

**Holy Family Parish**  
**National Catholic Church**  
**1921 Eden Park Boulevard**  
**McKeesport. Pa. 15132**  
**412.678.0566 Office; Auditorium 412.664.7009**  
**[www.hfpncc.org](http://www.hfpncc.org)**  
**Facebook Holy Family National Catholic Church**  
**Celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Year**



**11 Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**June 11, 2021**

Change of address or phone number, for parish registration, hospital visitations and sacramental needs, baptism and wedding arrangements (six months in advance), please contact the Parish Office by calling 412.276.5562 or 412.678. 0566. Office **Hours:** Fridays 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Evenings by appointment. **Bulletin announcements** should be received by Wednesday for Sunday publication either by phone or E-mail at [bsleczkowski@aol.com](mailto:bsleczkowski@aol.com)

Parish Staff:

Fr. Bruce Slezkowski, Pastor 412.276.5562  
Ted Gibala, Committee Chairman 412.678.7347  
Carol Davelli Chopin Choir Director 412.678.2368  
Wendy Blotzer, Organist, Bell Choir 412.926.6029  
David Kost, Lector Coordinator 412.519.7771  
Patricia Bagshaw, Youth Ministry 412.953.5123  
Tom Popovic, Cemetery Coordinator 724.243.3033  
Parish Custodian 412.678.7347



**Pray for Vocations**

## THIS WEEK

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

Holy Mass

+**Jon Adamek** Int David & Sandy Kost

**11 Ordinary Time**

9:00 A.M.

**Sunday, June 20, 2021**

**Father's Day**

Holy Mass

Prayers for Father's both living and dead

**12 Ordinary Time**

9:00 A.M.

*Next Sunday there is a special envelope for the Clergy Pension Fund. Your generosity is well appreciated.*

*Although the state and other denominations have loosened Covid-19 restrictions, to play it safe, we will continue with our current practice here in Holy Family for the next 2 months, to see how everything develops. Masks are still required and please do not congregate in the Narthex before and after Mass. You can extend your greetings six feet apart outside keeping everyone safe. Thank You.*

### **A Prayer for Vocations**



Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Master of the harvest, we humbly ask You to send more laborers into Your fields, for the work is indeed great. Grant more faithful priests and deacons to Your Polish National Catholic Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Men.

*Holy Family Parish would like to acknowledge and honor our graduates, Sunday, June 27th. Please forward to Father their names with a synopsis of their academic and other achievements before June 27th.*



## **About our readings today**

After Lent, the Easter season, and three Sundays of feast days—Pentecost, Most Holy Trinity, and Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ—the Church returns to Ordinary Time. This Sunday’s Gospel from Mark carries a significant message regarding faith and the Kingdom of God.

In Mark’s Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one. Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable’s meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today’s Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is “how it is with the kingdom of God.” A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God’s kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus’ part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God’s kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord’s Prayer, we pray, “thy kingdom come.” We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.

**Guidelines for Parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church as  
Covid-19 Restriction Are Relaxed  
June 1, 2021**

Throughout the United States, on both the federal and state levels Covid-19 restrictions are being relaxed. The bishops of the PNCC are actively monitoring these pronouncements and issue the following guidelines as a **consideration** for the parishes as they each move forward in their life of worship and ministry.

- 1) Each parish is reminded to follow their state laws and restrictions as well as CDC guidelines.
  - 2) Each parish should seek to encourage their parishioners to begin to actively attend worship, especially the weekly celebration of the Eucharist, and participate in other parish events more fully.
  - 3) All clergy and parish members, in consultation with their doctors, are encouraged to be vaccinated in an effort to allow the parishes to more fully partake in their ministry of worship and fellowship.
  - 4) In regards to the wearing of masks on parish property, even after mask mandates are lifted, each parish of the Polish National Catholic Church can decide for itself if those attending worship or parish functions must wear masks and in what capacity.
  - 5) Even if masks are not being worn within a parish, those who have any health concerns are welcome and encouraged to wear a mask with the full acceptance of the parish.
  - 6) For at least some time into the future, the clergy will continue to wear masks while distributing Holy Communion, sanitizing hands between individuals. Those living within the same household may receive communion together.
  - 7) Pastors are encouraged to distribute communion by intinction as is PNCC practice, still having the intinction vessel at some distance from the one receiving.
  - 8) Holy Water can be returned to the stoups for use by the faithful. Each member can then decide if they wish to use this sacramental.
- This guideline was approved by the Bishops of the Polish National Catholic Church at their meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, Prime Bishop, P.N.C.C.

Rt. Rev. John Mack, Diocesan Bishop, Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese

Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, Diocesan Bishop, Eastern Diocese

Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki, Diocesan Bishop, Central Diocese

Rt. Rev. Jaroslaw Rafalko, Diocesan Bishop, Western Diocese