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Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Sabbath Thought

The God who gives us the bread of life asks in turn a gift from us. We are to live with trust in the Lord who loves us. Only trust allows us to perceive the many gifts this gracious God holds out to us.

About Today's Bible Readings

1 KINGS 19:4-8

Weakened by his escape from a wicked queen, a discouraged prophet discovers new strength in the food that God gives.

Responsorial Psalm: 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

EPHESIANS 4:30 – 5:2

In imitation of God, believers are to avoid whatever divides us as humans, one from another. We are to be intent in the pursuit of unity.

JOHN 6:41-51

The bread that Jesus gives is himself. This is no ordinary food: Those who eat it will live forever.

ENTRANCE RITE: Sirach 24:18-19; Psalm 34:9

V. Come to Me, all you that yearn for Me, and be filled with My fruits; You will remember Me as sweeter than honey, better to have than the honeycomb.

R. Taste and see how good the Lord is; happy the man who takes refuge in 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: Revelation 2:17b

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. To the victor I shall give some of the hidden manna.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 6:41-51

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven," and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall all be taught by God.* Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

Today – August 11th
19th Sunday - Ordinary Time

PICNIC DAY!!

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 18th
20th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 25th
21st Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 1st
22nd Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 8th
Solemnity – Brotherly Love

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 15th
24th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Central Diocese Clergy Conference and Retreat

I will be attending the Central Diocese Clergy Conference and Retreat held at the Saint Francis Retreat House in Easton, PA from Monday, August 26th until Wednesday August 28th. During that time, should an emergency arise, I can be reached by calling the Parish Office at 610-775-4559 and leaving a message stating that it is an urgent matter. Please pray for your clergy.

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, Cheryl Weinhold, Carol Urban and Kenneth Borah.

Our Father....

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, August 11th; Annual Polish Picnic! I hope to see everyone there!

Sunday, August 18th; Regular Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, September 8th; Deadline for contributions to our Ukrainian Relief Effort. Please leave your donations on the designated table in the Hall. See the Newsletter for details.

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

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.

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 RAFFLE TICKETS

Please make sure that your PICNIC RAFFLE TICKETS are returned by today, sold or unsold so we may determine the number of tickets available to sell at the site. Thank you for your efforts and kind donations in this matter and good luck to all of the ticket holders.

