

**HOLY FAMILY
NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**17 Ordinary Time
SPECIAL HOME SERVICE AND
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
July 26, 2020**

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Continuing our Discipleship

17TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

PENITENTIAL RITE

ACT OF CONTRITION

O God, from the depth of my heart I am sorry for sinning against You. Through my sins I have turned away from You, displeased You and offended You. I promise to confess my sins, to do penance and with Your grace to amend my life by following You closely and keeping Your commandments.

ENTRANCE HYMN

Proverbs 2: 6-7; Wisdom 7: 7

C: For the Lord gives wisdom, from His mouth come knowledge and understanding; He has counsel in store for the upright, He is the shield of those who walk honestly.

R: Therefore, I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

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.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You; we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of + God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Let us pray. *[pause briefly]* Almighty Father, how infinite is Your wisdom; how limited is our knowledge! Transform us by Your power that we may walk in Your ways and attain wisdom. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

2 Kings 3: 5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, “Ask something of me and I will give it to you.” Solomon answered: “O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?” The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: “Because you have asked for this— not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right— I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you.” This is the Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 119

R. Lord, I love your commands.

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words. The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces. R:

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight. R:

For I love your command more than gold, however fine. For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate. R:

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore, I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple. R:

Second Reading

Romans 8: 28-30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the

image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified. This is the Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamations

Matthew 11: 25

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

C: Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 13: 44: 52

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full, they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. “Do you understand all these things?” They answered, “Yes.” And he replied, “Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old.” The Gospel of the Lord

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by

the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary,
AND BECAME MAN.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son, He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GENERAL INTERCESSION

Celebrant: The Lord speaks to us, as He spoke to King Solomon, “ask what you would like me to give you.” In prayer, let us come to Him and seek the hidden treasure, the pearl of the kingdom.

L: Our response is “Lord hear our prayer.”

L: For our Prime Bishop, Bishops, Priests and deacons as they work for the coming of God’s kingdom on earth, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the first responders of our nation, that they be protected from all violence, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the health and safety of our nation and parish during these times, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For those who work on charitable programs during this time of the pandemic, helping those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the increase and growth of our parish, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the increase of sacred vocations, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For our own efforts to choose the hidden treasure of personal faith and prayer, let us pray to the Lord.

L: For the souls of the faithful departed, especially, N., let us pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God of provident love, You call people into Your kingdom; You make all things work to their good. We are confident that You hear our prayers, and that You will grant our requests, through Christ our Lord.

OFFERTORY VERSE

But if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God Who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and he will be given it.

James 1: 5

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Heavenly Father, through this oblation change our hearts that our lives may be parables of Your greatness. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION TO BE PRAYED AT HOME IF NOT ATTENDING HOLY MASS

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

COMMUNION VERSE

To those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1: 24

PRAYER AFTER (SPIRITUAL) COMMUNION

Let us pray. [*pause briefly*] Lord Jesus Christ, grant us true insight

that we who have been strengthened by Your presence may bring forth treasures both old and new and be worthy to be called Your disciples. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

This Week

Sunday, July 26, 2020

17th Sunday Ordinary Time

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**Timothy Lagesse** Int Mr. & Mrs. Ted Gibala; + **Fred & Marie Lagesse** Int. family

Sunday, August 2, 2020

18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

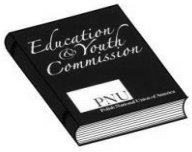
+**Alphonse LoBue** Int Mrs. Claudia LoBue

A Reminder:

Please do not congregate in the narthex before and after Mass, and face masks are required to be worn during Mass as well as social distancing. The Bishops have forbidden the distribution of Holy Communion in the hand and to resume offering under one species. Father's fingers will be sanitized between each communicant to be safe. If you feel uncomfortable with this, come forward for a blessing or remain in the pew and pray the spiritual communion prayer in the bulletin. The pandemic is not over and by practicing these precautions eases the concerns for parishioners who want to begin attending Mass. Hopefully, we can resume worshipping on a regular basis. We will continue keeping the worship center safe by sanitizing the Church

International Village

Since the McKeesport International Village has been cancelled this summer, the income our parish receives from our participation which makes a major portion of our yearly budget will be lost. To help in keeping to our budget, a request for donations air marked as a village donation will be gladly accepted. Ideas for any future fundraisers to recoup our financial losses would be also appreciated. Thank you to all our parishioners for your financial stewardship being sent to the parish during this unusual circumstance occurring throughout the world and continually pray for its end.



**EDUCATION AND YOUTH
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Summer 2020

2020 has not unfolded in the way and manner anyone had planned. Things have changed significantly. As we begin to reopen various places in our society and adapt to a “new normal” the PNU Education and Youth Commission is adapting as well. The past several years we have held a raffle to support our annual stipend program that benefits our PNU college students who meet the requirements. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic this year, in place of our annual raffle we are issuing an appeal letter for donations to help support this important fraternal effort.

The three great cardinal virtues are faith, hope and love. Charity as an act of genuine heart-felt love is so closely related that it is sometimes employed in the sense of love and is regarded as one of the three great virtues. Charity in its various implications and forms of action must hold a high place in the life of every Christian.

The members of the Education and Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America ask you to prayerfully consider giving a gift that will be used, appreciated and always remembered by our younger members going to college or schools of higher learning.

Over the past years, thousands of deserving students have received stipends from our Commission. Last year more than 30 students received stipends. On behalf of these grateful recipients, we thank you for taking to heart the words: “And now faith, hope, and charity abide, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.” *1 Corinthians 13:13*

Please make your charitable donation to the **PNU Education and Youth Commission** and send it to the above address. May God bless you; your family and we again thank you for your prayerful consideration of this appeal.

Fraternally Yours in Christ,

Mary Ann Stankowski, *Chairperson*

Most Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, *Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church*