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OPENING HYMN

Hymn of Faith verses 1, 2, 4 – PNCC #1

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 145:8-9)

C. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.

R. The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature.

C. 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.

READING 1

IS 55:6-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked his thoughts;

let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you,

and I will praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;

his greatness is unsearchable.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is good to all

and compassionate toward all his works.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways

and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon him,

to all who call upon him in truth.

R. The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

READING 2

PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall

choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ. The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

CF. ACTS 16:14B

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

GOSPEL

MT 20:1-16A

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

Going out about nine o'clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.' So they went off.

And he went out again around noon, and around three o'clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o'clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.' When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' When those who had started about five o'clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat.' He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Hudson Tutko, Chelsea Manetta, Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Darren Geyer, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Johanna Pardoe, Virginia Duprey, Allan Soltez, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Ewa Nowak, Zofia Mularczyk, Dave Calabria, Doris Lynch, Stephanie Coddington, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Rosalie Clark.

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.

CLOSING HYMN

Through the Years verses 1, 2, 3 – PNCC #2

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings focus us on our sense of justice and the extravagant grace of a merciful God. While God is both just and merciful, God's mercy often seems, in our view, to override His justice, as God pardons us unconditionally and rewards us generously by opening Heaven for the Gentiles and the Jews. In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah reminds the exiles in Babylon that their God is more merciful than they are, and more forgiving. He is ready to pardon their infidelity to God, which has resulted in their exile.

In the second reading, Paul offers himself as an example of total submission, aided by God's grace, to His will. Paul is ready to live continuing his mission, or to die and join the Lord, whichever is God's will.



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us the strange parable of a landowner who hired laborers at five different times during the course of one day to work in his vineyard, but paid the same living wage for a full day's work to all of them. This story presents God (the landlord), Whose love and generosity to all of us

demonstrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. God looks at us, sees our needs and meets those needs generously and mercifully.

LIFE MESSAGE

We need to follow God's example and show loving generosity to our neighbor. When someone else is more successful than we are, let us assume that person needs it. When someone who does wrong fails to get caught, let us remember the many times we have done wrong and gotten off free. Envy should have no place in our lives. We cannot control, and dare not pass judgment on, the way God blesses others, only rejoice that He does so, just as He blesses us.

We need to express our gratitude to God in our daily lives. God personally calls each of us to our own ministry in this world and shows us His care by giving us His grace and eternal salvation. To God, we are more than just numbers on a payroll. Our call to His vineyard is a free gift from God for which we can never be sufficiently thankful. All our talents and blessings are freely given to us by God. Hence, we should express our gratitude to God by avoiding sins, by rendering loving service to others, by sharing our blessings with the needy, and by constant prayer, listening and talking to God at all times.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

(Masses available to public are only on Sundays, Solemnities and Holy Days of Obligation)

Sunday, September 24, 2023 – 25 Ordinary Sunday / Spójnia Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

- 1) For All Polish National Union of America “Spójnia” Members, Living and Deceased
- 2) For Deceased members of Popovic Family, Stephen, Helen, Robert, Darlene – requested by Children and Grandchildren
- 3) † Stanley Rucinski (17th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Allen, Wanda & Kristen Korenoski

Monday, September 25, 2023 – Weekday

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 – Weekday

Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – Weekday

Thursday, September 28, 2023 – Weekday

Friday, September 29, 2023 – Feast – St. Michael, Archangel

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Michał Mularczyk

Saturday, September 30, 2023 – Weekday

Sunday, October 1, 2023 – 26 Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Joseph Kijowski (10th Anniversary of Death), † Adela Wolak (9th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Bożena Kijowski

10/08/23 Su 10:00 AM 27 Ordinary Sunday / Christian Family

† Anthony Davelli (16th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Wife – Carol Davelli

† John Wagner (2nd Anniversary) – requested by wife Roberta Wagner

10/15/23 Su 10:00 AM 28 Ordinary Sunday / Heritage Sunday

OPEN

10/22/23 Su 10:00 AM 29 Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

10/29/23 Su 10:00 AM 30 Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

11/01/23 We 10:00 AM Solemnity – All Saints

For All Deceased Parishioners and Friends (special form will be available in October)

11/01/23 We TBA Solemnity – All Saints (Mass at the Cemetery)

For All Deceased Parishioners and Friends (special form will be available in October)

11/02/23 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Commemoration of All Souls

For All Deceased Parishioners and Friends (special form will be available in October)

11/02/23 Th 6:00 PM Solemnity – Commemoration of All Souls

For All Deceased Parishioners and Friends (special form will be available in October)

11/05/23 Su 10:00 AM 31 Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

11/12/23 Su 10:00 AM 32 Ordinary Sunday

† Marla Chichwak – requested by Bob & Janet Yonek

† Julia Rucinski (20th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Allen, Wanda & Kristen Korenoski

11/19/23 Su 10:00 AM 33 Ordinary Sunday
 OPEN
11/21/23 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – Presentation of the BVM
 OPEN
11/26/23 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Christ the King
 OPEN
12/03/23 Su 10:00 AM 1 Sunday of Advent
 † Joseph Korch (20th Anniversary) – requested by Janet Korch

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel isn't a saint, but rather he is an angel, and the leader of all angels and of the army of God. This is what the title "Archangel" means, that he is above all the others in rank.



