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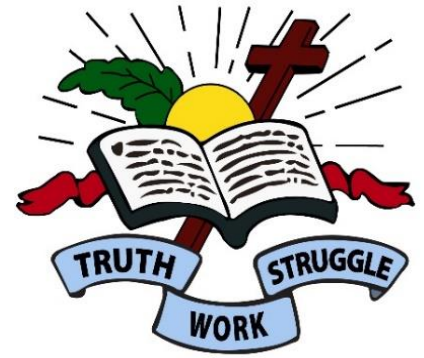
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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

.What is it that we seek from Jesus Christ? If it is power or prestige, then we are following the wrong Messiah. When we look to Christ, our response of faith engages us in a search for truth, goodness and love.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 53:10-11

The suffering of the Lord's servant has a purpose: It brings redemption to many, it relieves the guilty of their sin.

Responsorial Psalm: 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

HEBREWS 4:14-16

Salvation is not exotic, and neither is our Saviour. Jesus is one of us, a relationship that should give us confidence.

MARK 10:35-45

The greatest paradox about Jesus is his notion of leadership. He measures greatness, not by power but by service.

ENTRANCE RITE: Hebrews 3:1; 4:15

V. Therefore, holy "brothers," sharing in a heavenly calling, reflect on Jesus, the apostle and High Priest of our confession.

R. 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.

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.

ALLELUIA: Psalm 110:4

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord has sworn, and He will not repent: "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

**TODAY – October 17th
29th Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

**SUNDAY – October 24th
30th Sunday - Ordinary Time**

*Intentions for the repose of the
souls of Rev. Francis N.*

*Kaczmarczyk and Beatrice
Kaczmarczyk offered by Francis
D. Kaczmarczyk and Eleanor
Kaczmarczyk.*

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

**SUNDAY – October 31st
31st Sunday - Ordinary Time**

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

NOVEMBER FOOD SALE

We will be holding a Polish Food sale November 20th. We have begun to make pierogis. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and showed up already. Please consider volunteering to help on the upcoming days. Signup sheets are in the vestibule. Please volunteer to help make this sale a success. And not only women can make pierogi, men can too!

NATIONAL CLERGY CONFERENCE

I will be attending the PNCC National Clergy Conference in Lancaster, NY from Monday through Wednesday, October 25th – 27th. If any pastoral emergencies should arise during this time, please call the Parrish Office at 610-775-4559 and leave a message as I will be checking regularly.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR

Please don't forget get to join us after Mass in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and donuts and get to know your brothers and sisters a bit better.

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 families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Jean Loose, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban and Riley Rejniak. **Our Father...**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, October 17th; The regular monthly meeting of the Parrish Committee will be held at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope that all committee members are planning to attend.

Monday, October 18th; The Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, October 27th; The Book club will meet at 7:00PM in the Library to review the Book "The Wedding Dress" by Rachel Hauck. All are welcome to attend.

Monday, November 1st; The Mission Commission will meet at 7:00PM in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

Friday, November 5th; Pierogi Prep. Please sign up to volunteer.

Saturday, November 6th; Pierogi Making. Please sign up to volunteer.

Saturday, November 20th; Polish Food Sale. 9:00 AM until sold out. Tell your friends.

Tuesday, December 7th; The Y.M.S. of R. will meet at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. All of the men of the church are encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022; Saint Stephen's Annual Picnic returns! From 10:00AM until whenever at Saint Benedict's Picnic Grove in Mohnton. We have a band, a beer wagon and of course, great Polish Food. The picnic has been sorely missed the past few years by almost everyone, parishioner and non-parishioner alike so let's get behind the Picnic Committee and volunteer to help when the time comes in order to make the return of the Picnic a rousing success.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

For the months of October, November and December all of the donations to the Little White Church will be used to help the less blessed of our community as the winter and holiday seasons come upon us. These donations will be used for heating assistance and other such necessities. We will soon be placing the Angel Tree in the Fellowship Hall so that gifts can be donated for the elderly and shut in individuals of our community. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you and God bless.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

The Central Diocesan Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held in Rome, NY Friday and Saturday, November 12th and 13th. I will be attending along with your elected delegate, Michael and Sally Traczuk and Kevin Grossman. Please pray for us and for all Synod delegates that we may do the Lord's work in truth and justice.

ALL SAINTS – ALL SOULS DAY

We will observe All Saints Day and All Souls Day on Sunday October 31st. There are slips on the table in the Vestibule. If you would like to have the names of your departed loved ones added to our prayers, please write them down, and give them to Father Senior Donald as soon as you can. Please use the back of the paper if necessary and please print legibly. Or, email them to frdon@ststephenpncc.org. Thank you.