



Holy Family Parish National Catholic Church

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31 Ordinary Sunday November 5, 2023



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OPENING HYMN

Morning Hymn – PNCC #195

ENTRANCE HYMN (Jeremiah 7:3)

C. Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel:

R. Reform your ways and your deeds, so that I may remain with you in this place.

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

MAL 1:14B-2:2B, 8-10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Malachi.

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 131:1, 2, 3

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O LORD, my heart is not proud,
nor are my eyes haughty;

I busy not myself with great things,
nor with things too sublime for me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

Nay rather, I have stilled and quieted
my soul like a weaned child.

Like a weaned child on its mother's lap,
so is my soul within me.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Israel, hope in the LORD,
both now and forever.

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

READING 2

1 THES 2:7B-9, 13

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

Brothers and sisters: We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe. The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

MT 23:9B, 10B

You have but one Father in heaven
and one master, the Christ.

GOSPEL

MT 23:1-12

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant.

Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." 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, Allan Soltez, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Ewa Nowak, Zofia Mularczyk, Dave Calabria, Doris Lynch, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Rosalie Clark, Katarzyna Dryfik, Lucille Davelli, Joan Kotulsky, Florence Coles.

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

Tis the Gift to be Simple – Ritual Song #792

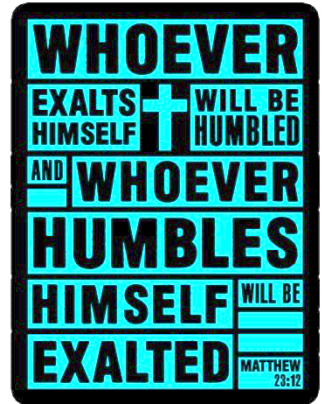
FAITH SHARING

The central theme of today's readings is a strong invitation and challenge to render humble, selfless, diligent, committed, loving service to others in the community without expecting honor or rewards in return.

In the first reading, the prophet Malachi condemns the irresponsible, proud, lazy priests of his day.

In the second reading, St. Paul presents himself as an ideal example of servant leadership in a serving Christian community.

In today's Gospel, Jesus offers a word of judgment against contemporary religious leaders who are more concerned about self-promotion than service to others. Christ-like leadership calls for integrity and honesty from all those in authority, whether priests, parents, teachers or politicians. There should be in leaders no double standards. Rather, there should grow a deep sense of equality with, and mutual respect between, leaders and those they rule. Each should seek to serve the other. Service, not status, is the mark of this new community, and true humility is the only position its members should seek.



LIFE MESSAGE

The Church is a servant community in which the hungry are to be filled; the ignorant are to be taught; the homeless to receive shelter; the sick to be cared for; the distressed, consoled; and the oppressed, set free so that they may more fully realize their human potential and more readily enjoy life with God. Hence, the leaders should have a spirit of humble service in thought, word and deed. “The measure of a true Christian is not how many servants he has, but how many people he serves.”

We need to live the Faith we profess. We are all too often like the Pharisees and scribes, laying heavy loads on other people's shoulders without lifting a finger to help them. Instead of judging, we should be serving. Instead of criticizing, we should be serving. Instead of ignoring we should be serving. Our Faith tells us that we are all brothers and sisters, children of the same Heavenly Father. The only way for us to practice our Faith is to build a human community of love and justice.

SAMBS MEETINGS AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Nov 12, 2023; Dec 3, 2023; Jan 14, 2024; Feb 11, 2024; Mar 10, 2024;
Apr 7, 2024; May 12, 2024



LAJKONIKI WILL BE PERFORMING IN OAKLAND
Lajkoniki are going to dance at the 41st Annual Polish fest at Pitt Cathedral of Learning on Sunday, November 12, 12PM – 4PM. Lajkoniki Dancers 3:00PM. Free admission.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2023. Mass will be exceptionally at 9:00 AM, and the meeting right after. Please mark your calendar.

ANNUAL MEETING

November 19, 2023

9:00 AM Holy Mass
10:00 AM Meeting

ANGEL TREE

Have a child be blessed with joy this Christmas. We will be participating with the Salvation Army (coordinator Rosemary Pociask) and The Center for Victims (coordinator Ashley Griffiths). We ask that gifts be unwrapped, and Angel attached. Last day for donations Sunday December 3rd. Your gift for a child is greatly appreciated.



PROJECT BUNDLE UP

Holy Family YMS of R will be collecting monetary donations (cash or checks) to support WTAE Project Bundle Up. Please make checks payable to the YMS of R Holy Family Parish. Last day for donations Sunday November 26th. Your support will be greatly appreciated to those in need.

