



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jeremiah 17:5-8
Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20
Luke 6:17, 20-26

KEY VERSE: "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets" (v 23).

READING: Luke's gospel portrayed Jesus' concern for the poor and lowly, the "anawim," who had nothing in the way of worldly possessions and depended totally upon God's mercy. Luke's "Sermon on the Plain," was a counterpart of Matthew's beatitudes in the "Sermon on the Mount" (Mt 5:1-12). Whereas Matthew emphasized the spiritual values of the kingdom of God, in Luke, Jesus spoke to the real economic hardships of his day: poverty, hunger, suffering and persecution. Jesus' disciples were "blessed," or "favored," because they found their fulfillment in God, and not in the things the world had to offer. In a series of "woes," or lamentations, Jesus' disciples were warned of God's displeasure if they sought their reward in material wealth. Though they felt satisfied for the time being, they would suffer in the age to come.

REFLECTING: In what ways can I bring consolation to those who suffer?

PRAYING: Lord Jesus, help me to see my blessings in the midst of difficulties of the world.

What are Ashes?

Traditionally, the ashes used for Ash Wednesday come from burning the palm fronds from the previous year's Palm Sunday. They are then blessed by a priest. Ashes are a biblical symbol of mourning and penance used since the time of Moses ("sackcloth and ashes," Nm 19:9-10, 17-18). They also symbolize death to remind us of our mortality. Thus when the priest uses his thumb to sign the faithful with ashes, he says, "Remember! You are dust and to dust you shall return." It is also a reminder of the joy of eternal life: "Repent, and believe the good news!" Ashes remind us of the day of judgment when we stand before God. To prepare well for that day, we must die now to sin so that we can rise to new life in Christ. Being marked with ashes at the beginning of Lent indicates our need for deeper conversion of our lives during this season of renewal.

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Blessed LUKE 6:20
ARE YOU WHO ARE POOR
FOR YOURS IS THE
KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

6th Ordinary Times
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R: They are like a tree planted near streams of water, that yield its fruit in due season; its leaves never wither, whatever they do prospers.		
P: 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.		
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R: Happy are they who hope in the Lord.		
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C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
C: Rejoice; and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.		
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!		
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“Offer fitting sacrifice and trust in the Lord”
Psalm 4:6



Relay for Life Kick –Off Campaign Feb 18th

To our commitment to Church and Community, the McKeesport Relay for Life will hold their kick-off meeting and social this Thursday at 6:30 P.M. in our parish hall. Interested persons from our parish who would like to volunteer their time and talents, please contact Jan Gibala. For more information, please check the Relay for Life Flyers posted throughout the parish hall.

Everything Lent

We begin the penitential season of Great Lent this coming Wednesday with the distribution of Ashes. During the Season of Lent, Christian discipline is encouraged. The small sacrifices we make are nothing compared to the Incarnate God’s sacrifice for us. During the season, we should abstain from meat foods on Wednesdays and Fridays. We should attend at least one of the Lenten devotions each week. Lent is a time of charitable almsgiving for those in need. We should examine our conscience each day acknowledging our sinful nature and receive absolution at worship. We should spend family quality time in private meditation. To truly make the Great Lent meaningful, these are some of the disciplines required of us. To help us along, Lenten meditation booklets are available in the bookrack. By doing all these wonderful disciplines, we won’t lose focus on our Christian Catholic identity.

Nite At The Races Rescheduled

Due to the weather, the Nite at the Races was cancelled for yesterday. A future date will be announced after Easter of this year.



ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Legend says that Valentine's Day originated from Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to Roman love lotteries. Legend also says that Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine." In 496 A.D. Pope Gelasius set aside February 14 to honor Valentine who became the patron saint of lovers. February 14 has become the date for celebrating love.

Pierogi News no date

No date has been set for the next Pierogi Sale. There are frozen pierogies available after Mass. See Steffi or Ted to purchase.

Mark Your Calendars

March 6th PNU District Meeting
March 28th Palm Sunday Breakfast/Egg Hunt
March 14th Institution of PNCC
March 30th Mass of Chrism-Holy Family
April 30th-May 2nd Mission & Evangelism
May 9th Mothers Day Breakfast
June 20th Fathers Day Breakfast
July 4th-8th Diocesan Youth Retreat
July 26th-20th 2010 National Youth Convocation
August 7th District 5 PNU Family Picnic-Idlewild
October 4th-8th General Synod



Holy Family Cemetery Opening Price Increase

At the recent Board Meeting, grave openings at the Holy Family Parish Cemetery has been increased due to the increased labor prices. The new prices are: Week Day Opening \$610; Saturday Opening \$710. There will be No Saturday PM price. Prices at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery remain the same.

