



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalm 32; 1 Corinthians 10:31; 11:1) Mark 1:40-45

KEY VERSE: "I do will it. Be made clean" (v 41).

READING: In the time of Jesus, leprosy was not just modern Hansen's disease, but any number of skin diseases. These were temporary conditions that were usually not fatal. Leprosy (Hebrew, *tzara*) was seen as punishment for sins involving speech or language such as

gossip and slander. Leprosy could also affect fabrics and houses (such as mold or mildew). Since it was thought that persons or objects with leprosy could contaminate others, they were separated from the community for the good of all. Quarantined from healthy members of society, lepers were forced to live apart from family, friends and the community. One such leper dared to approach Jesus and humbly beg to be healed. Jesus was filled with compassion; it was always his will that his people become whole. Jesus touched the man even though contact with leprosy made one "unclean." Then Jesus sent the man to the priest who alone could pronounce him cured (Lv 14:1-32). Jesus was concerned that his miracles might be misinterpreted as wonder-working, so he admonished the man not to speak of the healing. But the man could not restrain himself and proclaimed the good news to everyone. Now it was Jesus who was forced to live on the outskirts of town.

REFLECTING: Am I eager to tell others of the Lord's mercy?

PRAYING: Lord Jesus, I humbly ask you to heal me of my afflictions.

Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours long, and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world.

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I DO CHOOSE:
BE MADE CLEAN.

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6th Sunday Ordinary Time
February 15, 2009

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 INTROIT Luke 4:27; Psalm 41:5
 P: There were many lepers in Israel during the time of Elisha, the prophet; yet not one of them was cleansed, but only Nauman the Syrian.
R: Once I prayed, "Lord have mercy on me; heal me, I have sinned against You.
 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.
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 LITURGY OF THE WORD
 First Reading Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 32
L: I turn to You Lord, in time of trouble, and You fill me with joy of salvation.
R: I turn to You Lord, in time of trouble, and You fill me with joy of salvation.
 Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:31; 11:1
 Alleluia Verse
 C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
 C: A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people.
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
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 CLOSING HYMN "Jesus, My Lord and Savior" Bulletin

"Lord, if You wish, You can make me clean"
 Matthew 8:2b



Pierogi Dates

Dates for the Pierogi Sales have been scheduled. Please mark your calendars and help with this important financial program of the parish.

February 27, 2009
 March 13, 2009
 April 3, 2009



Spojnia District 5 Meeting, Saturday, February 28th at Holy Trinity Parish, McKees Rocks, Pa. at 3:00 P.M.

Income Tax Charitable Report

If you would like your 2008 charitable dollar amounts to Holy Family Parish for income tax reporting, please call the parish office and a letter with your donation amount will be given to you.

United Choirs News

A meeting is scheduled today at 3:00 P.M. at Holy Trinity Parish, Washington, Pa. Agenda consists of the United Choir Convention & Workshop being hosted by our deanery this year and the possibility of putting together a last minute Lenten Cantata performance this year on March 29th in Washington, Pa.

Upcoming Events and Liturgies

Ash Wednesday February 25th

Distribution of Ashes 10:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Bitter Lamentations: Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M.*

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7:00 P.M.

*On two Wednesdays during Lent, joint Bitter Lamentation Services between St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish and Holy Family will be celebrated. On March 11th in St. Mary's Worship Site at 7:00 P.M. in English and on March 18th Gorzkie Zale in Polish will be celebrated in Holy Family's Worship Site at 7:00 P.M.

Passion Play: Sunday, March 15th, the TriCounty Institute Teen Chorale will perform the passion play "Why Must He Die" in Holy Family at 2:00 P.M. This is a meditation through music, liturgical dance and drama on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.



Annual Night at the Races
Saturday, February 21, 2009
Holy Family Parish Auditorium
1921 Eden Park Boulevard McKeesport, Pa.



Doors open at 6 P.M.
Post Time at 7:00 P.M.
Tickets \$10.00



Soda and Beer Included - BYOB and/or snacks
Food will be available at reasonable prices

Chinese Auction

Reservations call Ted Gibala @ 412.678.7347

Makes reservations early, limited tickets will be sold.

This is a Church Event and Chinese Auction Baskets or other gifts
will be appreciated, please contact Janis Gibala.

