIVING DINNER

to be held on

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th at 12:00 Noon

at the

POLISH AMERICAN CITIZEN CLUB

66 N. Main Street

South Deerfield, MA

Come Join Us on

Sunday, November 17th for our

Thanksgiving Dinner

Menu to consist of Turkey, all the fixings

As well as tickets for raffle prizes

Price for tickets: \$18.00

(Only 100 tickets will be sold)

For more information please contact:

Linda Puchalski – 413-657-5362

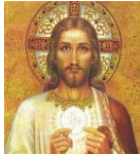


PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, please remember all our brothers and sisters, who are sick and ill and seek the blessings of God for health and healing.

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 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.



ONE BREAD, ONE BODY
Daily Devotions

Copies of the **“One Bread, One Body,”** a daily devotional booklet is available, free of charge, in the vestibule of our Church. These daily devotions are in tune with the readings as found in the Common Lectionary of the Christian Church.

Daily readings can be accessed on PCs by typing: **“www.usccb.org.”** For those who have smartphones, one can also be download the App **“Laudate,”** which will give daily scripture readings, writings of the Early Church fathers, as well as to provide the “Liturgy of the Hours, a daily devotional as well as other devotionals.



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION

During the month of October 2024, at noon, let us pray that God may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, free those unjustly deprived of liberty, and help those who suffer because of poverty, falsehood, hunger and disease.

Let us Pray: Almighty and Eternal God and Merciful Father, give strength to the weary and new courage to all who have lost heart. Hear the prayers of all who call upon You in any trouble that they may have the joy of receiving Your grace in their need. May we become instruments of Your love and mercy in this world. 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.



PARISH PROJECT
CLEANING OF OUR PARISH KITCHEN

Now that we have successfully held our Annual Fall Bazaar this past Saturday, I wanted to announce that this coming week, we will have our Parish kitchen cleaned professionally. We have been in contact with a cleaning service who has had a chance to see our parish kitchen and will clean the entire kitchen area, from top to bottom, of the ceiling, the walls and the floor along with cleaning of our parish oven. We are told that this entire project will take approximately 4 days.

Since I was assigned to Holy Name of Jesus PNCC, here in South Deerfield, I cannot remember ever having our Parish kitchen cleaned professionally and have used our Parish kitchen over the years our for many projects.



FALL CLEANUP OF PARISH GROUNDS

As we have entered into the season of fall, we are looking in the next couple of weeks to have a “Fall Cleanup” of our Parish grounds. With all the leaves coming off the trees, we have over the years had our grounds professionally clean to remove all the fallen leaves as well as trimming many of our bushes and trees for the winter season. The date of this cleanup will soon be announced.

THE CLOSING OF OUR PARISH CEMETERY

As most of you know, we will be closing our Parish cemetery following the blessing of our cemetery on All Souls Day, November 2nd. The water will shortly be shut off as we prepare for the cold weather. It was decided several years ago that our cemetery would close from any burials from November until April.

PAINTING OF OUR PARSH ALTAR

We are hoping to begin with the professional painting of our Main Altar within the next week.