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TODAY, 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 to meet.

Mass Intention: Sp. Robert Jekanowski (12th
 anniversary of passing) as offered by his loving wife
 Mary, daughter Cheryl and fellow family members.

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

(2 Peter 1:3,9)

**V. God’s divine power has bestowed on us everything
 that makes for life and devotion, through the
 knowledge of Him Who called us by His own glory
 and power.**

**R. Anyone who lacks them is blind and shortsighted,
 forgetful of the cleansing of his past sins.**

**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: Lord, our God, Your Son cured the
 blind man who sought His mercy. Remove the
 blindness of our hearts and enlighten our minds
 that we may gain true insight and see Your glory.
 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 JEREMIAH
 THE PROPHET (Jeremiah 31:7-9)**

**Thus says the LORD: Shout with joy for Jacob,
 exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your
 praise and say: The LORD has delivered his
 people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring
 them back from the land of the north; I will gather**

them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

(Jeremiah 5:21-22a; Psalm 31:20)

V. Pay attention to this, foolish and senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not. Should you not fear Me, says the Lord, should you not tremble before Me?

R. How great is the goodness, O Lord, which You have in store for those who fear You, and which, toward those who take refuge in You, You show in the sight of men.



**A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE HEBREWS
(Hebrews 5:1-6)**

Brothers and sisters: Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified Himself in becoming high priest, but rather the One who said to Him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you; just as He says in another place: You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

V. This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(Psalm 146:8a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord gives sight to the blind. The Lord raises up those that were bowed down.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT MARK
(Mk 10:46-52)**

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

V. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

R Glory be to You, O Lord.

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Him on the way.

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

(Isaiah 43:8)

V. Lead out the people who are blind, though they have eyes, who are deaf, though they have ears.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

V. Heavenly Father, may the gifts we offer You lift the darkness from our eyes, for Your mercy's sake. 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.

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

(Leviticus 19:14)

V. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but you shall fear your God. I am the Lord.

CLOSING PRAYER

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And also, with you.

V. Let us pray: Almighty, eternal God, may our gratitude for the Eucharistic gift we have received bring us ever greater benefits. Hear our prayers offered for the blindness of the world, so that all people may be delivered by the light of Your truth, our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.



**LECTIONS ON
THE ESSENCE OF LIGHT**

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me, will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

– John 8:12

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

If you had to give up one of your five senses, which one would you give up? Two senses, considered by most as the most important, are sight and sound. Imagine living in a world of darkness or living in a world without sound or both.

Helen Keller who is a remarkable soul and a most special person, who lost both her eyesight and the ability to hear at 19 months old in 1882, after contracting, what is a "febrile" illness.

Although there has been more advancement in medicine and technology in today's world, there are still many who will never see nor hear.

According to the World Health Organization, or WHO, there are over 43 million people who are blind,

whether it be due to “cataracts, glaucoma,” or “macular degeneration” due to age.

In today’s Gospel, we read of Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, who was given back his sight through the healing power of Jesus.

What makes this healing unique, is that after 40 years, following the Ascension of the Lord in c. 33 AD, Mark in his Gospel account, recalls the name of Bartimaeus.

It should also be noted that the healing of Bartimaeus by Jesus is the only name mentioned in the three recorded miracles of healing the blind found in the four Gospels. (Matthew 20:29-34; and Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43).

So, what can we learn from this miracle? I believe that

Jesus cured not only physical blindness, but also spiritual blindness, that exists within man. I believe in the words, found in John 8:12 where Jesus declares:

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me, will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Jesus was to dispel the darkness of ignorance and sin and reveal the light and love of God.

In Ephesians 5:8-9, Saul encountered Jesus on the road to Damascus encountering as Light, and speaks not only of the darkness, but also of the enlightenment as found in Christ Jesus when he writes:

“You were once in darkness, but now you are in the light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”

St. Paul also refers to this spiritual blindness, as found in 2 Corinthians 4:4, where he writes:

“In their case, the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

Today, may each of us, as members of the Body of Christ, examine ourselves in the Light of Christ,

Finally, in the first Letter of John as found in the New Testament, we read in 1 John 1:7:

“If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

May we all grow daily in the light of the teachings of Christ Jesus, as David, proclaimed in Psalm 119:110

“Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp unto my feet, and a light on my path.”



