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July 9, 2023

14 Ordinary Sunday

FAITH SHARING

During the Independence Day celebration, Americans probably heard all or part of Emma Lazarus' poem inscribed on the base of the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.... Send these, the homeless tempest-tossed to me."

Today's readings, especially the Gospel, give the same message in a more powerful way: "Take my yoke... and you will find rest."

In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them a "meek" Messianic King of peace riding on a donkey, who will give them rest and liberty.

In the second reading, Paul tells the first-century Christian community in Rome about two yokes, namely, the "flesh" and the "Spirit," and he challenges them to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus.

In the Gospel, Jesus offers rest to those "who labor and are burdened" if they will accept his "easy yoke and light burden." By declaring that his "yoke is light," Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. The second part of Jesus' claim is: "My burden is light." Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that it is laid on us in love, that it is meant to be carried in love, and that love makes even the heaviest burden light.

Responsorial Psalm

R. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Revelation 5:10; Matthew 6:10)

V. You made them a kingdom and priests for our God, and they will reign on earth.

R. **Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

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

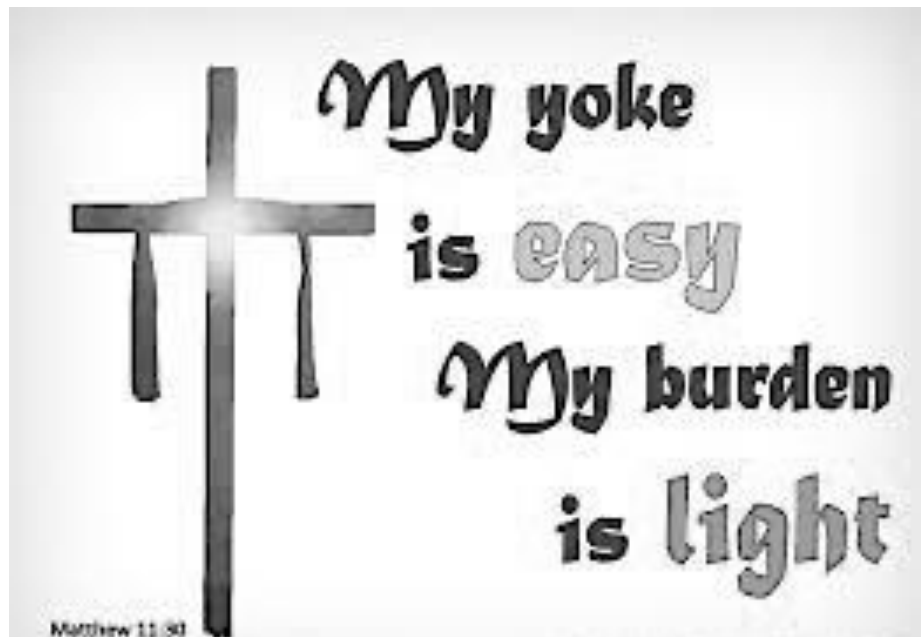
MT 11:25-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

The Gospel of the Lord.



Today's Hymns

Processional Hymn

001 Hymn of Faith

Hymn to the Holy Spirit

144 Come, Thou Creator

Offertory Hymn

178 Jesus, Bless Your Faithful People

Communion Hymn

155 Hallowed Be Forever

Recessional Hymn

224 Amazing Grace

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, July 9

14 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, July 16

15 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, July 23

16 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

SECOND COLLECTIONS IN 2023

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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