Spojnia Credit Union Annual Scholarship

This scholarship will be awarded to credit union members who graduate from high school this year and will be attending college. Applicants must submit a 500 word essay with a typed list of school work, civic and other activities. Proof of college acceptance must be included. For more information call the Spojnia Credit Union @ 1.570.344.1515. Applications must be completed by May 1, 2009.

Lajkoniki Dance Troupe News

Reorganization mandatory meeting followed by pizza party, Sunday, March 8th at 5:00 P.M. Junior dancers must be accompanied by one parent.

This year is the 50th Anniversary of the International Village and the Lajkoniki Dance Troupe is planning a spectacular show but they need the help of past dancers over the last 50 years. It doesn't matter how old you are (or young), you will be incorporated in the program. So if you have ever danced with the Lajkoniki, please call Frank Pociask@724.861.0759.

Turn Your Eyes to Jesus

Turn your eyes to Jesus, look to heav'n above
Seek his many graces and his wond'rous love.
//How the pow'rs of nature, kneel before his throne
And in hymns of splendor, worship him alone//.

Sing my soul in gladness, sing in rapt' rous joy
With the heav'nly forces, songs of praise employ.
//For his many graces, ever thankful be,
For the Lord most precious now would come to thee//.



Jesus, My Lord and Savior

Jesus my Lord and Savior, here would I worship Thee
All that I have I give thee, for Thou did die for me,
Here in this bread of heaven, here in this Host Divine
Thanksgiving, praise and honor be every moment Thine
All my vain pride I humble, all my poor soul I give
Unto my Lord and Savior, that with Him I may live.

Sing now my soul in gladness with all the host above
Sing of my dearest Jesus, sing of His precious love
In praise and adoration, I would my soul uplift
And join in sweet communion, receiving Heaven's gift,
O Sacrament most Holy, O Bread of Heav'n divine
Come to my soul so sinful, Come cleanse this heart of mine.

THEME: Do I pollute my faith by word and action?

In Jesus' time, leprosy was considered a punishment for sins involving speech and language, such as gossip and slander. Since it was thought that persons with leprosy could contaminate others, they were separated from the community for the good of all. We sometimes feel as if we are being punished for our sins. Separated from family and friends, work and worship, we feel like the living dead. Somehow we get the courage to reach out to Jesus, begging like a leper: "if you will do so, you can cure me." Then we feel the touch of Jesus and hear Him saying, "I do will it. Be cured!" How can we restrain ourselves from telling everyone we meet of the mighty deeds of God?

Paul insisted that everything should be done for the glory of God. Our call here in Holy Family is given not for our own sake but for the sake of others. A Christian, especially a member of our Church must be a good example to everyone, not only to our friends but even to our enemies. It may be hard to accomplish, if we think we can do it ourselves. But we do not have the power if we are not in God's grace. If we have God's grace, we imitate Christ and we become Christ-like in all we say and do. This is how we grow His Church and most importantly grow in our spirituality.

You want results? You want healing? You want growth? Our personal agenda must decrease and Christ's agenda increase in our homes, community and parish.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	H. Albeck	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	R. Bongiorno & W Griffith	D. Piesik
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers
<u>Next Week</u>	9:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	J. Gibala	B. Kijowski
Ushers	F. Szatkowski, Jr & G Jobs	T. Zaucha
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

This Week

Sunday, February 15, 2009 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.
+ Genevieve Lawrence (5th Ann.) Int Mr. & Mrs. T. Kleckner;
+ Angelo Tarli Int Jean Petrulli; + Bishop Francis Hodur (56th Ann)
Int of parish
Nursery School 9:00 A.M.
Coffee Hour 10:15 A.M.
SOCL 10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass 11:30 A.M.

Monday, February 16, 2009

Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, February 19, 2009

Parish Council Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Saturday, February 21, 2009

First Communion Class 10:00 A.M.
Night at the Races 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, February 22, 2009

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Holy Mass 9:00 A.M.
+ Dwight Momeyer Int Mr. Lou Novak; + Helen Istvanick Int Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zurovcik
Nursery School 9:00 A.M.
Coffee Hour 10:15 A.M.
SOCL 10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass 11:30 A.M.

We remember the organizer of our Church, Bishop Francis Hodur today on the 56th anniversary of his death. Bishop Hodur was a pious man of vision who recognized that to serve God, we must know God. During his leadership, he restructured the liturgy and brought together many of the changes that have developed in many other Catholic denominations throughout the years.