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July 2, 2023

13 Ordinary Sunday

FAITH SHARING

The common theme of today's readings is the witnessing mission given to Christ's followers to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment in humble service, and the practice of corporal and spiritual works (acts) of mercy (charity).

In our first reading, we see, the welcome given to the prophet Elisha by an elderly, childless couple who lived in Shunem. The wife recognized the holiness of Elisha. She showed him reverence and hospitality.

The second reading, taken from Paul's letter to the Romans, explains why those who care for the followers of Jesus are caring for Jesus himself, and those who show hospitality to any one of them are eligible for a reward.

Today's Gospel lesson concludes Jesus' great "missionary discourse" in which he instructs the twelve apostles on the cost and the reward of the commitment required of a disciple. The first half of these sayings of Jesus details the behavior expected of his disciples, and the second half speaks of the behavior expected of others towards the disciples. Jesus assures his disciples that whoever shows them hospitality will be blessed. Those who receive Jesus receive the One who sent him. Also, those who help the "little ones," (believers) and the poor, the sick, and the needy will be amply rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

ENTRANCE HYMN

(John 13:20; Romans 15:7)

V. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the One I send receives Me, and whoever receives Me receives the One Who sent Me.

R. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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 10:37-42

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his apostles:

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

All Are Welcome

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

My Country 'Tis of Thee

Communion Hymn

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Recessional Hymn

God Bless America

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, July 2

13 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, July 9

14 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, July 16

15 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN 2023

7/2 - For the Mission Fund

8/6 - For the Mission Fund

8/27 - Youth Sunday – For the Youth Fund

9/3 - For the Mission Fund

9/10 - Solemnity – Brotherly Love – For the Bp. Hodur Retreat Center

10/1 - For the Mission Fund

10/15 - Heritage Sunday – Outreach to Poland Collection

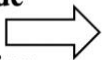
11/5 - For the Mission Fund

12/3 - For the Mission Fund

12/31 - Solemnity- Humble Shepherds – Seminary Fund

1/7 - For the Mission Fund

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

PASTOR TRANSFERRED

July 23, 2023 will be the last Sunday for Fr. Mariusz as an Administrator of St. Valentine's Parish, Philadelphia, PA and Our Saviour Parish, Lawrenceville, NJ.

Father is transferred to Holy Family PNCC Parish in McKeesport, PA.

Please keep Fr. M and his Family in your prayers.

SO, YOUR PASTOR IS BEING TRANSFERRED

So, you just learned that your pastor is being transferred. How do you react? For some folks, even regular church-going types, it doesn't make a lot of difference. They don't have a strong personal relationship with their pastor; their feelings about his performance are neutral; and they just presume that next week someone else will show up to say Mass.

Some are thrilled when they learn that their pastor is moving on. They never really liked their priest to begin with; they thought he was an incompetent, irreverent and lazy; and they think it's just fine that he'll be imposed upon some other unsuspecting congregation somewhere.

And some people are disappointed, even angry, when they learn that their pastor is being moved, and they don't hesitate to tell each other exactly how they feel.

So, let me get this straight. The number of priests available for assignment is decreasing rapidly. Recently, we had more priests retiring or sick, unable to serve. Few pastors and bishops passed away. And we have no new priests ordained. Parishes must be merged or permanently closed.

And it means that everyone's patience, understanding and cooperation will be necessary. So, if your pastor is being transferred, pray for him and his new ministry. Keep in mind that he was ordained to serve the needs of the entire Diocese and the entire PNCC, and not just your parish. If you've benefited from his ministry, thank him, and thank God. And welcome your new pastor too; support and encourage him. Of course, he won't be identical to your former pastor and undoubtedly, he won't be perfect. But if you wait for a perfect priest, the pulpit in your church will be empty for a long, long time.

FAREWELL DINNER

All Parishioners and Friends are invited to our Farewell Dinner on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 2:00PM at the church hall of Our Saviour Parish, 2300 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648. Catering from the famous Polish restaurant Maximus in Lawrenceville.

Kindly please respond RSVP by July 11. Please call or text at (412) 330-8286, or email at stvalentinespncc@gmail.com

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