



Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church

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OPENING HYMN

PNCC #236 – **Hail Dear Mary** (verses 1, 2, 3)

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 139:7-8,11-12a)

C. Where can I hide from your spirit? From Your presence, where can I flee?
If I ascend to the heavens, You are there; if I lie down in Sheol, You are there too.

R. Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light. Darkness is not dark for You, and night shines as the day.

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.

FIRST READING

JER 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the Book of the prophet Jeremiah.

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin."

King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes.

There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud. Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city."

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 40:2, 3, 4, 18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

I have waited, waited for the LORD,
and he stooped toward me.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

The LORD heard my cry.

He drew me out of the pit of destruction,
out of the mud of the swamp;

he set my feet upon a crag;

he made firm my steps.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

And he put a new song into my mouth,
a hymn to our God.
Many shall look on in awe
and trust in the LORD.

R. Lord, come to my aid!

Though I am afflicted and poor,
yet the LORD thinks of me.
You are my help and my deliverer;
O my God, hold not back!
R. Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING

HEB 12:1-4

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

JN 10:27

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

GOSPEL

LK 12:49-53

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.

From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

The Gospel of the Lord.

CLOSING HYMN

Ritual Song #828 – **God Whose Purpose is to Kindle** (tune of Joyful, Joyful)
(verses 1, 2)

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian & Fr. Bruce Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marianna Pełka, Anna Dryfik, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Jeff McBride, Helene Tylor, Richard Tomkovitz, Meredith Straw, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Charles Koczera, John Razukiewicz, Vicki Griffiths, Kiersten Donahoe, Rose Marie Korch, Roberta Wagner, Bishop John Mack, Bishop Paul Sobiechowski, Nate Lennon, Luca Milbower, Karyn Muse, Blair Lloyd, Veronica Campbell, Cindy Puchka, Wendy Blotzer, Ted Gibala, Janis Gibala, Michael Gdovic, Annamarie Points, Lindsey Grantz, Martha Krusienski, Glenn Zaucha.

FAITH SHARING

The central theme of today's readings is that we should be Christians on fire instead of remaining "frozen Christians." It is by courageously living out our religious convictions with commitment as Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus did, even if doing so would result in causing divisions in families and society and inviting suffering and death. If no one is ever offended by the quality of our commitment to Christ, then perhaps we are practicing "*inoffensive Christianity*."



Jeremiah, in our first reading, is presented as experiencing the consequences of the burning word of God within him. Jeremiah's preaching divided the city and incited such opposition that people sought his death. He showed the courage of his prophetic conviction by telling the king that the Lord God had said that the King had to surrender to the mighty army of Babylonian empire to save Israel. The King feared the nobles' reaction to this commanded surrender, silenced Jeremiah, and refused to obey God's word. The result for

Jeremiah was being thrown into a deep, muddy unused cistern to die for his “*treason*.” The result for Jerusalem was utter destruction by an implacable enemy.

Paul, in the second reading, challenges the Judeo-Christians to stand firm in their Faith in Jesus, ignoring the ostracism imposed on them by their own former Jewish community.

In today's Gospel, Jesus, too, preaches the word of God which continues to divide families, a word which, he knew, would lead ultimately to his death. The fire Jesus brings is the fire of love and the fire of hope. The disruption, division, and revolution, which Jesus and his true followers cause in society by the fire of sacrificial love and the fire of justice, are necessary to re-set what's fractured, put right what's dislocated and cleanse what's infected in the world and in the Body of Christ. In other words, the curative pain caused by Jesus' ideas and ideals is necessary for the establishment of the real *shalom* of God. Even though Jesus brings a “*sword*” and causes division, he is the bringer of the only true and lasting peace. In pursuing his mission, Jesus brings division because some follow him and others oppose him. We must make a decision to follow him or not, to share his “*baptism*” or not. This choice can result in division, even within families.



