

September 24, 2017

## Deacon's Service of Worship Today

## A Sabbath Thought

Do we need to be reminded that God's ways are not our ways? We do, when we forget that the divine habit is generous, that the divine action is merciful.

### About Today's Bible Readings

### **ISAIAH 55:6-9**

Here is the first lesson in divine forgiveness: forget *human* calculations. God marches to a different drummer when it comes to mercy.

Responsorial Psalm: 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

#### PHILIPPIANS 1:20C-24, 27A

Here is a dilemma we may find hard to grasp. Death for the believer is as valuable as life. Only faith reveals the balance between life and death.

### **MATTHEW 20:1-16A**

There is no use imagining God after our own image. We are the ones made in the divine image. Therefore, in *human* eyes, mercy will always be foolish, illogical and irrational.

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# **Twenty-Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time**

### ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 145:8-9

- V. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.
- R. The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature.
- 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 – Matthew 20:1-16A

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vinevard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

## This is the Gospel of the Lord!

## **Worship Services**

TODAY – Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM - Deacon's Service of Worship and Reception of The Holy Eucharist.

SUNDAY – Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM – HOLY MASS Intentions for the repose of the souls of all dearly departed members of Sponjia.

### Deacon Michael Seward

Please welcome Deacon Michael and make him feel at home here at the Church of Our Saviour. He has traveled far to lead you in worship today. Listen attentively to his own unique interpretation of the Word of God and learn from him.

#### Sponjia Sunday

September 24<sup>th</sup>, the fourth Sunday in September each year, is designated by the Church as Sponjia Sunday. Traditionally the intentions for the Mass on this day are for the departed members of Sponjis. Since I will be away and Deacon Seward will be here, we will observe the intentions the following week, October 1, 2017.

### 100th Anniversary Breakfast

Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Breakfast will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2017, after the 9:00 AM Mass. Mark your calendars, save the date, plan to attend, bring your families, loved ones, friends and neighbors. This a very special event, glorifying God and giving thanks to Him for blessing us by allowing us to serve Him for one hundred years and trusting in His goodness for another hundred years.

### **Apologies**

My apologies if this bulletin is not up to date or does not reflect recent events as it was prepared last week before I left for Vermont. Thank you for your patience and for your understanding. God bless you all.

### 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, Bill Rush, Howard Friedman, Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Rose Kubik, Janet Caruso, Nunzie Sospetti, Robert Paterson, Michael Havrilla, Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank Fisher, Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Carol Parker, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Sally Urban, Duane Schulte, Ruth and Michael Pivovarnick, Bernice Biroscak, Patrick Toner, Frank Gonzales, Gary Graham, Jackie Bayak, Berne Bloom, Joan Mainzer, Bob Agans, Victor McAlanis, Tom Goff, June Didun and Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci and David Potts. **Our Father...** 

Today's Hymns

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

<u>Please</u>, join with the Choir in making a joyous noise unto the Lord!

Silence is much worse than singing off key!

**Processional Hymn** #1 – Hymn Of Faith

Entrance Hymn

#114 - Forty Days And Forty Nights

## Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 - Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn #155 – Hallowed Be Forever

**Communion Hymn** #229 – Just As I Am, Without One Plea

**Recessional Hymn** #151 – O Ever Holy Sacrament