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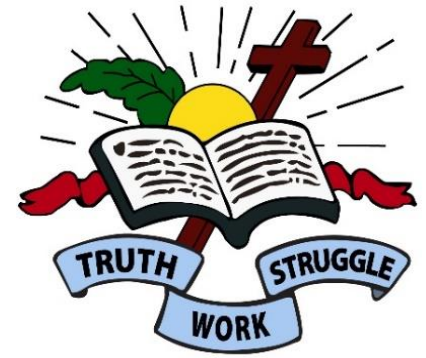
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February 6, 2022

Fifth Sunday – Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

What's in a name? Our personal names are not only for identification but are also for vocation. We can be called because God knows who we are - by name. God's knowledge of us then becomes our own.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 6:1-2a, 3-8

In an encounter with the living God, the prophet Isaiah discovers two things: he is saved, and he is called.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

In assuring the Corinthians of the Gospel he preached to them, Paul also outlines the reality of his vocation. God called him from being an enemy of Christ and made him his chief promoter.

LUKE 5:1-11

Like the prophet Isaiah, Peter finds that a meeting with God in the person of Jesus brings personal revelation and professional vocation.

ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 95:6-7

V. Enter, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us.

R. For this is our God, whose people we are, God's well-intended flock.

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 – 2 Samuel 22:50

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Therefore will I proclaim you, O Lord, among the nations, and I will sing praise to your name.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. **This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

Worship Services

TODAY – February 6th
5th Sunday Ordinary Time
Scout Sunday

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – February 13th
First Sunday – Pre-Lent
Septuagesima

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – February 20th
Second Sunday – Pre-Lent
Sexagesima

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – February 27th
Third Sunday – Pre-Lent
Quinquagesima

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Pre-Lent

The Season of Pre-Lent, sometimes referred to as Shrovetide, begins next Sunday as we celebrate Septuagesima Sunday. The PNCC continues to observe this season although other rites have abandoned it. It is marked by the use of Rose colored vestments and a period of merrymaking including Mardi Gras before the solemn observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which this year falls on the second of March.

Koleda – Blessing of Homes

To have Fr. Sr. Donald bless your home this season, please sign the sheet in the vestibule with your name, phone number and best time of day and he will contact you to make arrangements.

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, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Ed Edling, Mike and Sally Traczuk and Riley Rejniak: **Our Father....**

If there are any individuals who should be on this list or should be removed from it, please email or tell Fr. Sr. Donald so he can make the changes!

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE JOIN US IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Today, February 6th; The ANS will meet in the library at 11:00 AM. All of the women of the parish are invited and encouraged to attend and to join the ANS if you are not already members.

Monday, February 7th; The mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are cordially invited to attend. New ideas are always welcome.

Tuesday, February 8th; The YMS of R will meet at 7:00PM in the fellowship Hall. This will be the annual organizational meeting. All of the men of the Parish are encouraged to attend and to join if you are not already members.

Thursday February, 10th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00PM in the library. The book that will be discussed is "Where Do We Go From Here" by Dr. David Jeremiah. All are welcome and we hope to make participation online available via TEAMS. Check back for details.

Sunday, February 12th; In celebration of Saint Valentine's Day, some additional cakes and pastries will be available as well as coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall after each Mass. Please join us.

Sunday, February 20th; Monthly Parish Committee meeting at 11:00AM in the Fellowship Hall. I hope all committee members are planning to attend

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

\$17,500 IN SCHOLARSHIPS

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, the Polish American Board of Education of Berks County will be awarding ten college scholarships totaling \$15,000 to Berks County high school seniors of Polish-American descent. Deadline for acceptance of applications for this scholarship is Saturday, March 26, 2022. In conjunction with the PABEBC scholarship awards program, the Polish-American Heritage Association of Berks County is awarding a \$2,500 project scholarship to a Berks County high school senior of Polish-American descent. Deadline for acceptance of applications for this scholarship is March 6, 2022.

Applicants for the scholarships can obtain application forms and guidelines in the office of the guidance counselor in all Berks County high schools. They are also available in the Polish-American Cultural Center in the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts, 201 Washington St., Reading, and they can be downloaded from the PABEBC website at www.pabeberks.org, or by contacting Sandy Lubas Hummel, Scholarship Chair for both organizations, at 610-207-7065, email sahummel@ptd.net.