



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kings 4:42-44;
Psalm 145
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-5

KEY VERSE: "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world" (v 14).

READING: John wrote that the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves took place near Passover (v 4), which was the Jewish feast of Unleavened bread (Ex 12:8). When the Israelites were in the wilderness and dying of hunger, God fed them with manna (Ex 16:4). Jesus declared that he was the bread that came "down from heaven" to give "life to the world" (Jn 6:33). Like the prophet Elisha (2 Kgs 4:42-44), Jesus took the loaves of barley bread, the humble food of the poor, gave thanks (Greek, eucharistia), broke and distributed it to the hungry people. The significance was not lost on the people who acclaimed Jesus to be the prophet like Elijah who was to come into the world (Mal 3:1, 23). This miracle also indicates its Eucharistic importance for the early Church.

REFLECTING: How can I help provide bread for the poor?

PRAYING: Lord Jesus, strengthen me with your body and blood in the Eucharist.

The central form of worship for our National Catholic Church is the Eucharist. We are to continue partaking of our Lord's Body and Blood until He returns as part of the New Covenant established during the Last Supper. It is our duty to receive Jesus as often as possible to spiritually fulfill our souls during our earthly pilgrimage.

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OPENING HYMN "Shepherd of Souls" Bulletin
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 INTROIT Psalm 132:13-15
 P: For the Lord has chosen Zion; He prefers her for His dwelling. "Zion is My resting place forever."
R: "In her will I dwell, for I prefer her. I will bless her with Abundant provision, her poor I will fill with bread."
 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: The hands of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.
 Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6
 Gospel Acclamations.
 C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
 C: A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people.
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 CLOSING HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" Bulletin

"For the Lamb Who is the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to the spring of life giving water"

Revelations 7:17



Barbeque Dinner Today

Our sister parish, All Saints in Carnegie will be holding a Barbeque Dinner from Noon to 4:00 P.M. Prices are \$13.00 per person over 13 years of age, \$25.00 per couple, \$6.00 for children 12 yrs and under, Children under 5yrs are free. For more information, call Corrine Durisko @ 724.693.8008.

Kennywood

The 78th Annual Polish Day will be held on Tuesday, August 4th. Discounted tickets have been sent to the parish and can be obtained through Fr. Bruce. Check the bulletin board for more information.

Lajkoniki News

Rehearsals are scheduled on Wednesday evenings. Juniors at 6:30 P.M. and Seniors at 7:30 P.M. the Lajkoniki Alumni Group is asked to attend the rehearsals in preparation for the International Village. For more information, call Frank Pociask @ 724.861.0759.

Steeler Tickets

The YMSR is now selling Season Pass Tickets for the upcoming football season. Tickets can be obtained through YMSR Members. Buy yours before they are all sold.



Mark These Dates

50th Anniversary of the McKeesport International Village August 18-20, 2009 Renzie Park

Parish Annual Picnic, September 13, 2009, Renzie Park

Fr. Senior Marcel Pytlarz Retirement Celebration

Fr. Sen. Pytlarz will be retiring after 45 years of the priesthood Sunday, August 30th with a Mass at 4:00 P.M. followed with a Retirement Dinner at 6:00 P.M. in the Villa Restaurant 2500 New Butler Road, New Castle, PA. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and the deadline to RSVP is August 16th. For tickets and reservations please contact Fr. Bruce who will make the arrangements. Checks can be made out to Holy Trinity PNCC.

Spojnia 100 Percent PNU Family Campaign



Is everyone in your family a PNU member? Not yet? From now through September 30th, everyone in your Family will have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of Being a PNU member. During this open enrollment period, all medical exams will be waived making enrollment easier. For more details on the PNU, its products and benefits, please contact Henrietta Kleckner or Rosalie Clark here at Church so they can show you the many benefits of the PNU and welcome you as part of our 100% PNU Family.

Prime Bishop Nemkovich to Visit our Parish

Our presiding Bishop will celebrate Holy Mass next Sunday, at 9:00 A.M. I ask that we have a full attendance during the worship service. Please make every effort to be present. A free coffee and baked good reception will follow Mass so you could meet our Prime Bishop.

International Village News

The International Village is almost here and we need your help for the week long preparation and event.

