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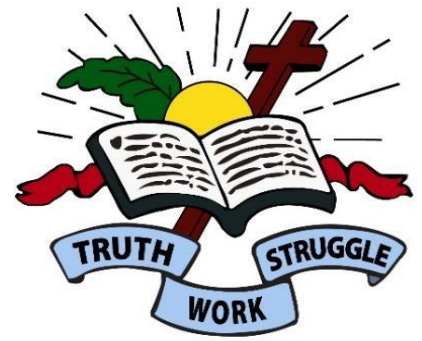
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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

A Sabbath Thought

Things are at times literally "too much." They block our vision and encumber our action. God invites us to experience the poverty that can free our hearts and clear our heads.

About Today's Bible Readings

EXODUS 19:2-6

God raises a powerless people to first rank in His Affections. The Lord makes them a special possession, a holy nation.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

100:1-2, 3, 5

R: We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

ROMANS 5:6-11

Christ dies for the powerless, for sinners with no claim on God's mercy. Thus does God reveal his love.

MATTHEW 9:36 – 10:8

According to Matthew, Jesus chooses the first apostles out of pity for the powerless who live without guides to lead them to the kingdom.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 65:12, Revelation 14:15b

V. You adorn the year with Your bounty; Your paths drip with fruitful rain.

R. "Use your sickle and reap the harvest, for the time to reap has come, because the earth's harvest is fully ripe."

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 104:1

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord, my God, You are great indeed! You are clothed with majesty and glory.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town.

Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons.

Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – June 18th

11th Sunday Ordinary Time

Father's Day

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Beverly Rush Wunderlich offered by Father Senior Donald & Danielle Wunderlich

Sunday – June 25th

12th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Baptism of Jude Adler Yoh during the 9:30 AM Mass

June is Sacred Vocations Month

The Church sets aside June as Sacred Vocations Month. The PNCC, much like all denominations, suffers from a shortage of priests and deacons to serve the needs of the faithful. Please remember to pray ever more fervently during this month that the Lord God Almighty will call more men to His service and that they may answer His call.

Picnic Donations

We are at this time asking for donations to help fund the Annual Polish Picnic in August. As you may know, this is our signature fund raising event of the year and require much work and sacrifice on the part of many of our parishioners. If you are financially able to donate to help offset the costs it would be greatly appreciated. Please make out any checks payable to the YMS of R as they are handling funds for the picnic. If you are donating cash, please mark the envelope clearly "PICNIC DONATION". Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. May God bless you.

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, Loretta Mikovsky, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price and Eleanor Kaczmarczyk. For the repose of the souls of all of our dearly departed fathers and of Beverly Rush Wunderlich. Our Father....

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, June 18th; Monthly Parish Committee Meeting. Father's Day Raffle. Tickets for the Father's Day raffle should be turned in by today. If you are financially able please take additional tickets from the box in the vestibule. They are in packs of 10. Please turn them in today or prior to the drawing next Sunday. There is a clipboard with the tickets to sign your name. Thank you for helping to make this fundraiser a success. Good luck!

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. **More help is needed than have signed up so far. 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.** Flyers are on the table in the vestibule, please take and post.

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 you are interested, please sign the sheet as we need to know how many will be attending in order to make reservations. Thank you.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

KURS ENCAMPMENT

The annual **Kurs Encampment** will be held July 1st through 8th at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center with the theme of Kurs 2.0 Level Up Your Faith. All registrations are done online. Information to register your children and those of your parish are here: <https://www.kurscamp.org/> and the Facebook group is here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/619591371759659>. The cost for PNCC member families is \$350 per child. There is also a scholarship available, the Steven A. Azaravich, MD Memorial Kurs Encampment Scholarship - 2023 to pay for the cost of attendance. Information here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejA3Fx-ow0M9EBOC-y0imyCchEgp4b8sebkuwKS8IAVw7JoQ/viewform>. We encourage all parish youth ages 8 - 17 to attend this event.

NATIONAL UNITED CHOIRS CONVENTION AND WORKSHOP

The National United Choirs will be holding their 36th General Convention and Music Workshop at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish, Dupont, PA from August 9th through August 11th. Information and registration forms can be found on the table in the vestibule,