

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Psalm 103;
1 John 4:11-16; John 17:11-19

KEY VERSE: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are" (v 11b).

READING: On the threshold of his eternal glory in heaven, Jesus prayed an intimate prayer to his Father. It was his final prayer before his passion and death. The Church calls it the "high priestly prayer" as Jesus interceded on behalf of his "friends" (Jn 15:14). Just as Jacob and Moses gave a last benediction to the Twelve Tribes of Israel (Gn 49; Dt 33), so too, Jesus blessed the Twelve Apostles, the new people of God. Jesus completed the work assigned to him by making God known to his followers. As the Father sent Jesus into the world, Jesus sent his disciples into the world. The Apostles were "consecrated" for this work, that is, they were set apart and made holy. Yet they were not removed from the world, but must do Christ's work in the world. God commanded the people of Israel to be holy as God holiness (Lv 19:2). God's holy people in the Church are a means of sanctification for the entire world.

REFLECTING: Do I radiate God's holiness to others?

PRAYING: Risen Lord, protect me from evil as I do your work in the world.

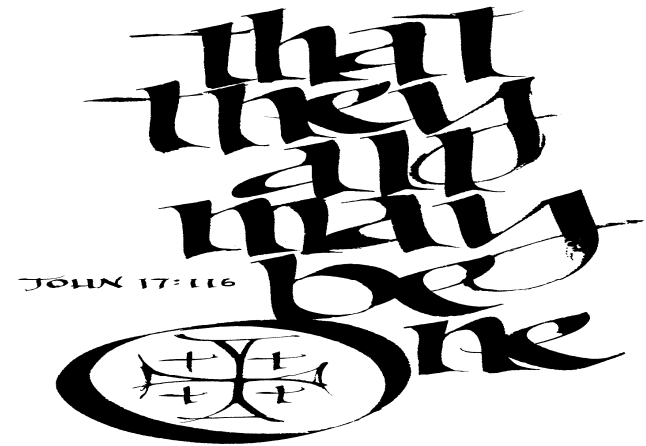


Attend tomorrow's Memorial Day Mass to honor the men and women who made the supreme sacrifice for freedom.

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May 24, 2009

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R: So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. Alleluia.
 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 Lord has set His throne in heaven.
 Second Reading 1 John 4:11-16
 Gospel Acclamations.
 C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
 C: The Lord said, I will not leave you orphans. I will come back to you and your hearts shall rejoice.
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 CLOSING HYMN "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" Bulletin

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8b

Diocesan Youth Retreat

The week of July 5-9th, Wesley Woods Methodist Camp. Children ages 8 and above are eligible to attend. Friends are also invited to participate at a low cost. Please inform Father if you plan to attend. This yearly event is subsidized by the Diocese, PTO, Parish, and YMSR for our parish youth. Those wishing to accompany our youth as chaperones should contact Fr. Bruce.

Cemetery News

A request to all members to please remove all ornaments/statues around your family headstones at the cemetery because they interfere with the cemetery maintenance. They will be removed if not taken. Also, help to cut grass is always welcomed. Don't forget to use the cemetery fund envelopes to help defray maintenance costs.

Spojnia District 5 & 12 Family & Children Picnic

Saturday, July 25th at Idlewild Park, Ligonier, Pa. Adults \$30, PNU Children (16 and under) **Free**, None PNU Children \$15. This includes admission and events plus a buffet picnic. Sign Up with Henrietta Kleckner or Father Bruce. Registration must be accompanied with payment.

SOCL Classes End Next Sunday

The School of Christian Living Classes will conclude during Holy Mass next Sunday. Recognitions will be awarded to our students and faculty. We will also recognize our parish graduates from High School, College and Vocational Schools. Biographies of graduates should be given to Fr. Bruce today.

*Corpus Christi Celebration, June 11th at 7:00 P.M.
With Mass and Procession to the 4 Altars*

Mark Your Calendars:

International Village Dates August 18-20, 2009
Parish Picnic, September 13, 2009 Renzie Park.

The next scheduled Lajkoniki Dance Rehearsals will be June 6 & 14, 2009 with the Juniors rehearsing at 6 PM and Seniors at 7PM. New dancers are welcomed to join the Dance Troupe.

