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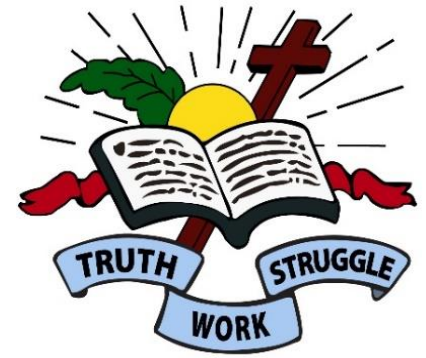
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Sabbath Thought

Those who live in the gospel spirit must expect trials. As we await the full realization of God's reign and of the life to come, we receive a command to love others with the selfless love with which Jesus loved us.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 14:21b-27

The work of Paul and Barnabas is marked by instruction, prayer, fasting and the designation of local leaders for the growing number of churches. They encourage all to persevere in faith and to expect trials as they strive to enter into God's reign.

Responsorial Psalm: 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13

R. I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

REVELATION 21:1-5a

John's vision presents a new Jerusalem, a city radiant with God's glory. Those who live there enjoy a life free of pain and suffering. A new age will have begun.

JOHN 13:31-33a, 34-35

These words of Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper are set in the context of both betrayal and love. Having given himself in life to the service of others, Jesus is now given over to death. *In this he is glorified.* He gives his disciples a parting commandment - love as he has loved them, in life and in death, in persecution and in peace.

ENTRANCE RITE (John 13:34-35)

V. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. Alleluia.

R. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. 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. Love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: JOHN 13:31-33a, 34-35

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – May 15th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – May 22nd

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

One Mass Only this Morning

Mass at 1:00 PM at the Cemetery

Please note the time change.

SUNDAY – May 29th

Solemnity

The Ascension of the Lord

Memorial Day Weekend

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY – June 5th

Solemnity - Pentecost

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.

Sign Up Sheets

I want to thank all of those who helped make pierogi on Friday and Saturday. Much more work is needed. Sign Up Sheets for Pierogi making 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 three 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, Christine Mulutzie, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak 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

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.

Sunday, June 5th; The regular monthly meeting of the ANS will be held at 11:00 AM in the Library

Monday, June 6th; The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM

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.

