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Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

Christians are meant to stand for something because their way of life may involve suffering for that something. It is not suffering that we choose, but suffering is the birth pangs of the new creation.

About Today's Bible Readings

JEREMIAH 20:7-9

The prophet Jeremiah discovers that suffering comes with the territory. If you speak the word of God, you must accept the consequences.

Responsorial Psalm: 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

ROMANS 12:1-2

Liturgy is not just the activity that takes place in church. Wherever we are, we can offer God the worship of our lives and the praise of our service.

MATTHEW 16:21-27

Disciples also discover that suffering comes with the territory, not because discipleship is fraught with hardship but because the territory is fraught with danger.

ENTRANCE RITE: Jeremiah 17:10; Psalm 63:9

*V. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart,
To reward everyone according to the merit of his deeds.*

R. My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds 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: Luke 24:26

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and enter into His glory?

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – Sept. 3rd

22nd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Sunday – Sept. 10th

*The Solemnity of
Brotherly Love*

Spojnja Sunday

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Sunday – Sept. 17th

24th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Sunday – Sept. 24th

25th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Parrish Newsletter Correction

There is an error in the main article on the first page of the September Newsletter. It states that the Post Picnic Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12th. This is wrong in two ways. First, September 12th is a Tuesday not a Thursday and second, the Post Picnic Meeting will actually be held on Sunday, September 10th at 10:30 AM after the 9:30 Mass.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parrish Chairperson, Tom Schalata, for all of the hard work and time that he puts into producing the Newsletter each month. It is a great way to keep abreast of what is happening at Saint Stephen the Martyr.

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, 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, 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, Larkspur Dente, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman and Joseph Grossman, Jr. **Our Father....**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, September 3rd; The return of coffee and donuts in the Fellowship Hall after each Mass. I encourage all of you to stay awhile after Mass and get to know your brothers and sisters a bit better or to make some new friends.

Sunday, September 10th; Picnic Committee Meeting (Post Picnic) will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 10:30 AM after the 9:30 Mass. All are invited to attend.

Tuesday, September 12th; The YMS of R will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. If you are not already a member, please join us and see what we are all about.

Sunday, September 17th; Regular Monthly meeting of the Parrish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. The ANS will meet in the Library following the 9:30 Mass.

Wednesday, September 20th; The Book Club will resume by meeting in the Library at 7:00 PM.

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. Donations for the month of August made to the Little White Church in the vestibule will go towards helping them to recover from this catastrophe. If anyone of you was impacted by these disasters, please let Tom Schalata or Father Senior Donald know.

