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TRUTH STRUGGLE WORK

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

A Sabbath Thought

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers a stark contrast in options. We must choose sides because there is no middle ground. Either we grow - or we wither.

About Today's Bible Readings

JEREMIAH 17:5-8

Dry bushes, dry hearts - they are all the same, says the prophet. What is needed is the water of compassion.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6

R. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cardinal point of history. We must, therefore, make it a linchpin of our lives.

LUKE 6:17, 20-26

In a series of blessings and curses, Jesus delineates our options: If you give, you win; if you take, you lose.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 1:1-3

- V. Happy those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked, Nor go the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers. Rather, the law of the Lord is their joy; God's law they study day and night.
- R. They are like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in due season; Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers.
- 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 : Psalm 84:12-13

- V. The Lord withholds no good thing from those who walk without reproach.
- R. O Lord of hosts, happy are those who trust in You.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services TODAY Feb. 17th

Septuagesima – Pre-Lent 9:00 AM – HOLY MASS Special Guest Celebrant and Homilist Father David Gaydos.

SUNDAY Feb. 24th Sexagesima – Pre Lent 9:00 AM – HOLY MASS

19th ANNUAL MISSION AND EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

This year's theme is "Identity: Who We Are in Christ" and will be hosted by the Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT Friday, March 29 - Sunday, March 31, 2019.

Greetings from the Mission and Evangelism Commission of the Polish National Catholic Church. Over the past nineteen years the National Commission on Mission and Evangelism has presented to the faithful and clergy of the Church an opportunity to explore one of many faith-driven aspects of the Church on a National level, as well as experiencing the Church on a local Parish level. Our goal for each Mission Workshop has been that the Faithful come away with a burning desire to bring faith-driven work of the Workshop back to their parishes and be a light to that local Community of Faith, the Parish, and the communities in which they live. This year's Mission Workshop will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, Connecticut. Our accommodation is at Comfort Suites located at 64 Knotter Drive, Southington, CT 06489.

The guaranteed room rate of \$105.00 plus tax. Please use the code: "Polish National Catholic Church" when making your reservation. The deadline for obtaining this guaranteed room rate is Friday, March 8, 2019. When you fill out you registration form, send it along with a check for the Workshop Registration Fee of \$75.00 per person. Please make the check payable to: Holy Trinity Parish. The deadline for registering is March 15, 2019. For registrations post-marked after March 15, 2019, the registration fee is \$95.00.

We pray that you will consider joining us for the Nineteenth National Mission & Evangelism Workshop of the P.N.C.C., and we look forward to your attendance. If you have any questions, please contact: Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, Commission Chairman Parish Phone: (313) 365-5191 email: nowak@netscape.com.

Sip and Paint

On Sunday, February 24th we will once again be hosting a **Sip and Paint Event** here in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 PM. For the very reasonable fee of \$25.00 you will receive a canvas and the use of paints and other supplies along with guidance and instructions that will allow you to create a unique work of art. No previous knowledge or skills are required to do this. You are welcome to bring your own food and drinks and light refreshments will be available for purchase. Invite your friends and neighbors to what promises to be a fun time for all. Everyone who attended last year had a great time.

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 of Howard Friedman, Michael and Bernice Muha, Stanley Sostak, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Ruth Pivovarnick, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stefan Revesz, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Garrett Aldershoff, Father Senior Gregory Mludzik, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Tom Goff, Anni Greif, Fred Rast, Roger Seliga, Joe Seliga, Milton Keiles, Claire Armstrong, Michelle Freer, David Gavenda and Dorothy Zytczak For the repose of the soul of Joseph Gavenda... Our Father...

Saint Valentine's Day Breakfast

Our annual Saint Valentine's Day Breakfast will be held today, Sunday, February 17th, at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

TICKETS WILL BE: ADULTS = \$10.00 CHILDREN (UNDER 12) = \$3.00

I hope that everyone will be able to attend and that they will bring family, loved ones and friends for the good food and Christian Fellowship that we always enjoy at these events.

Today's Hymns

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

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

#144 - Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

#110 - Cross Of Compassion

Post Communion Hymn

#113 – When I Survey the Wond'rous Cross

Recessional Hymn

#114 – Forty Days And Forty Nights

Talk to Fr. Don if you would like to have your home blessed!