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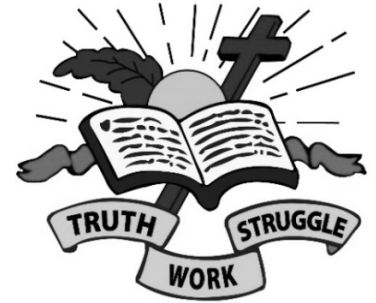
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February 9, 2020

Septuagesima Sunday

FAITH SHARING

The common theme of today's three readings is our two-fold mission to the world, to be salt and to be the light of a city built on a hilltop.

BIBLE READINGS

IS 58:7-10

the Lord God through His prophet Isaiah gives us examples of how we are to allow the light of God to shine through us.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright.

1 COR 2:1-5

St. Paul, in the second reading, tells us that our proclamation of Faith will carry the Spirit and His power when we rely on the power and wisdom of God.

MT 5:13-16

Using two simple metaphors of salt and the light of a city on a mountain in today's Gospel, Jesus outlines the role of Christians in this world.



ENTRANCE HYMN (Isaiah 58:3a, 4)

V. "Why do we fast, and You do not see it? afflict ourselves, and You take no note of it?"

R. Yes, your fast ends in quarreling and fighting, striking with wicked claw. Would that today you might fast so as to make your voice heard on high!

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.

Gospel

MT 5:13-16

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

R. Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



As a symbol of purity, salt was the common ingredient in sacrifices offered to God by Jews and pagans. In the ancient world, salt was the commonest of all preservatives, used to prevent the putrefaction of meat, fish and fruits in pickles. Salt lends flavor to food items and was used to season and preserve food. A light is something which is meant to be seen. A lamp or light is a guide to make clear the way. A light serves also as a warning (e.g., red traffic lights which tell us to halt when there is danger ahead. Finally, light, particularly the sun's, gives warmth and heat.

Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn
#1 Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit
#144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn
#195 Morning Hymn

Communion Hymn
#151 O Ever Holy Sacrament

Recessional Hymn
#224 Amazing Grace

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, February 9
Septuagesima Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, February 16
Sexagesima Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, February 23
Quinquagesima Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Wednesday, February 26
Ash Wednesday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

PASTOR'S PHONE NUMBER

In case of all regular Parish issues please call Fr. Mariusz at 215-535-4978. This number is always linked to pastor's cell phone, so in case of real emergency please also use this number.

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BULLETIN INFORMATION

If you have any information which supposed to be in our parish bulletin, please call or email Fr. Mariusz. Due date for each bulletin is always Friday, 4:00 p.m.

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, Michael and Bernice Muha, Janet Caruso, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Anthony Tonzini, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterci, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, John and Jane Aldershoff, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Bob Stutz, Tom Goff, David Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Dorothy Nabinger, John Russell, Ronald Brower, Jan Cherneski, Thomas Oliver, Sally Bisch, Bea and Stan Sub, Ruth Mechowski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Ann Wolfe.

For the repose of the soul of all our parishioners who passed away, especially Beverly Wunderlich.

Our Father...

Ruth Mechowski – new address: Brookdale Rehab, 380 Forsgate Dr. , Monroe Twp, NJ 08831.

ST. VALENTINE'S BREAKFAST

St. Valentine's Breakfast will be held on **Sunday, February 16, at 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets will be: ADULTS \$10.00 CHILDREN (under 12) \$3.00

We 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 26, is a holy day in obligation. All Catholics are obliged to participate in the Holy Mass that day and to do the act of penance by receiving the ashes on the forehead. This special day as the beginning of the Holy Lent cannot be transferred to Sunday. **The ashes will be distributed on Ash Wednesday only.**

IS YOUR SALT SALTY AND YOUR LIGHT SHINING?

If you doubt your light matters, take this little quiz: 1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world. 2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners. 3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America Pageant. Do you know all these answers? Probably not. Ask yourself some additional questions: 1. Who fed and clothed you when you were helpless? 2. What was the name of your 1st grade teacher? 3. Who is the first friend you would call in an emergency? You do know the answers to these questions. They are the salt and light of the world.

AMERICAN SAINTS: ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, had a long and difficult journey into the Catholic faith. She lived around 1800 and was part of New York high society both by birth and also by marriage. As a young wife and mother, she felt a profound spiritual restlessness. A non-Catholic Christian, she longed for a deeper relationship with Christ, but didn't know where to find it. A series of Crosses, including her husband's death, led her to the Catholic Church, where she found what she was looking for in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Converting to Catholicism led her to be criticized and ostracized by friends, social circles, and even family members. But her deeper intimacy with Christ made the suffering worthwhile. Instead of falling into discouragement or self-pity, in fact, she found herself moved to start a new religious order dedicated to educating the young. Thus, was born the Sisters of Charity, which now has five major divisions in the United States and Canada. And thus, also began the American system of Catholic education, which today includes over 7,000 elementary and secondary schools throughout the United States. God wants to bring flavor and light to the world, and the closer we get to his Sacred Heart, the more our hearts will burn with that same desire.