

May 7, 2023

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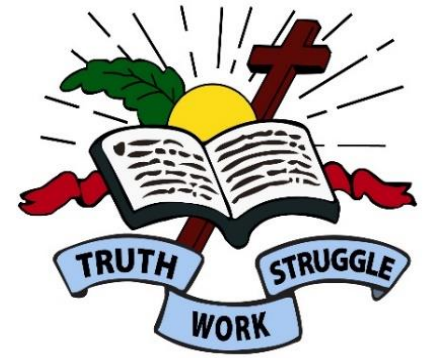
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

A Sabbath Thought

Like any building, our *living* church rests on a foundation. It is the cornerstone who is Jesus Christ. Risen from the dead, he gives us life, purpose and unity.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 6:1-7

The community moves to endow seven servants with the Spirit to carry out the ministry of the risen Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1 PETER 2:4-9

We have become a people of priests, a holy edifice built upon the cornerstone that is Christ, knit together in love by the Spirit.

JOHN 14:1-12

Christ is the way, the truth and the life. He gives us the power to do great things in his Name.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 27:7-9

V. *Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. "Come," says my heart, "seek God's face"; Your face, Lord, do I seek! Alleluia.*

R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior. 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: John 6:45-46

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. It is written in the prophets: 'They shall all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to My Father and learns from Him comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the One Who is from God; He has seen the Father.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

Today – May 7th
Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM – HOLY MASS
9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Sunday – May 14th
Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 AM – HOLY MASS
9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Thursday – May 18th
Solemnity
Ascension of Our Lord
7:00 PM – HOLY MASS

Sunday – 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

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.

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, Lisha Rowe, 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, Cindy Golowski, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexus, 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

Monday, May 8th; The ANS will meet at 7:00 PM in the Library.

Sunday, May 14th; Mother’s Day! Flowers, cakes and coffee for Mothers after each Mass courtesy of the Young Men’s Society of the Resurrection.

Friday and Saturday, May 19th & 20th; The National SAMBS (Ladies Adoration Society) Convention will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville Connecticut. Please pray for our sisters as they meet and plan for the future of the ANS.

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.

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 watch for signup sheets 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.

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.

Father’s Day Raffle Tickets

We will be holding a raffle as part of our Father’s Day Festivities. Tickets will be mailed to those of you who have not picked them up. Thank you and God bless.

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.