Parish Haiti Relief Raffle

The YMSR Branch 132 Men's Club will be holding a Raffle to benefit our parish's Haiti Relief Program. Proceeds will be given to the local Pittsburgh base relief organization, Brother's Brother Foundation who is actively involved with the Haitian people rebuilding homes and giving medical supplies. Donations are \$5.00 a strip ticket. Prize will be an autographed Steeler Jersey. The winner will be determined by the PA Lottery on March 15th. BBF, a 50-year old Pittsburgh-based international charity, has provided over \$3.4 billion of medical supplies, textbooks, food, seeds and other humanitarian endeavors. For more information concerning the Brother's Brother Foundation check their website at www.brothersbrother.org

Opening Hymn: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord the Almighty the King of creation
O my soul praise him for he is thy health and salvation!
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ and song
Sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath breath with Abraham's seed to adore Him!
Let the Amen, sum all our praises again
Now as we worship before Him.



Closing Hymn: "Holy God We Praise Thy Name"

Holy God we praise thy name, Lord of all we bow before thee
All on earth thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore thee
Infinite thy vast domain, ever lasting is thy reign

Hark the loud celestial hymn Angel choirs above are raising
Cherubim and Seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising
Fill the heav'n with sweet accord, holy holy, holy Lord.

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee
While in essence only One, undivided God we claim thee.
And adoring bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

THEME-Where do I find my happiness?

Jeremiah's own people betrayed him and persecuted him for speaking God's word. The prophet knew that those who turned away from the Lord were like the dry and withered foliage in the desert, a wasteland with no water to nourish them. In contrast, those who were faithful to God's word were like trees with deep, well-watered roots. No matter what the changing season brought, in scarcity or abundance, they bore good fruit.

Paul was a messenger of hope and trust in Jesus' life giving gospel. His faith in Jesus reached beyond the grave. If our hope is limited to this life, we are to be pitied, for we are the deadest of the dead. Jesus has been raised from the dead; He is the first fruit of all who will one day reign with Him.

Jesus tells us where we can find true happiness. The reign of God belongs to anyone who hungers and thirsts for it. Whoever suffers persecution for the sake of the truth will be filled with joy and eternal happiness.

Where do I find my happiness? Is it in the world? If we believe what the world is telling us, we would surely be disappointed and truly die. We can only find true happiness in the Word of God. The purpose of life and of human expectation are found in the Sacred Scriptures. Unfortunately today, the elite say that the Bible is a nice story and that is all. Times haven't changed since Jeremiah. But what has strongly stood through time? It has been His Word surviving the demise of many civilizations throughout the centuries that thought they held the key of happiness but failed.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Youth Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	M. Krusienski	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	Youth	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	C. Trumpe	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	T. Tomco & G. Jugan	F. Szatkowski
Acolytes	All Servers	All Server

This Week

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
<i>+Tom Tondera Int Kay Tondera; +Stella Bryla Int Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ryan</i>	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
School of Christian Living	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
SAMBS Monthly Meeting	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.
<i>+Marion Sanetsky Int Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pociask</i>	
Baptism of Mason Jobes	
Youth Associations Meeting	11:00 A.M.

6 Ordinary Time

Monday, February 15, 2010

Annunciation Bell Choir	7:00 P.M.
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Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Bible & Apologetic Class	7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Holy Mass	10:00 A.M.
Holy Mass	7:00 P.M.
Chopin Choir Rehearsal following Mass	

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 18, 2010

McKeesport Relay for Life Kick Off Campaign	6:30 P.M.
Parish Council Meeting	7:30 P.M.

Friday, February 19, 2010

Stations of the Cross	7:00 P.M.
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Sunday, February 21, 2010

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
<i>+Henrietta Kushner Int Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Foster and children.</i>	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
School of Christian Living	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.
Baptism of Sydney Marie Lawrence	

Lent 1

We welcome Mason Jobes, child of Joseph and Amanda Jobes to the Christian Faith upon his baptism this morning during the 11:00 AM Mass.

