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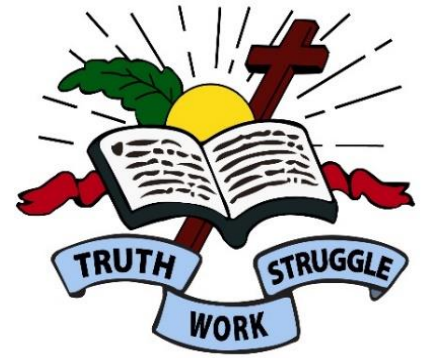
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October 24, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

The gospel cure of the blind man reveals that we find healing through our faith in Jesus Christ. We must take care, however, to pass on that faith intact to future generations.

About Today's Bible Readings

JEREMIAH 31:7-9

The prophet is firm in his promise: The Lord will do great things for his people, filling them with joy.

Responsorial Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

HEBREWS 5:1-6

Christ is our eternal high priest whose own sacrifice has taken away the sins of the world.

MARK 10:46-52

Jesus restores the sight of the blind man who believes. With this gift of vision, the man sets out to follow Jesus.

ENTRANCE RITE: 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.

ALLELUIA: Psalm 146:8a

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – 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
SOLEMNITY - ALL SAINTS
Commemoration of All Souls

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – November 7th
32nd 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

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.

Monday, November 15th; The Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

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 next 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.