Our entire parish membership is requested to help in every area of the village which is our largest fundraiser. Areas that need help can be found in the summer newsletter that has



been sent to every home. Also needed to defray costs are some food donations such as Robin Hood Flour (5-25 lb bags), Baked Goods, boxes of River Rice, Campbell Tomato Soup and monetary donations. Help make the 50th International Village Anniversary a success with your participation.

Are you receiving the Acts and God's Field (Rola Boza)? An updated list was sent several months ago. If you are not receiving these publications, inform Fr. Bruce to rectify the situation. Also, please fill out the Parish Census Form if you haven't done so yet.

Opening Hymn: "Shepherd of Souls"

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless, Your chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace
In strength of which we travel on, To our abiding place.

Be know to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart,
Savior abide with us and spread your table in our hearts.

Lord, sup with us in love divine; Your body and Your blood
That living bread, that heav'nly wine, be our immortal food.



Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God

Now Thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices
Who wondrous things has done in whom this world rejoices
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

O may this gracious God through all our life be near us
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
Preserve us in His grace and guide us in distress
And free us from all sin till heaven we possess.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given
The Son and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
The One eternal God whom earth and heaven adore
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Theme: There Still Are Miracles

A simple people like the Israelites saw the direct hand of God in anything out of the way or extraordinary, whereas we are very eager not to credit God with intervening, for fear of appearing ignorant or superstitious.

The Jewish crowd made the mistake of regarding the miracle in today's Gospel as only a miraculous provision for their material needs. We make the opposite mistake by seeing it only as a sign of the Eucharist, and so we miss the point Jesus' real compassion for the hunger of the crowd.

If we understand the Eucharist, we must understand its consequences, which Jesus' love has to be put into practice in our daily, ordinary lives. We must care deeply that the people in need are taken care of through our charity. It cannot be carte blanche. We must teach how one can provide for them. Just giving away indiscriminately only bandages the problem. It does not solve the problem. From the earliest accounts found in Scripture, we see God showing us the way, but humanity doing the work. That is the miracle we can find in God. The sheer size of social problems would exhaust the charitable giving if we just give and give and the needy take and take. Both must work together for solutions. God does not offer entitlements only.

As we grow in our National Catholic faith, let us recognize the miracles out there. Let us be of service to our community by the example of Jesus, teaching the value of life and working for these values each day.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	9:00 A.M.
Lectors	Blue Team
Greeters	B. Kijowski
Ushers	K. Stubock & H. Matczak
Acolytes	All Servers
<u>Next Week</u>	9:00 A.M.
Lectors	Yellow Team
Greeter	C. Trumpe
Ushers	T. Gibala & D. Newcamp
Acolytes	All Servers



This Week

Sunday, July 26, 2009

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.
+Blanche Lagesse, +Max & Evelyn Sleczkowski Int of Sleczkowski Family; +Alice Demski Int Clarence Milko; +Edward Szewczyk Int of Marion Szewczyk & Family

Monday, July 27, 2009

All Saints Parish, Carnegie, PA

United Choirs Rehearsal

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, July 28, 2009

Juniors
Seniors & Alumni Dancers

Lajkoniki Rehearsal

6:30 P.M.

7:30 P.M.

Saturday, August 1, 2009

Monthly Confessions

10:00 A.M.

Sunday, August 2, 2009

Holy Mass
+Victoria Pniewski Int of Holy Family Parish
Prime Bishop Robert Nemkovich guest celebrant
Fellow Hour

18th Ordinary Time

9:00 A.M.

10:15 A.M.

The National United Choirs Convention and Workshop will be held this week beginning on Wednesday, July 29th through July 31st. We ask that you keep in prayer this important gathering of the Church.



Relay for Life August 8-9, 2009

The American Cancer Society invites you to a special Survivor Celebration on Saturday, August 8th at the McKeesport High School for a special lap around the school at 5:45 P.M. followed by a Survivors Reception immediately following.

You can still purchase Life Luminaries. Contact Jan Gibala after Mass. Suggested donation is \$10.00. Visit the Holy Family Website for information concerning the Relay for Life Walk. Holy Family will host a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast benefiting the Relay for Life on August 9th as part of our community service.