Very little is known about St Michael other than what we know from scriptures, which themselves are sparse.

In Daniel, St. Michael is mentioned twice. The first time as one who helped Daniel, and the second time he is mentioned with regard to the end times of the world when he will stand for the "children of thy people."

His next mention comes in the Epistle of St. Jude, where St. Michael is said to guard the tombs of Moses and Eve and has contended with Satan over the body of Moses.

The final mention is in Revelation, where St. Michael and his angels, do battle with the dragon. There are other scriptures where St. Michael is implied, but not mentioned by name, such as the angel; who defends the gate to Paradise, who defends against Balaam, and "who routed the army of Sennacherib." Today, St. Michel is invoked for protection, especially from lethal enemies. He is also the patron of soldiers, police and doctors.



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

MISSION & EVANGELIZATION MEETING

The National Mission & Evangelization Commission will be meeting at Holy Family on Tuesday Oct 17, 2023 through Thursday, Oct 19. The meeting will be attended by all the bishops, 4 other clergy and 4 lay people.

As a host parish we would be responsible for a meeting area for the attendees and providing lunches and refreshments on Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday and dinner either Tuesday or Wednesday, whichever day is most convenient for the parish. The National Church will reimburse the parish for any expense incurred.

The ladies from SAMBS are asked to help with the meal preparation. Other parishioners are also asked to help.

PNU SPÓJNIA SUNDAY

Celebrating Spojnia Sunday, today - September 24. Coffee and donuts after Mass along with information on the PNU.

SPOJNIA MEETING

The Quarter 4 District 5 meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM at Holy Trinity PNCC in Washington, PA.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Francis of Assisi feast day is on Oct 4th. Therefore, the Blessing of the Animals in our Parish will be on **Sunday, October 1, at 11:00 AM**, right after Mass. Please bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to our church for the Mass. Seriously. The animals are creatures of God, and they need His blessing.



Please bring a bag of cat or dog food or cat litter to be donated to the animal shelter.

CRAFT SHOW

The Fall Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, September 30, 2023** from 10:00am - 3:00pm. For those who will not be able to attend the show but would still like to support the event, we will be selling Chinese Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets after Mass on Sunday, September 24.

If you would like to donate any baked goods for our baked goods table, you can bring them down on Friday, September 29, from 10:00am - 5:00 pm, or the morning of the show. Baked goods will be most helpful. Polish food, drinks, and baked goods will be available for purchase the day of the show. Because of the

generosity of our parishioners at the spring show, we will not need canned pop donations for the fall show. However, donations to help defray the cost of the meat and produce would be appreciated. We will need help Friday, September 29, between 10:00am - 5:00pm with the food prep work. In addition, we are asking for volunteers on the day of the show who can help the crafters unload



their cars at 8:00am and then reload them at 3:00pm. If you are able to help, please let Kristen know. Thank you in advance for all of your help and support for the craft show. All proceeds from our show will benefit the church. Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski --- 412-848-9215.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Fr. Mariusz is sponsoring the Men's Fellowship on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 3:00 PM.



All men of our Parish are invited, especially those who were helping us at our moving. This is my appreciation gift. Real Polish kielbasa and Polish beer will be waiting for you. But... please bring your own **Bible**. Bible and beer? Yes. Come and see. Confirm by call or text at 412-330-8286.

APPLE PIE/CAKE CONTEST

There is no prettier fall foliage than in Pennsylvania. But autumn brings something even better – apples. Can you share with other parishioners recipes of what you can make from the apples? Bake or make an apple pie, cake or other apple-dessert. Discover your culinary talent! **The Best Apple Dessert Contest** will be held in our Auditorium after Mass **on Sunday, October 22**.

Any interested individual may enter the contest.

Participants must bring the entire finished product to the Auditorium, register it and present to Judging Committee.

Entries will be divided into the following three (3) categories:

- **Bread** – sweet or savory in a loaf or muffin form,
- **Pies and Pastries** – must have pie crust or pastry dough component,
- **Desserts** – includes cakes & cookies.



Items requiring refrigeration will be accepted before Mass in the Auditorium.

Entries will be judged on taste, texture, and eye appeal.

Contestants cannot take their desserts home. All presented items will be eaten by all present parishioners right after the judges' decisions. ☺

Winners will be announced in our Parish Bulletin.

Judges are wanted!!! If you want to volunteer for the Panel of Judges, you must be hungry, healthy (no problems with blood sugar level) and able to taste at least one bite of each presented item in each category.

We are also considering **two other contests** after the Apple Desert Contest:

Apple Peeling Contest – the longest single apple peel wins.

Apple Eating Contest - Contestants will eat an apple from a plate without the use of hands. The first contestant to consume the apple, or the most apple within 2 minutes is the winner.