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Seventh Sunday of Easter

**MEMORIAL DAY IS
TOMORROW**

**NEVER FORGET OUR
BRAVE SOLDIERS**

A Sabbath Thought

Jesus has returned to the Father. He leaves the Apostles behind to continue His work on Earth. This task falls to each of us as well.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 1:12-14

The Apostles, having witnessed Jesus' Ascension, return to Jerusalem to reflect and to pray.

Responsorial Psalm: 27:1, 4, 7-8

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

1 PETER 4:13-16

Peter tells us that we should rejoice in the glory of God and that we should never be ashamed of our beliefs.

John 17:1-11a

In John's Gospel, Jesus prays to the Father that those He is leaving behind will be strengthened and protected as they continue His work. He also makes the meaning of Life Eternal abundantly clear.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 37:5-6; 130:5

V. Commit your way to the Lord; trust that God will act and make your integrity shine like the dawn, your vindication like noonday. Alleluia.

R. I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word. 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: Psalm 37:27-28

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Turn from evil and do good, that you may inhabit the land forever. For the Lord loves justice and does not abandon the faithful.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The GOSPEL: John 17:1-11a

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

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 Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos and Loretta Mikovsky.

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 28th; Memorial Day. Service at the Cemetery at Noon. Please see the table in the vestibule for sheets to submit names of veterans to be remembered as well as a copy of the program. It will be shorter than last year and hopefully, cooler. Please Contact Tom Schalata if you are able to help with this.

Weekends in June, July and August; Food making in preparation for the Annual Polish Picnic in August. Please see the Monthly Newsletter for dates and signup sheets are in the vestibule. Please consider volunteering a day or two of your time to help make the Picnic the huge success that it has been in the past.

Thursday, July 6th; Ladies' Night Out! Doc and Bubba's 6:00 PM. Please join the women of the Book Club and the ANS for dinner and drinks. This is not a sponsored event, we will all be paying our own way. Please see the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule for more information and to sign up. This is open to all women 21 and older you do not need to be a member of the ANS or the Book Club so please join us and invite your friends.

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

Polish American Heritage Association Golf Tournament

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 14th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament fundraiser on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. The scramble format starts at 1:30pm. The cost is \$90. per golfer and includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, lunch and dinner, gift and prizes. Proceeds support the Polish American Cultural Center at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. For questions call 610-779-5523. Deadline is June 7, 2023. Flyers and signup sheets are on the table in the vestibule. I hope that we are represented.

Clergy Pension Fund – Honor Our Fathers

We pray for all fathers, both lay and clergy, past and present, to express our gratitude, remembrance and love for all they have done for our families and for our Church.

For continued support of our Clergy Pension Fund and to acknowledge ALL FATHERS, your name and the name of the father you wish to acknowledge, will be printed in the June issue of God's Field. For each acknowledgement or remembrance, a minimum donation of \$25.00 is requested, payable to the Clergy Pension Fund P.N.C.C. This will have a two-fold affect, by acknowledging or remembering OUR FATHERS, LAY OR CLERGY, for all they have done for us and also to bolster our Clergy Pension Fund in order to show our continued support for our Clergy / our Church Fathers who make so many sacrifices each day in service to our Church. Flyers / donation forms are on the table in the vestibule. Thank you and God Bless.

Today – May 21st
Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Sunday – May 28th
Solemnity
Pentecost

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Memorial Day
Remembrance Service at
the Cemetery
12:00 Noon

Sunday – June 4th
Solemnity
Holy Trinity

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Sunday – June 11th
Solemnity – The Body and
Blood of Christ

“Corpus Christi”

9:00 AM – Holy Mass
ONE MASS ONLY!

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament and Festival Procession to the four Altars with readings.

The Month of May
“The Blessed Virgin Mary”

During the Month of May we give special attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary after each Mass each Sunday this month as we beseech the Mother of Our Lord to intercede with the Father and her Beloved Son on our behalf. I urge each of you to spend a few moments each day in reflection, asking her for her prayers and remembering her sacrifice.