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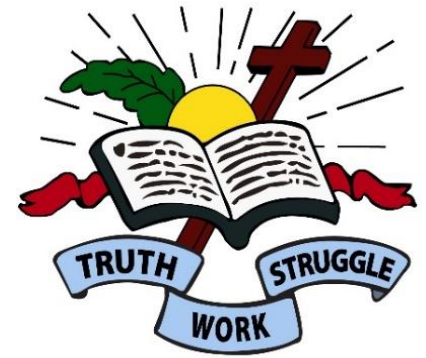
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November 6, 2022

Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

The Christian hope of the resurrection is more than a wish for personal survival beyond the grave. It is also a burning desire for vindication of the best we have known and loved in a new kind of community with God.

About Today's Bible Readings

2 MACCABEES 7:1-2, 9-14

Seven brothers and their mother answer their scoffers with their lives, knowing they shall have them back in God's resurrection to new life.

Responsorial Psalm: 17:1,5-6,8,15

R. Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

2 THESSALONIANS 2:16-3:5

Paul prays that his readers may be strengthened in their community life.

LUKE 20:27-38

Seven brothers with one woman for their wife - is that what resurrection really means? Jesus answers the scoffers of his day by speaking of a new kind of community for humankind in the embrace of the God of the living.

ENTRANCE RITE – 1 Chronicles 29:10b-11a, 13

V. Blessed may You be, O Lord, God of Israel our Father, from eternity to eternity. Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory. For all in heaven and on earth is Yours;

R. Yours, O Lord, is the sovereignty; therefore, our God, We give You thanks and we praise the majesty of Your Name.

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 Maccabees 7:36a

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. My brothers, after enduring brief pain, have drunk of never-failing life, under God's covenant.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us, If someone's brother dies leaving a wife but no child, his brother must take the wife and raise up descendants for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman but died childless. Then the second and the third married her, and likewise all the seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. Now at the resurrection whose wife will that woman be? For all seven had been married to her." Jesus said to them, "The children of this age marry and remarry; but those who are deemed worthy to attain to the coming age and to the resurrection of the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. They can no longer die, for they are like angels; and they are the children of God because they are the ones who will rise. That the dead will rise even Moses made known in the passage about the bush, when he called out 'Lord,' the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob; and he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY- Nov. 6th

32st Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY–Nov. 13th

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Nov. 20th

Solemnity – Christ the King

Last Sunday of the Liturgical

Year. Cycle “C” ends.

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY–Nov. 27th

The First Sunday of Advent

Cycle “A” begins

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Wigilia Dinner

The Polish American Heritage Association of Berks County will be holding their annual traditional Wigilia dinner on Sunday, December 18th, at the DoubleTree Hotel in Reading. Doors open at 4:15PM.

Adult Members: \$65.

Adult Non-Members: \$75.

For questions or reservations, please call Henry Pruski at 610-372-1279 after 7:00PM. Deadline for reservations is December 9th.



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 Jay Dresh, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kevin Grossman, Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Terry Leatherman, Jackie Weinhold, Andy Kosak, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Cindy Golowski, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Joseph Seliga and Father Senior Ed Ratajack. **Our Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should or shouldn't be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them or remove them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, November 6th; The ANS will be holding a Pot Pie Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 Noon. Pot Pie, Cole Slaw and Rolls, all you can eat. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children ten years of age and under. Quarts to go - \$10.00, includes 2 Rolls and Cole Slaw. Please see Cheryl Weinhold, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk or Mary Cooper to purchase tickets. Thank you for your support.

Wednesday, November 9th; The Book Club will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library.

Sunday, November 13th; The ANS will meet at 11:00 AM in the Library. All are welcome to attend. If you are not a member of the ANS, please consider joining.

Sunday, November 20th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Saturday, December 10th; Advent Penitential Service at 7:00 PM. I hope to see many of you there.

Sunday, December 11th; The YMS of R will be holding one of its famous Egg Sandwich Sales after each Mass.

Tuesday, December 13th; The YMS of R (Young Men's Society of the Resurrection) will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00PM. All men of the Parish are invited to attend and to join the YMS of R if they are not already members.

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

ANGEL TREE FOR THE BERKS COUNTY OFFICE OF AGING

Our Parish will once again be participating in the Angel Tree Program for the elderly who might be alone this Christmas. The Tree is up in the Fellowship Hall. When you take a card, please write your name and phone number on the sheet by the tree and check that column when you return the card. The deadline for returning the card is **December 11th**. Thank you for your loving kindness and generosity.

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will continue this year. 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 in the Hall near the windows and we will get them to those in need. Thank you for your support and God bless.

VETERAN'S DAY

Friday, November 11th is Veteran's Day. Please take a moment to say a prayer for all of the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much in the service of our great country. It is because of them that we sleep safe and sound every night. If you have the opportunity, thank them in person or buy them a drink or a cup of coffee not just tomorrow but every day of the year.