A MESSAGE FOR THE THIEF WHO STOLE OUR FIREWOOD

We hope that you did it because you really needed it and if you are in such a bad financial situation, please contact us, maybe we can help you somehow.



WIGILIA – CHRISTMAS DINNER



Please make reservations for our Christmas Dinner (**Wigilia**, pronounce: [vi'gilla] or [vee-geel-yah] on **Saturday, December 9, 2023**.

Cut off date – December 3.

Price \$20 Adult, \$10 Children under 12 years old.



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*

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Sunday, November 5, 2023 – 31 Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by David & Sandy Kost

For God's blessing for Jean Rushnock (101st Birthday) – requested by Arianna, Luca, Noah & Charlotte

Monday, November 6, 2023 – Weekday

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 – Weekday

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 – Weekday

Thursday, November 9, 2023 – Weekday

Friday, November 10, 2023 – Weekday

Saturday, November 11, 2023 – Weekday

Sunday, November 12, 2023 – 32 Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Marla Chichwak – requested by Bob & Janet Yonek

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

11/19/23 Su 9:00 AM 33 Ordinary Sunday
 † Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Karen Petros
 † Irene Jugan – requested by PNU District 5
11/21/23 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – Presentation of the BVM
 OPEN
11/22/23 We TBA Mass for Thanksgiving
 OPEN
11/26/23 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Christ the King
 † Raymond Kostovny – requested by Barbara Kostovny
 † Ed Kustra (6th Anniversary) – requested by Eileen Kustra
12/03/23 Su 10:00 AM 1 Sunday of Advent
 † Joseph Korch (20th Anniversary) – requested by Janet Korch
 † Alice Demski (20th Anniversary) – requested by Gary Demski
12/08/23 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Immaculate Conception of the BVM
 † Laura Adamek – requested by Jozef Turcan
12/10/23 Su 10:00 AM 2 Sunday of Advent
 † Mildred Kotulsky – requested by Andrew (Butch) Stolinski
12/17/23 Su 10:00 AM 3 Sunday of Advent
 † Richard Contrella – requested by Adamel, Muse & Foster Family
12/24/23 Su 10:00 AM 4 Sunday of Advent
 OPEN
12/24/23 Su 10:00 PM Shepherd Mass (Pasterka)
 For All Our Beloved Departed (special Mass form will be available)
12/25/23 Mo 10:00 AM Solemnity – Christmas
 For All Our Beloved Departed (special Mass form will be available)
12/26/23 Tu 10:00 AM Feast – St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr
 OPEN
12/27/23 We 10:00 AM Feast – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
 Mass with the blessing of wine (BYO Bottle for blessing)
12/30/23 St 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Family
 For All Parishioners of the Holy Family Parish
12/31/23 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Humble Shepherds
 OPEN
1/1/24 Mo 10:00 AM Solemnity – Circumcision of our Lord
 OPEN
1/2/24 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Name of Jesus
 OPEN
1/6/24 St 10:00 AM Solemnity – Epiphany of our Lord
 OPEN
1/7/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Baptism of our Lord
 OPEN
1/14/24 Su 10:00 AM 2 Ordinary Sunday
 OPEN
1/21/24 Su 10:00 AM 3 Ordinary Sunday
 OPEN
1/28/24 Su 10:00 AM 4 Ordinary Sunday
 OPEN

"BROAD PHYLACTERIES"
AND "LONG FRINGES"
SOUND NAUGHTY!



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NO, THESE ARE FROM
THE TORAH.* THEY
WERE USED TO MAKE
THEMSELVES LOOK
RIGHTEOUS.



OHH...
DOES IT INVOLVE
PLASTIC SURGERY?



* NUMBERS 15:38-39

MATTHEW 23:1-12

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Across

4. Jesus said to call no one on earth _____.
5. The Pharisees wore these.
7. The disciples of Jesus have only one _____.
8. The Pahrisees loved places of honor at the _____.
9. The pharisees were called _____.
10. Jesus spoke to them.

Down

1. Jesus said to his disciples that they had only one _____.
2. The Pharisees wore these.
3. Jesus said that the Parisees put this on people shoulders.
6. The greatest among the disciples of Jesus.

Whoever Exalts Himself Will Be Humbled

Matthew 23:1-12

Based on

<http://www.nccbuscc.org/nab/bible/matthew/matthew23.htm>

