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**24 Ordinary Sunday
September 17, 2023**

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TIMES**

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OPENING HYMN

God Who Created – PNCC #208

ENTRANCE HYMN (Sirach 10:6-7; Ephesians 4:32)

C. No matter the wrong, do no violence to your neighbor, and do not walk the path of arrogance. Odious to the Lord and to men is arrogance, and the sin of oppression they both hate.

R. Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

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

SIR 27:30—28:7

A reading from the Book of Sirah.

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults. The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.

He redeems your life from destruction,
crowns you with kindness and compassion.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

He will not always chide,
nor does he keep his wrath forever.

Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

R. The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

READING 2

ROM 14:7-9

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul the Apostle to the Romans.
Brothers and sisters: None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.
For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then,
whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came
to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

JN 13:34

I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;
love one another as I have loved you.

GOSPEL

MT 18:21-35

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me,
how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?"
Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That
is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle
accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was
brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of
paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his
children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell
down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back
in full.'

Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him
the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who
owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him,
demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant
begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he
refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the
debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply
disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave
you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity
on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed
him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my

heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." 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

Amazing Grace verses 1, 2, 3 – Ritual Song #737

FAITH SHARING

Our readings for this Twenty-Fourth Sunday concern forgiving those who wound us and being reconciled with them. All three readings today remind us of the path to forgiveness, mercy, and reconciliation and challenge us to walk this, the only Way to Life.

Sirach, in the first reading, reminds his listeners that if they don't heal and forgive and show mercy, they can't expect to receive mercy from God in return. It is unwise to nurse grudges and wise to forgive because our life span is very short and our eternal destiny is decided by how we forgive, how we work for reconciliation with those who wound us, and how we render humble and loving service to them.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we have to forgive others because we belong to Christ who, by his own example in forgiving those who killed Him, taught us how we must forgive in our turn. Since we humans are related to each other as brothers and sisters of Jesus, we are in the family of God, so hatred and bitterness toward anyone should have no place in our hearts.

In today's Gospel, through the parable of the two debtors, Jesus teaches us that there should be no limit to our forgiveness and no conditions attached to our reconciliation. We represent the greater debtor in the parable because we commit sins every day and, hence, we need God's forgiveness every day. But we must forgive in order to be forgiven. Jesus explains, after teaching us the prayer *Our Father*, "*For if you forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly Father also will forgive you.*"



LIFE MESSAGE

Forgiveness does not mean condoning evil. Neither in God nor in the Christian community, do forgiveness and reconciliation mean the indefinite tolerance of evil and unjust behavior. The king was perfectly ready to forgive the senior official. But how could reconciliation take place when the official later behaved in such an abominable way to a brother? We can be ready to forgive the sinner indefinitely, but we must fight against sin without counting the cost. God and the Church can forgive the repentant sinner, but they cannot condone unrepented behavior that is a source of real evil and suffering. God cannot be reconciled with the sinner who chooses to stay in sin, nor can the Christian community fully incorporate a member who refuses reconciliation and the healing of the behaviors that offend against truth and love. With God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, forgiveness is easily available to the individual Christian, but along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we must seek a mutual healing of wounds and a real change of mind and evil behavior.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Sunday, September 17, 2023 – 24 Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Shirley & Turk Potoczny – requested by Steffania Piekielek

† Ann Yonek – requested by Bob & Janet Yonek

Monday, September 18, 2023 – Weekday

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – Weekday

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 – Weekday

Thursday, September 21, 2023 – Feast – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Friday, September 22, 2023 – Weekday

Saturday, September 23, 2023 – Weekday

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

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

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
† 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
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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

SPÓJNIA SUNDAY

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

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING

Our SCL Classes for children will officially begin today.

Late fall the classes for adults will also be available. Details will be announced later.

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.



PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Parish Committee meeting - this Thursday, Sep 21, 2023 at 7:00PM

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.

MISSION & EVANGELIZATION MEETING

The National Mission & Evangelization Commission would like to meet at Holy Family on Tuesday Oct 17, 2023 through Thursday, Oct 19. The meeting will be attended by all of 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.



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*

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