Wearing a cross does not make you a disciple carrying one does

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Twenty Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

A Sabbath Thought

True disciples are those who renounce everything to follow Jesus. How is that possible in today's world? In worship, we come together to beg God to make us as generous as Jesus was.

About Today's Bible Readings

WISDOM 9:13-18

We come to know God's will with the help of wisdom, the gift of the Holy Spirit, God's Spirit of holiness.

Responsorial Psalm: 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

PHILEMON 9-10, 12-17

In the light of our commitment to Christ, the world's divisive standards and roles are transformed into their opposite.

LUKE 14:25-33

As a prerequisite to discipleship, we are asked to renounce everything in order to follow Jesus.

ENTRANCE RITE – Romans 11: 34-35; Job 40:2

- V. For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been His counselor? Or who has given Him anything that He may be repaid?
- R. Will we have arguing with the Almighty by the critic? Let him who would correct God give answer!
- 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.

THE GOSPEL – LUKE 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

SUNDAY – Sept. 4th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM – HOLY MASS Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament following the Mass.

SUNDAY – Sept. 11th Solemnity of Brotherly Love 9:00 AM – HOLY MASS Please take and read the booklets on the table in the entranceway.

Thanks and Blessings

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who attended my ordination last week in Scranton, all of you who participated in my First Solemn Holy Mass here at The Church of Our Saviour and all of you who kept me in your thoughts and prayers. Special thanks go out to Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, my assistants at the altar, Bob Lonska and Danielle Wunderlich. Dr. Barbara Nowicki, John Milas and our guest choristers for their presence as well. Thanks to everyone who worked to make the reception Sunday such a success. Most special thanks of all to my wife Beverly, without whom none of this would have been possible. All of you and each of these actions served to strengthen and uplift me as my formation in the service of Christ Jesus continued to the Holy Priesthood. May God richly bless each and every one of you both now and forever. It is my sincerest praver that, with the help of God's Grace, I will be able to worthily serve you, His chosen people, in my new role as priest. Please continue to pray for me and for my family.

Parish Committee Meeting

Now that summer is over we will resume our regular monthly Parish Committee meetings. This month's meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall after Mass on September 18th. I hope that all committee members will plan to attend.

Solemnity of the Christian Family

On Wednesday evening, October 5th, the Polish National Catholic Church will present an online webinar on the meaning of the Solemnity of the Christian Family. More details as this approaches but please save the date and time as it promises to be uplifting and inspiring.

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 Howard Friedman, Tim Dulin, Jules Nagy, Raymond Priester, Bob Rush, Bernice Muha, Stella Surma, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Victor McAlanis, Marie and Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, David Wunderlich, Michael Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Erica Franta, Anne Rossetti, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Marty Ruane, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Michael Pivovarnick, Tim Fischer, Dennis Fagan and Kathy Glaus. For the repose of the soul of Harriet Koval. **Our Father...**

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Today's Hymns September 4, 2016

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Processional Hymn #2 – Tyle Lat / Through The Years

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 - Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#276 - Nearer, My God To Thee

Communion Hymn

#225 - Abide With Me

Recessional Hymn

AMERICA

 My country, 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty Of thee I sing; Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride, From every mountain side Let Freedom ring.

3) Our fathers' God to Thee, Author of Liberty, To thee we sing, Long may our land be bright With Freedom's holy light, Protect us by thy might Great God, our King. 2) My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love; I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills, My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.