



May 12, 2024

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Happy Mother's Day!

A Sabbath Thought

God calls all the baptized to be the new Israel built on a foundation of the Twelve Apostles. The Spirit of God endows them with the power for their mission as Jesus has promised.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 1:15 – 17, 20 -26

The Eleven choose a new member to replace Judas and reconstitute the Twelve who are to build the new Israel.

Responsorial Psalm 103:1 -2, 11 -12, 19 20

R. The Lord has set His throne in Heaven

1 JOHN 4:11 -16

God has given us the Spirit so that we may love as God has loved us.

JOHN 17:11 -19

Jesus has finished his disciples' formation and returns to the Father. The disciples remain in the world to complete Christ's work.

ENTRANCE RITE: John 20:21; 2 Corinthians 5:20a

V. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Alleluia.

R. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. 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 Acts 1:8b

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL JOHN 17:11 - 19

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

**TODAY – May 12th
7th Sunday of Easter**

Mother's Day!

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – May 19th

Solemnity

“Pentecost”

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – May 26th

Solemnity

“Holy Trinity”

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – June 2nd

**Solemnity – The Body and
Blood of Christ**

“Corpus Christi”

**9:00 AM – Holy Mass
ONE MASS ONLY!**

Exposition of the Most
Blessed Sacrament and
Festival Procession to the
four Altars with readings

MOTHER'S DAY

I want to wish every mother of our parish a happy, healthy, joyous and blessed Mother's Day. We are all guilty of taking you for granted at least sometime during the year, so please accept our apologies and best wishes on this special day honoring God's second greatest gift to mankind.

**Coffee and cake in the
Fellowship Hall after each
Mass in honor of Mother's
Day! Please join us!**

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, Nicole Dapp, 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, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Larry Bagenstose, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, Sarah Ludwig, Frederick Smith and David Metzger.

Our Father....

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday & Saturday, May 17th & 18th; Pierogi making 9:00 AM and Noon in the Hall.

Sunday, May 19th; Regular monthly meeting of the parish committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Wednesday, May 29th; Ladies Night Out at Doc and Bubba's, 6:00 PM until ?. All women of the parish and their lady friends are invited to a "Night Out" hosted by the Book Club. Meals and drink costs will be the responsibility of the attendees. Join us for some fun and Christian Fellowship.

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

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET FOR THE READING SCHOOL DISTRICT

Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall by the door and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found in the literature rack in the vestibule above the weekly bulletins. **Drinks are especially needed, water, Gatorade, etc.** These items are expected to be delivered in the middle of May, so please try to get you're your donations in as soon as possible. Thank you and God bless.

POLISH OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 15th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. Deadline for reservations is June 5, 2024. Please see the flyers on the table in the vestibule. It would be nice if Saint Stephen's was represented.

UPCOMING SUMMER PNCC EVENTS

Men's Spiritual Retreat, held at Spojnia Retreat Center, June 12 -15, 2024. The Theme is "Iron Sharpens Iron" Open to all men.

Kurs Youth Encampment, held at Spojnia Retreat Center, July 4 – 13, 2024. Open to all Youth 8 – 17 years of age.

Youth Convocation (CONVO), held at Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA, July 22 -26, 2024. Open to youth and young adults 13 – 27 years of age.

Subsidies are available to PNCC members for all of these events. Please contact Fr. Sr. Don for more information.

HONOR YOUR FATHER ON FATHER'S DAY

Once again this year we suggest that you honor father, grandfather, priest or other individual that has impacted your life with a donation to the PNCC Clergy Pension Fund. Your name and the name of the individual honored will be published in the June issue of Rola Boża. Please see the sheets on the table in the vestibule for details.