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July 16, 2023

15 Ordinary Sunday

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings are about the transforming power of the word of God when read, preached, and lived. They also warn us not to be disappointed at the absence of immediate results.

In the first reading, Isaiah consoles the Jewish slaves in Babylon, assuring them that, like rain and snow which water the earth so that seeds may sprout and grow, God's word will accomplish His purpose, in this case by returning the exiles to their homes in peace as God has promised.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that just as seeds must fall into the earth and die to produce an abundant crop, the pain and sufferings God permits in our lives work in us for our redemption.

Today's Gospel teaches us that the word of the Lord is the seed, and our hearts and minds are the soil. The seed's good spiritual yield in one's life depends on how fully one willingly accepts and responds to the word of the Lord. The yield arising from the positive response will be abundant beyond all imagining. The parable tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts in which the word of God can germinate, grow, and yield 30-, 60, or 100-fold.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Hebrews 4:12; John 1:14)

V. Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

R. And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us, and we saw His glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

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 13:1-9

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up.

Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

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

229 Just As I Am

Communion Hymn

159 Jesus My Lord and Savior

Recessional Hymn

225 Abide With Me

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, July 16

15 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, July 23

16 Ordinary Sunday

12:00 Noon – Holy Mass

Sunday, July 30

17 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.

NEW ASSIGNMENT

Bishop of the Central Diocese, Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, assigned **Rev. Carmen Bolock**, currently Reserve Clergy and previously Pastor of St Mary's Parish in Duryea, PA (closed), as a new Administrator of St. Valentine's Parish in Philadelphia and Our Saviour Parish in Lawrenceville, NJ.

Welcome Fr. Carmen to our communities!

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.

Thank you all those who sent RSVP. See you there!



BISHOP OF THE WESTERN DIOCESE PNCC PASSED AWAY

† Rt. Rev. Jaroslaw (Jerry) Rafalko, Bishop Ordinary of the Western Diocese, P.N.C.C., entered the eternal rest of the Lord, on July 13, 2023.

We give thanks to Almighty God for Bishop Jerry's years of ministry as a Priest within the Western Diocese and as the Bishop of the Western Diocese.

We ask that you keep his wife, Leslie; the Western Diocese; and all the parishes of the Western Diocese in your prayers.

Details of the Funeral Mass will be released when available.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Wieczny odpoczynek racz mu dać, Panie. A światłość wiekuista niechaj mu świeci. Niech odpoczywa w pokoju wiecznym. Amen.