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

October 28th - November 2nd

8:45 am Liturgy of the Hours

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

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| Mon. 10/28 | Feast of Simon & Jude, Apostles
Simon & Jude, Apostles
Anastasia & Cyril, Martyrs
Fedelis of Como, Martyr |
| Tue. 10/29 | Private Prayer and Devotion
Narcissus of Jerusalem, Bishop
Theudarius, Abbot
Abraham of Rostov, Abbot |
| Wed. 10/30 | Mass of Health and Healing
Serpion of Antioch, Bishop
Marecllus the Centurion, Martyr
Asteris of Amasea, Bishop |
| Thurs. 10/31 | Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus
Quintinus, Martyr
Foilan, Abbot
Wolfgang of Regenshurg, Bishop |
| Fri. 11/1 | Solemnity - All Saints
All Saints
Casarius, Doctor & Martyr and
Julian, Prince & Martyr
Benigunus of Dijon, Prince & Martyr |
| Sat. 11/2 | Solemnity – All Souls
Commemoration of All Souls
Victorinus of Pettau, Bishop & Martyr
Marcian of Cyrrhus, Monk |



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2024
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

9:00 am – Holy Mass to be celebrated on this most special solemnity to the Saints of God.

A “Saint” is defined as:

- An individual who has dedicated themselves to the worship and service of God.
- Believers who have been sanctified in their faith in Christ.
- Anyone who leads a godly life and who has faith in the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Examples of saints

- Apostles of the Lord.
- Men & Women designated as “Saints” in the various Christian Liturgical calendars. Examples would include Paul, Barnabas, the Early Church Fathers, as well as holy men and women found throughout the history of the Christian Church.

The word “saint” as found in the New Testament

“But Ananias answered, ‘Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem.’” - Acts 9:13

“To all God’s beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” - Romans 1:7

“To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.” - 1 Corinthians 1:2

“Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. All the saints greet you, especially those of Caesar’s household.”

Philippians 4:21

“The mystery hidden for ages and generations but now made manifest to His saints.”

- Colossians 1:26

“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are also faithful in Christ Jesus.”

- Ephesians 1:1

“Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come? I said to him, Sir, you know. And he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation’ they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

-Revelation 7:13-14

A “Martyr” is defined as:

- a person who voluntarily suffers death as the penalty of witnessing to and refusing to renounce a religion.
- a person who sacrifices something of great value and especially life itself for the sake of principle.

Early Church History.org
Christian Martyrs

In the 20th century, there were more Christians killed because of their faith in the Jewish Messiah, than in all the centuries of Christian persecution combined. 65% of all Christians who have ever been persecuted or martyred lived in the years from 1900-2000. Antonio Socci, an Italian journalist, estimates that 45 million Christians were martyred in the 20th century as outlined in his book: ***The New Persecuted: Inquiries into Anti-Christian Intolerance in the New Century Of The Martyrs.*** This number is considered high by some. Most of the organizations that monitor human rights and Christian agencies that calculate Christian persecutions and deaths estimate the number of Christians killed in the last century as 15-20 million—still a shocking number.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024
COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

9:00 am - Holy Mass to be celebrated on this most special day of obligation, with the reading of the names of the faithful departed to follow Mass.

Envelopes for the remembrance of departed loved ones may be found in the vestibule of the church.



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.



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, November 23rd from 10 am till noon** or while supplies last.

I want to acknowledge Ms. Cheryl Major who gave of her time this month in handing out groceries to the needy.

I wish to also 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 us 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, **November 2nd 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.



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 November 2024, at noon, let us pray that we may all stand strong in our faith and be the ones that God made us to be:

Let us Pray: Almighty God, speak to our hearts whenever courage fades. Sustain us with an unyielding trust and steadfast faith, so that we may not be afraid to profess or defend our faith in You. May we stand with the same courage and perseverance of Your holy martyrs as we face the challenges placed before us. Renew us with Your unfailing love and fill us with hope in Your eternal purpose. Enlighten us to look beyond the temporary things of this world to You, the Source of all courage. We ask this through Your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 OUR PARISH KITCHEN**

This past week we have ServePro who came and cleaned our Parish kitchen. We will be addressing this cleaning at our upcoming Parish Committee meeting.



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.



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

Note: We are presently accepting donations of gift cards and gifts that will be raffled at our Thanksgiving Day Dinner. Please see Sue Dibrindisi.