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Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Happy

Independence Day!

A Sabbath Thought

The touch of Jesus brings life. He strengthens what is frail or fractured; he revives what is moribund or mediocre. That power is available to us who gather to worship this Lord of life.

About Today's Bible Readings

WISDOM 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Our ancestors in the faith came to a conclusion about death: It is not God's doing. God is a God of life who will triumph over ultimate evil.

Responsorial Psalm: 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13

**R: I will praise you,
Lord, for you have
rescued me.**

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7, 9, 13-15

Paul writes to the Corinthians a 'begging letter', asking them to share with the needy from the abundance with which God has blessed them.

MARK 5:21-43

Jesus' power is at work to heal the living and raise the dead. Nothing escapes his desire to prevent the triumph of evil.

ENTRANCE RITE: Wisdom 1:13; 2:23

V. Because God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living.

R. For God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him.

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: John 11:25a

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life."

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him. There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years. She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction. Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to Jesus, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction." While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – June 30th

13th Sunday - Ordinary Time

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Sam Chavez offered by Fr. Sr. Donald.

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

Sunday – July 14th

15th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – July 21st

16th 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.

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.

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, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Bircsak, 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, 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, Amber Irving, Paul Edling and Natalie Frankfort. **Our Father....**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

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, July 4th, will include Holy Mass celebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky at 11:00 AM. 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 Central Diocese members for all of these events through the Enlivenment Program. Please contact Fr. Sr. Donald for more information.

YMS of R GOLF TOURNAMENT

The YMS of R will be holding its 10th Annual Golf Tournament on August 24, 2024. Hosted by the Buffalo Branch of the Young Men's Society of the Resurrection. The location will be Kis n' Greens Golf Course, 13822 North Road, Alden, New York. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule and contact Father Senior Donald for more information.

PICNIC MAILING

You should have received a mailing with raffle tickets for the Annual Picnic. Please return the sold or unsold tickets in the enclosed postage paid envelope as soon as possible. **Also, please complete the questionnaire and return it as well, especially your T-shirt size if you are planning to help by working the day of the picnic as the shirts will be labeled "PICNIC STAFF" to let the attendees know who you are.**