Tri-Church Flea Market Next Saturday

From 8:30 A.M.-12:00 Noon. St. John the Baptist and the Hungarian Reform Church with Holy Family will be holding separate flea markets in each respective parking lots. As we do our spring cleaning, save some of the items we were going to throw away for the flea market. Our trash could be someone else's treasure. Jan Gibala and the Annunciation Bell choir coordinating the Holy Family Flea Market and anyone can purchase a table. Fee: \$10 a table. All appliances must be in working conditions and any clothes are to be washed and pressed. Hopefully having all three parishes holding flea markets at the same time will attract customers. We are now collecting all articles for the flea market tables; please bring them to the hall. SAMBS Ladies will be selling baked good, and anyone wanting to bake should bring the baked goods on Saturday.



Golf Outing

Sunday, June 7th, Butlers Golf Course \$80; 8:00 A.M. Tee Off. There will be a special golfers Mass Saturday at 5:00 P.M.

To meet Sunday obligations. Time is running out so call Dick Contrella @ 412.751.5080 or Neil Rushnock @ 412.673.4365 to register for the Golf Outing and Dinner.



May Devotions

May is the month of Mary. Devotions during the month will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. Join us to Honor our Holy Mother during May. Hail Mary Pray for us.



The Frederic Chopin Choir will be holding a special meeting after Mass next Sunday to discuss the upcoming NUC Workshop & Convention plus other items. All Choir Members are asked to be present.



Opening Hymn: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

A hymn of glory let us sing,
New hymns throughout the world shall ring.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
Christ by a road before untrod.
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

O risen Christ ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



Closing Hymn "Lord You Give the Great Commission"

Lord, you give the great commission;
Heal the sick and preach the word.
Lest the Church neglects its mission;
And the Gospel go unheard.
Help us witness to your purpose;
With renewed integrity.
With the spirit's gift empower us
For the work of ministry.

Lord, You bless with words assuring;
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring;
May we serve as You intend.
And amid the cares that claim us;
Hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit's gift empower us
For the work of ministry.

THEME: Do I reveal God's truth of unity?

As Jesus is about to ascend and sit at the right hand of the Father, He prays that God will bless His followers and make them holy in the same way as He was consecrated by means of truth. Jesus reveals that the human and divine dwells as one. He prays that unity remains in His disciples. As a Good Shepherd would do, Jesus keeps a watchful eye over His flock. He prays that evil will not prevail against them. What Jesus wants is that the disciples He leaves behind remain in the trust and faith in all that they learned. He commissions them to go forth and tell about the loving and saving powers of the Holy Trinity.

We have been given the same commission. The Church did not stop with the Apostles, but it continues to the present. The living Church worships the living God as it waits until the great day when Jesus returns.

We will hear how many people flocked to the Church when they heard the Good News told them by the Apostles. The same can be true today. In our world of sin and sadness, false hope is given to bandage the wounds. But we want the wounds to be healed, so what do we do? Return back to God wholeheartedly. We should not just go through the motions but truly believe. Jesus did not say, 'seek first the kingdom of God and all things shall be added to you' because it sounded nice. He said it as a divine truth and path that all must follow. And we must do this in love and unity. A house divided will not stand, but a house united will expand to our wildest imaginations because Jesus said so.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:30 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	C. Trumpe	S. Kish
Ushers	H. Matczak & T. Gibala	J. Wagner
Acolytes	All Servers	
<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:30 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	H. Albeck	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	N. Rushnock & J. Chornak	T. Zaucha
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

This Week

Sunday, May 24, 2009

Holy Mass	Easter 7 9:00 A.M.
+Joseph Szalankiewicz Int Children Gloria Contrella and Christine Kost; +Michael Stubock Int Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wood;	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:30 A.M.

Monday, May 25, 2009

Memorial Day

Holy Mass	10:00 A.M.
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Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Marian Devotions	7:00 P.M.
Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal	7:30 P.M.

Saturday, May 30, 2009

Flea Market	8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
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Sunday, May 31, 2009

Pentecost

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
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During Mass we will recognize our Baccalaureates and conclude our May Devotions with a concluding Marian Prayer.

+Anthony Davelli Int Mr. & Mrs. W. Albeck; +Tom Tondera Int wife Kay Tondera	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Frederic Chopin Choir Special Meeting	10:30 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:30 A.M.

The YMSR Meeting is rescheduled for Sunday, June 14th

Relay for Life Luminaries

Jan Gibala will again be selling Life Luminaries after Mass today to benefit the annual Relay for Life Cancer Drive. Our parish is not sponsoring a Team this year but we are supporting the program. Persons wishing to help in any manner or way should contact Jan Gibala. Check out our website for additional information concerning contributions, participation and volunteer services for the upcoming Relay for Life program in McKeesport this summer. This year the Relay for Life Walk is August 8-9, 2009.