



Holy Family Parish National Catholic Church

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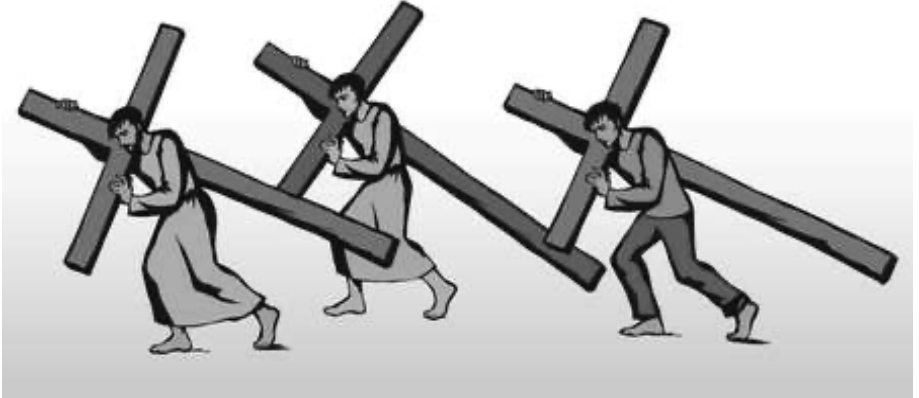
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22 Ordinary Sunday September 3, 2023



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OPENING HYMN

Take Up Your Cross – Ritual Song #808 – tune (Doxology)

ENTRANCE HYMN (Jeremiah 17:10; Psalm 63:9)

C. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds.

R. My soul clings fast to You; Your right hand upholds 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.

READING 1

JER 20:7-9

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah.

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;

for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts

like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary

to see your power and your glory,

For your kindness is a greater good than life;

my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live;

lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.

As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied,

and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

You are my help,

and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

My soul clings fast to you;
your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

READING 2

ROM 12:1-2

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

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

CF. EPH 1:17-18

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

GOSPEL

MT 16:21-27

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

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 Rasford, Johanna Pardoe, Virginia Duprey, Allan Soltez, Antoinette

Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Ewa Nowak, Zofia Mularczyk, Dave Calabria, Doris Lynch.

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

Ritual Song #807 **You Walk Along Our Shoreline** tune (The Churches One Foundation)

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings explain how we should practice true, dynamic Christian discipleship.

Jeremiah, in the first reading, is certainly a prototype of the suffering Christ.

In the second reading, Paul advises the Romans and us to "*offer our bodies as a living sacrifice*" to God by explicitly rejecting the ungodly behavior of the world around us and by discerning and doing the will of God.

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes his disciples by surprise when, after Peter's great confession of Faith, Jesus announces that he "*must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.*" After correcting Peter's protest, Jesus announces the three conditions of Christian discipleship: "*Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me.*"



LIFE MESSAGE

True disciples of Christ are: a) *truly compassionate*: they are willing to visit and help the infected and the sick in hospitals, the incontinent elderly, the handicapped, and those who suffer dementia in nursing homes, and patients in hospices; b) *truly humble*: they are able to see that every good gift comes from God alone, and that His gifts to us of time, personal talents, and resources should inspire gratitude, not pride; c) *truly patient*: they are committed to working with challenging children, adolescents with problems, young adults who are struggling with their Faith, with the intellectually challenged and with those suffering dementia; d) *truly forgiving*: they are willing to forgive not just once, or twice, but again and again, because they know that God

has forgiven them again and again; e) *truly loving*: they willingly visit people in prisons, in retirement homes, and in homeless shelters; and f) *truly faithful*: they are living out a committed, trusting relationship with God, with spouse, with family and friends.

A true disciple examines his or her conscience every day, asking three questions about discipleship: a) Did I sacrifice a part of my time, talents, and income for my parish and the missionary activities of the Church? b) Did I practice self-control over my thoughts, words, deeds, and use of mass media, and put loving restriction on the cell phone and Internet activities of my children? c) Did I train my children in my Faith in a loving, providing, redeeming God by encouraging them, as we spend some time together as a family, praying and reading the Bible, and by teaching them through example and word to pardon each other, to ask for God's pardon for our own sins and failures, to thank God for His blessings, and to participate in the Sunday school classes and youth programs?

We need to ask additional questions. Does my Church offer a Faith strong enough to command a sacrifice on my part? Do I have enough Faith to offer up a genuine sacrifice for Christ's sake? Can a Church in today's self-centered culture ask its people to sacrifice something for the sake of the Gospel? Jesus' challenge to all would-be disciples requires more than a "feel-good" spirituality.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Sunday, September 3, 2023 – 22 Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Jan Dryfik (26th Anniversary) – requested by daughter Izabela

Monday, September 4, 2023 – Weekday

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 – Weekday

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 – Weekday

Thursday, September 7, 2023 – Weekday

Friday, September 8, 2023 – Solemnity – Nativity of the BVM

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Mildred Kotulsky – requested by Henrietta Albeck

Saturday, September 9, 2023 – Weekday

Sunday, September 10, 2023 – Solemnity – Brotherly Love

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Richard Contrella – requested by Adamek, Muse & Foster Family

09/14/23 Th 10:00 AM Exaltation of the Holy Cross

† Raymond Kostovny – requested by Dolores Zoretich

09/15/23 Fr 10:00 AM Holy Mother of Sorrows

OPEN

09/17/23 Su 10:00 AM 24 Ordinary Sunday

† Shirley & Turk Potoczny – requested by Steffania Piekielek

† Ann Yonek – requested by Bob & Janet Yonek

09/24/23 Su 10:00 AM 25 Ordinary Sunday / Spójnia Sunday

1) For All 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

09/29/23 Fr 10:00 AM St. Michael, the Archangel

† Michał Mularczyk

10/01/23 Su 10:00 AM 26 Ordinary Sunday

† 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

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

OPEN

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

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

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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

† 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



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Mass stipend \$ _____

*Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to:
Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 1921 Eden Park Blvd, McKeesport, PA 15132*

CRAFT SHOW

The Fall Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, September 30, 2023** from 10:00am - 3:00pm. We are asking for Chinese Auction Baskets and/or Lottery Tickets to be donated. Baskets and lottery tickets should be turned in to Kristen by Sunday, September 17. 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.

Remember: when you see the event on Facebook, please share it and invite your family and friends.

Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski --- 412-848-9215.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

Our SCL Classes for children will officially begin on Sunday, Sep 17, 2023. Late fall the classes for adults will also be available. Details will be announced later.

FELLOWSHIP AFTER SUNDAY MASSES?

Shouldn't we go back to pre-pandemic tradition and have fellowship after Mass on Sunday? Pandemic destroyed in us some of our social skills and needs. We have been forced to keep social distance and avoid close contact with other people. This is very human thing to talk, to share, to be close to each other. Let's have some coffee and at least donuts together. Let's talk again. Let's be brothers and sisters again like we used to. I am sure that many of us miss that part of Sunday worship.

FUNERAL



† **Arthur W. Eagan, Jr.**, age 76, passed away peacefully with his wife at his side on Tuesday, August 29, 2023.

Funeral Home blessing service and US Army funeral honors for Art were held on Saturday, Sep 2, 2023 at MAURICE L. KNEE, LTD. FUNERAL HOME, 7663 Saltsburg Rd., Plum, PA 15239

Our deepest sympathy and prayer to Arthur's Family and Friends. Please remember Art and his relatives in your prayers.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.