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Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Happy Father's Day!

A Sabbath Thought

Today we celebrate God's kingdom of which each of us is a seed. We are leaves on God's mighty tree, we are tiles in the mosaic of his plan. No one is too small or humble to harbor the power that will eventually blanket the universe.

About Today's Bible Readings

EZEKIEL 17:22-24

The tree nourished by God grows high and wide - a symbol of the kingdom whose shelter is available to all.

Responsorial Psalm: 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

R: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10

Believers live caught between faith and hope. We eagerly ache for the fulfillment promised in the word Christ preached.

MARK 4:26-34

What is this 'kingdom of God' of which Jesus spoke? Insight comes through several images of growth - small beginnings that yield gigantic results.

ENTRANCE RITE: Luke 17:20b-21; Daniel 6:26b

V. The coming of the kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce: 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is among you.

R. For He is the living God, enduring forever; His kingdom shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall be without end.

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: Ezekiel 21:5

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Alas, Lord God, they say to me: Is not this the one who is forever spinning parables?

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds:

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said,

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – June 16th

11th Sunday - Ordinary Time

“Fathers’ Day”

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for all fathers, living and deceased.

Sunday – June 23rd

12th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the souls of Beverly Rush Wunderlich offered by Fr. Sr. Donald and Danielle. And Anthony Rocchino offered by Kenneth Borah.

Sunday – June 30th

13th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – July 7th

14th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

VOCATIONS MONTH

June is set aside by the Church as Vocations Month. Please pray that the Lord will send more men to serve as priests and deacons in His Holy Polish National Catholic Church. And if you know anyone who may be contemplating following the calling, please encourage and support them.

COFFEE AND DONUTS

Coffee and donuts will continue to be available in the Fellowship Hall after each Mass until the end of June, pausing for July and August.

Today, June 16th, there will be complimentary coffee and cake after each Mass in honor of Fathers’ Day.

Please join us and share some time with friends, old and new.

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 Biroszak, 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, Tom 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, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger and Amber Irving. **Our Father...**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, June 16th; Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, July 7th; Deadline for donations to the Ukrainian Relief Fund. Please see the Monthly Newsletter for further details.

Sunday, July 14th; The Picnic Committee will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Wednesday, July 17th; The Book Club will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM. The new book will be “Jesus Behaving Badly” by Mark L. Strauss.

Sunday, July 21st; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

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

UPCOMING SUMMER PNCC EVENTS

Kurs Youth Encampment, held at Spojnia Retreat Center, July 4 – 13, 2024. Open to all Youth 8 – 17 years of age. The Opening Day Ceremonies will include Holy Mass celebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky. Mass has been celebrated at the Retreat Center every year for the past ninety four years. This will be the ninety fifth anniversary of this celebration. Refreshments will be served following Mass and everyone is invited to attend and to view the recent renovations that have been made to the Retreat Center especially the Dining Hall.

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

Substantial subsidies are available to PNCC members for all of these events through the Enlivenment Program. Please contact Fr. Sr. Donald for more information.

