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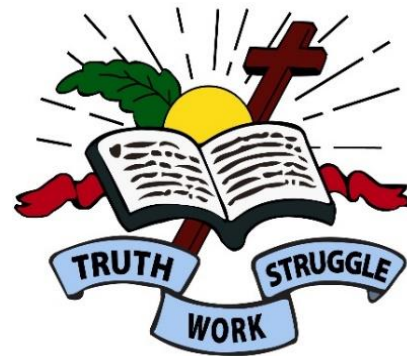
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The Third Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE RITE Philippians 2:7-9

V. He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Alleluia.

R. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. Alleluia.

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 Jude v. 25

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority from ages past, now, and for ages to come. Amen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 21:1-19

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee's sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We also will come with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered him, "No." So he said to them, "Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something." So they cast it, and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." He then said to Simon Peter a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, "Follow me." **This is the Gospel of the Lord**

A Sabbath Thought

The risen Lord fills both empty nets and empty hearts. For us who labor through the night of life, a call from the shore marks the end of frustration. It is the Lord.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 5:27b-32, 40b-41

Even under threat, the apostles proclaim the Word of God. Their faith replaces fear with joy.

Responsorial Psalm: 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

REVELATION 5:11-14

Around the throne of the paschal Lamb stands a mighty throng that exults with praise. We add our voices to theirs.

JOHN 21:1-19

Faith brings the apostles abundance where once there were empty nets. But faith is sterile without the love that gives all in return.

Worship Services

TODAY – May 1st

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

10:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Please note the time change due to the ANS Dinner

SUNDAY – May 8th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – May 15th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – May 22nd

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

May Devotions

During the month of May we will be honoring the Blessed Mother Mary by praying the Litany to her after each Mass. It is right and proper to show such reverence to the mother of our Lord and Savior.

Mother's Day Craft Sale

Flyers for our May 7th Mother's Day Craft sale are on the table in the vestibule. Please take a few and distribute them where ever you can.

Sign Up Sheets

Sign Up Sheets for Pierogi Making and Sunday Greeters are on the table in the vestibule. Please take a moment and see if you are available to help. The pierogi sheets are for multiple days and there are four of them, one under the other so please sign up for as many days as you can. These are for the picnic so please help. Thank you and God bless.

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, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Frank Fisher, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jerry Butto, Terry Leatherman and Riley Rejniak. For the repose of the soul of Ed Edling.

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, May 1st; ANS Rigatoni and Meatball Dinner at 12:00 Noon. Tickets are \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children ten and under. They can be purchased from Cheryl Weinhold, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk or Mary Cooper. Masses this day will be 8:00AM and 10:00AM.

Monday, May 2nd; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM

Thursday May 5th; 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.

Saturday, May 7th; Mother's Day Pottery Sale and Craft Event in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00AM until 3:00PM. Please see the Flyer on the table in the vestibule for more details.

Sunday, May 15th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Monday, May 16th; The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

Sunday, May 22nd; Mass of rededication of the Cemetery Altar at 1:00 PM. Please see the newsletter for more details. Only one Mass this morning at 9:00 AM.

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

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students is still in need. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table near the windows in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found in the literature rack in the vestibule above the weekly bulletins. Please take one as you leave. Thank you and God bless.

