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Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

God is present and active in our world. Beyond the stories that make the news, behind the events recorded as history, God fashions the course of time to bring us to the kingdom. The Lord is always the ultimate authority.

About Today's Bible Readings

ISAIAH 45:1, 4-6

The hand of God works through human decisions and political actions to benefit his people.

Responsorial Psalm: 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

R. Give the Lord glory and honor.

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5b

The Apostle Paul begins his letters to the Thessalonians by commending them for the way in which they are living the faith to which he had introduced them.

MATTHEW 22:15-21

Jesus uses the coin of the realm to make a point about our ultimate allegiance. Governments may control us, but God redeems us.

ENTRANCE RITE – Romans 13:1; Daniel 4:1-14b

V. Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been established by God.

R. The Most High rules over the kingdom of men: He can give it to whom He will.

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 103:19

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Lord's throne is established in heaven; God's royal power rules over all.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

THE GOSPEL – MATTHEW 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax." Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY – Oct. 22nd

**The Reverend David
Gaydos - Celebrant**

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

*Intentions for the repose of the souls
of Rev. Francis N. Kaczmarczyk and
Beatrice Kaczmarczyk offered by
Francis D. Kaczmarczyk and Eleanor
Kaczmarczyk.*

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Oct. 29th

30th Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

*Baptism of Hazel Jo March. Please
join us in welcoming her to the
Holy Family of God's Church.*

SUNDAY – Nov. 5th

31st Sunday Ordinary Time

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Commemoration of All Souls

Honoring Veteran's Day

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – Nov. 12th

32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

All Soul's

Commemoration

We will commemorate All Soul's Day by praying for the souls of our dearly departed loved ones on Sunday, November 5th. Please add the names of those you wish to be remembered to the sheets on the table in the vestibule and submit them to Tom Schalata or Father Senior Donald. Prayers will also be offered on that day in honor of Veteran's Day.

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, homebound and troubled 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, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich and Gerry Brunson...

Our Father...

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 29th; Post Picnic Party/Brunch in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00 AM until ?. Join us as we celebrate another successful Parrish Picnic. Please add your names to the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule if you plan to attend.

Sunday, November 12th; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

Wednesday, November 15th; The Book Club will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, November 19th; Regular Monthly meeting of the Parrish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

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

PLEA FOR RELIEF

In the wake of the terrible rains very recently in the Scranton, PA area, our Diocesan secretary and administrator of the Diocesan Enlivening program, Janet Kelly, had her house condemned due to irreparable water damage to it. We will be collecting funds for her to replace domestic and personal items lost to the waters that destroyed her house. Donations to Janet in this venture can be made through the Primate's office with checks payable to Janet Kelly and mailed to

**Prime Bishop Mikovsky
1006 Pittston Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505.**

Donors who prefer to remain anonymous can mail checks payable to: Central Diocese PNCC. These checks can be mailed to:

**Central Diocesan Chancery
515 East Locust Street
Scranton, PA 18505**

Your help in this matter will be tremendously appreciated.

In addition to this effort, the Parrish Committee has decided that all of the donations made to the Little White Church on the table in the Vestibule for month of October also will be designated to help Janet in her attempts to recover from this disaster.

Knights Closet

As part of your continuing support of the Knights Closet Project for the Reading School District, we are asking for donations of granola bars, bottled water, Gatorade and Halloween Candy so that Sally and Janet can make up a big basket for the students in need. Please be as generous as you are able to. Thank you and God bless.