



June 9, 2024

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## Solemnity – The Word of God

### A Festival Thought

The Word of God is essential to our spiritual wellbeing. It feeds and nourishes our souls and prepares us for entry into the eternal Kingdom.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### JEREMIAH 1:4-9

Jeremiah expresses his doubts about speaking for God, but God reassures Him that He will place His Words in his mouth.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

**R. Praise the Lord for He has done marvelous deeds.**

#### HEBREWS 4:12-16

Christ is our High Priest. Tested in every way and found to be perfect.

#### JOHN 1:1-18

Christ Jesus is the Word of God, existing before time itself began. The Father sent Him into the world for the salvation of humanity through the forgiveness of sins.

### ENTRANCE RITE: Hebrews 4:12; Psalm 15:1-2

*V. Indeed, the Word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.*

**R. O Lord, who shall abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy mountain? Whoever walks without blame doing what is right, speaking truth from the heart.**

*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 25:10

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*V. All the paths of the Lord are faithful love toward those who honor the covenant demands.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord**

# Worship Services

**Today – June 9<sup>th</sup>  
Solemnity**

**The Word of God**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

Intentions for the repose of the soul of Kenneth Borah, Sr. offered by Kenneth Borah and family.

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**Sunday – June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

**“Fathers’ Day”**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

Intentions for all fathers, living and deceased.

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**Sunday – June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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

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**Sunday – June 30<sup>th</sup>**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time**

**8:00 AM – Holy Mass**

**9:30 AM – Holy Mass**

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## 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.

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## 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.

Next Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be complimentary coffee and cake after each Mass in honor of Father’s 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, 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!**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, June 9<sup>th</sup>;** Picnic Committee Meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM. All are invited to attend to help plan for the picnic.

**Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>;** Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

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

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>;** The ANS will meet in the library after the 9:00 AM Mass.

**Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>;** 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!**

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## 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. 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.**

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