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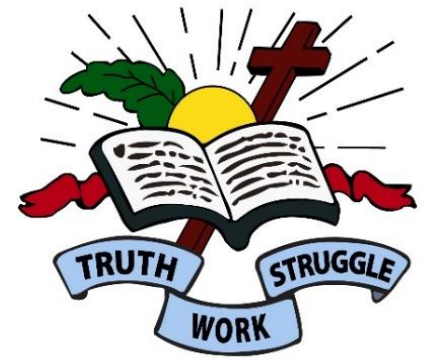
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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

The good things of life, are they only for the rich? Then, there are other good things that only God can give: justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, healing for the sick and, for all, protection, integrity, piety and love.

About Today's Bible Readings

AMOS 6:1, 4-7

The prophet Amos warns the complacent that their good things have now become bad news.

Responsorial Psalm: 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

1 TIMOTHY 6:11-16

Here are our battle orders for the good fight of faith. Aim at integrity and grasp firmly the new life to which Jesus witnessed.

ALLELUIA Proverbs 21:13

He who shuts his ear to the cry of the poor will himself also call and not be heard.

LUKE 16:1-13

In this history of rich and poor, the roles are reversed. It is not too late for us. We have Moses and the prophets...and one who has come to us from the dead. Let us hear him.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 146:9-10

V. The Lord protects the stranger, sustains the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the way of the wicked.

R. The Lord shall reign forever; your God, Zion, through all generations. Hallelujah!

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 GOSPEL – LUKE 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even used to come and lick his sores. When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he cried out, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames.' Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established to prevent anyone from crossing who might wish to go from our side to yours or from your side to ours.' He said, 'Then I beg you, father, send him to my father's house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they too come to this place of torment.' But Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them.' He said, 'Oh no, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' Then Abraham said, 'If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.'"

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY September 29nd
26th Sunday Ordinary Time.

8:00 AM – LOW MASS
Contemporary Rite

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS
Contemporary Rite

SUNDAY October 6th
27th Sunday Ordinary Time.

8:00 AM – LOW MASS
Contemporary Rite

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS
Contemporary Rite

First Sunday of the month. Second collection is to support the Mission work of the Church. Please give as generously as you can.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament following Mass.



SUNDAY October 13th
Solemnity – Christian Family

8:00 AM – LOW MASS
Contemporary Rite

Intentions for the repose of the souls of Father Francis and Beatrice Kaczmarczyk. Offered by the Kaczmarczyk Family in loving memory.

9:30 AM – HIGH MASS
Contemporary Rite

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters: Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish. Our Father...

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Oct. 5th: Central Diocesan ANS Retreat in Scranton

Wednesday, Oct. 9th: The Book Club will meet at 7:00PM. Continuing the discussion of "God's Wisdom for a Woman's Life".

Sunday, Oct. 13th: St Stephen's Mission Commission invites everyone to an Ice Cream Social in the Parish Hall following the 9:30AM Mass. Share your heritage and have fun with our Christian Family while building your favorite ice cream sundae! Invite your friends and family to come to this unique solemnity of the PNCC and join us for ice cream following the service. See Sally Traczuk or any member of the Mission Commission for more information. Deadline to sign up is October 9th.

Sunday, Oct. 13th: Confirmation practice will be in lieu of Sunday School at 11:00AM. SOCL Halloween Party in the Parish Hall after SOCL Classes around 11:30AM. Pizza and snacks will be served. Students will be able to participate in Sundaes Sunday as part of the party.

Friday, Oct. 25th: Special Synod of the PNCC in Scranton

Sunday, Oct. 27th: Confirmation of Kaitlyn Kotula and Brianna Zelek.

Saturday, Nov. 9th: Food Sale

Sunday, Nov. 17th: ANS Soup and Barbeque Sale

Sunday, Dec. 1st: Advent Tea

CENTRAL DIOCESAN ANS RETREAT

At Any Age, At Any Stage; Celebrating the Christian Life

The Central Diocesan ANS will be holding a one day retreat on Saturday, October 5th, at the Saint Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA. The retreat begins at 9:30AM and concludes at 2:30PM. Cost is a modest \$20.00 per person and the event is open to women of all ages. Please take a flyer from the table in the Vestibule for more information. You do not need to be an ANS member or even a member of the PNCC to attend this life enriching event. Registration for this event is said to be exceeding expectations and filling up fast, so please contact Cheryl Weinhold if you are interested in attending.

SPECIAL SYNOD OF THE PNCC

On October 25th a Special Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held in Scranton, PA for the specific purpose of electing candidates for the position of Bishop. Please pray for all of the delegates to this Synod, especially those from our parish, that they may be filled with the Holy Spirit and inspired to make good and holy choices in this matter for the benefit of our beloved Church.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

On Sunday, October 27th, there will be only one Mass at 9:00AM.

This will be the case because we will be once again have the honor of hosting a visit by the Rt. Rv. Bernard Nowicki, the Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church. Bishop Nowicki will be here to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on two of the youth of our Parish, Kaitlyn Kotula and Brianna Zelek.

Please pray for these two young people that they may feel welcomed into full and complete communion with the Church and the Parish community.

Mark your calendars now – SAVE THE DATE.

Please plan to join together as the one body of Christ for this joyous event!