



July 21, 2024

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Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sabbath Thought

Our God does not deceive us. Everything he has promised, he gives us in Jesus Christ. But God goes beyond his word to prove, through abundant gifts, the infinite extent of his divine mercy.

About Today's Bible Readings

JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Through the prophet, the Lord condemns leaders who divide the people. Therefore, God himself will shepherd his own.

Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6

R: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

EPHESIANS 2:13-18

What was once separate and selfish, burnt and blasted has been restored and united in Christ Jesus.

MARK 6:30-34

In Jesus, the people sense the answer to their needs. He does not disappoint them. In his teaching, he begins to reveal the face of God.

ENTRANCE RITE: Proverbs 30:7-8

V. Two things I ask of You, deny them not to me before I die:

R. Put falsehood and lying far from me, give me neither poverty nor riches; provide me only with the food I need.

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 78:29, NIV

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. They ate till they had more than enough, for He had given them what they craved.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat. So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. People saw them leaving and many came to know about it. They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – July 21st
16th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – July 28th
17th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 4th
18th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 11th
19th Sunday - Ordinary Time

PICNIC DAY!!

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

PICNIC FLYERS

Picnic Flyers are on the table in the vestibule. Please take several and post them, with permission of course, wherever you can, supermarkets, hair dressers, barber shops, etc. Thank you.

THOSE WHO KEEP US SAFE

As summer rolls on, let us take just a moment to remember all of the brave men and women who give so much of themselves each and every day to keep the rest of us safe and secure. These include all first responders, the courageous members of the armed forces of the United States, those in the intelligence community and all others who work tirelessly so that we can enjoy our summer in peace, tranquility and safety. The fact that when we go to sleep at night, we do not need to worry about what life will be like when we awaken is due entirely to these dedicated professionals. Please, pray for their health and welfare.

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 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 Cerninara, 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, Natalie Frankfort and Cheryl Weinhold. For the repose of the soul of Jim Morgan. Our Father....

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, July 21th; The Parish Committee will meet in the Hall at 11:00 AM.

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

UPCOMING SUMMER PNCC EVENTS

Youth Convocation (CONVO), held at Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA, July 22 -26, 2024. Open to youth and young adults 13 – 27 years of age. Please pray for our youth. **Substantial subsidies are available to Central Diocese members for this event through the Enlivenment Program. 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 YMS of R. 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.**

ANNUAL POLISH-AMERICAN FAMILY FESTIVAL & COUNTRY FAIR

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. is running a bus trip to the Polish American Family Festival & Country Fair on September 7, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information.

PICNIC BAKE SALE

If you are able to help with the Bake Sale the day of the Picnic or would like to contribute any items to the Bake Sale, Please contact Marcia Hinner at 610-621-9758 for more Information. Thank you.

GOLUMPKIE & HALUSKI MAKING

Golumpkie making will take place in the Hall on August 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th from 9:00 AM until ?. Haluski Making will take place on August 7th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Please plan on volunteering to help at least one of these days.