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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalms 69:2, 3b; Psalms 42:8

V. Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck. I have gone down to the watery depths; the flood overwhelms me.

R. Here deep calls to deep in the roar of Your torrents. All Your waves and breakers sweep over me.

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 89:10

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. You rule the raging sea; You still its swelling waters.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

A Sabbath Thought

Self-sufficiency can be an enemy of faith. When we are strong, we can stand alone - or so we think. But, in weakness, we discover God, the God who patiently waits for our cries of help, our prayers for mercy.

About Today's Bible Readings

1 KINGS 19:9, 11-13

The prophet Elijah, pursued by his enemies, meets the Lord who reveals his true power.

Responsorial Psalm: 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

ROMANS 9:1-5

The apostle Paul testifies to the depths of his feelings about the place of the chosen people in God's plan of salvation.

MATTHEW 14:22-33

Peter discovers that faith is necessary in order to do what Jesus does.

Worship Services

Today – August 13th
19th Sunday Ordinary Time

ONE MASS ONLY

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

PICNIC DAY!

Sunday – August 20th
20th Sunday Ordinary Time

ONE MASS ONLY

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Picnic Donations

It's not too late to make donations to help fund the Annual Polish Picnic. 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.

Central Diocese Clergy Conference and Retreat

I will be attending the Central Diocese Clergy Conference and Retreat held at the Saint Francis Retreat House in Easton, PA from Monday, August 21st until Wednesday August 23rd. During that time, should an emergency arise, I can be reached by calling the Parish Office at 610-775-4559 and leaving a message stating that it is an urgent matter. Please pray for all of the clergy of the Central Diocese as we join together in prayerful reflection to strengthen and increase our faith and devotion to God's Holy people.

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 and Judy 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, 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, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Kaleb Gates and Larkspur Dente. **Our Father....**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, August 13th; Annual Polish Picnic! I hope to see everyone there!

Sunday, August 27th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee

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

FLOOD VICTIMS

Recently, our area was impacted by several flash floods. These brought devastating damage to many homes and properties. Some of our own members have been affected by these acts of nature. During the month of August we are designating all of the donations made to the Little White Church in the vestibule to go towards helping them to recover from this catastrophe. Please be as generous as you can and thank you in advance for your kindness and love.

PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS

Please make sure that your PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS are returned by today, sold or unsold so we may determine the number of tickets available to sell at the grove on the day of the picnic. Thank you for your efforts and kind donations in this matter and good luck to all of the ticket holders.

Also, a friendly reminder to check and see if your parish dues are up to date, it makes it easier on all of us at the end of the year.

