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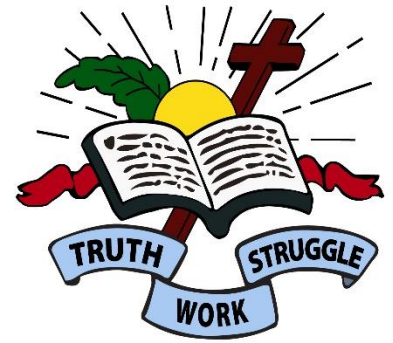
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Septuagesima Sunday

A Sabbath Thought

Zeal and zest characterize the zealot and the enthusiast. But we Christians must be more serious and sedate, or so we think. Actually, there is an eager joy that should mark our growth in faith and love.

About Today's Bible Readings

SIRACH 15:15-20

Despite excuses and rationalizations, we are basically free. What we choose reveals our heart's desires and our life's direction.

PSALM 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34

R. Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1 CORINTHIANS 2:6-10

What makes us truly wise is the revelation God has given us of the divine love in Jesus Christ.

MATTHEW 5:17-37

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus lays out new paths for his disciples to follow. Where law ruled once, infinite love now holds sway.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 34:15-16

V. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

R. The Lord has eyes for the just and ears for their cry.

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.

TRACT John 15:15 (Recited in place of the Alleluia)

V. If you love Me,

R. you will keep My commandments.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven. "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raca,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny. "You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna. "It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

TODAY Feb. 12th
Septuagesima Sunday
First Sunday of Pre-Lent
9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

SUNDAY Feb. 19th
Sexagesima Sunday
Second Sunday of Pre-Lent
9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

Annual Parish Meeting

The annual parish meeting was held last Sunday after Mass. I want to thank everyone who attended and worked together for the good of our parish. I wish that more of our brothers and sisters were there to help us deliberate and to seek solutions to the problems that we face along with many other parishes and not just those of the PNCC. Please pray for those that were elected to serve as our representatives in the democratic secular functions of the parish in the upcoming year.

Pre-Lent

The Liturgical Season of Pre-Lent, sometimes referred to as Shrovetide, begins today as we celebrate Septuagesima Sunday. The PNCC continues to observe this season although other rites have abandoned it. It is marked by the use of Rose colored vestments and a period of merrymaking including Mardi Gras before the solemn observance of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which falls on March 1st this year.

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; For the health and wellbeing of Jules Nagy, Raymond Priester, Bob Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, David Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Erica Franta, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Tim Fischer, Bernice Biroscak, Douglas Lipton, Patrick Toner, Chris White, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Eric White and Berne Bloom.
Our Father...

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***** Saint Valentine's Day Breakfast *****

Next Sunday, February 19, 2017

10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall

Tickets are as follows:

Adults = \$10.00

Children (under 12) \$3.00

Come and join us and bring your sweethearts as we enjoy good food and Christian love.

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Today's Hymns

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please, join with the choir to make a beautiful noise unto the Lord!

The Hymns below can be found in the Blue Hymnal Books.

Opening Hymn

#1 – Hymn Of Faith (Verses 1 & 4)

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 – Come, Thou Creator (Verses 1 & 4)

Offertory Hymn

#221 – Turn Your Eyes To Jesus

Post Communion Hymn

#229 – Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Recessional Hymn

#263 – Mother Most Gracious / Serdeczna Matko