LIFE MESSAGE

We should have fire in our hearts. On the day of our Baptism, we received the light of Christ and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until the return of Christ Jesus. In addition, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts both in Baptism and at Confirmation to help set us on fire. “*One who is on fire cannot sit on a chair*.” So, as Christians on fire, we have to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless one another with all the gifts of Faith. We should allow that fire to burn off the impurities in us and to bring out the purity of the gold and silver within us.



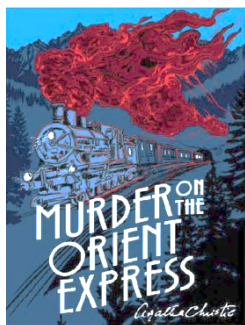
PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, August 21, 2025, 6:00PM
(in case you cannot attend in person, our monthly meetings now are accessible via Zoom).

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

8/17/2025 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
8/24/2025 Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
8/31/2025 Don Newcamp, George Jobs
9/7/2025 Joe Parknavy, Shawn Davis
9/14/2025 Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
9/21/2025 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski

9/28/2025 Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
10/5/2025 Lenny Guy, George Jobs
10/12/2025 Joe Parknavy, Shawn Davis
10/19/2025 Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
10/26/2025 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 13, 2025, 2:00PM. At the Little Lake Theater, 500 Lakeside Dr South, Canonsburg, PA 15317. Adults \$20.00 Childre, under 18 \$10.00, PNA (PNU) Children FREE. Recommended ages 13+. Sponsored by Polish National Alliance Council 305. Reservations needed by Aug 1, 2025. Continue the Fun! Join us afterwards at Juniper Grill! Dinner not included in ticket price. Call Marian 412-494-8276

Lord Jesus, who reign in Heaven, breathe the Holy Spirit upon men from our Church as You did upon Your Apostles, so that they may go forth proclaiming the Good News and forgiving sins in Your name. Amen.



PARKING LOT

Thank you, all Volunteers, for taking care of our parking lot during International Village. Every help is appreciated and every income, even small, is needed to repair our parish budget.



FALL CRAFT SHOW - SAVE THE DATE

Fall Craft Show will be on Saturday, September 27. Prep day is Friday, September 26. Details will be coming about Chinese auction baskets, lottery tickets, baked goods, and donation items needed. Any questions, call Kristen at 412-848-9215.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 17, 2025 – 20th Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Paul Yonek – requested by Bob & Janet Yonek

Monday, August 18, 2025 – Weekday

Tuesday, August 19, 2025 – Weekday

Wednesday, August 20, 2025 – Weekday

Thursday, August 21, 2025 – Weekday

Friday, August 22, 2025 – Weekday

Saturday, August 23, 2025 – Weekday

Sunday, August 24, 2025 – 21st Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Raymond Kostovny – requested by wife Barbara

8/31/25 Su 10:00 AM 22nd Ordinary Sunday

† CW2 Michael Bellesfield (336th MP BN)

† Art Eagan (2nd Anniversary of Death) – requested by Dee Dee Eagan

9/7/25 Su 10:00 AM 23rd Ordinary Sunday

† Raymond Kostovny 0 requested by Dolores Zoretich

9/14/25 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Brotherly Love

† Marianne Mulac Keith – requested by Helen Mulac

9/21/25 Su 10:00 AM 25th Ordinary Sunday

† Ann Yonek – requested by Bob & Janet Yonek

9/28/25 Su 10:00 AM 26th Ordinary Sunday

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10/5/25 Su 10:00 AM 27th Ordinary Sunday

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MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

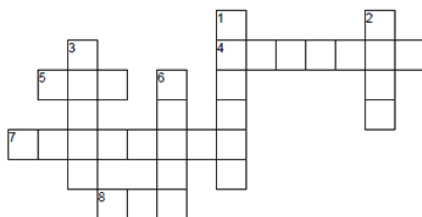
Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ **Mass stipend \$** _____

Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to:

Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 1921 Eden Park Blvd, McKeesport, PA 15132



ACROSS

4. Lasting forever; without end
5. Male offspring
7. Accept something as being true, genuine, or real
8. The creator of heaven and earth

DOWN

1. To die or be destroyed
2. To rescue from danger or harm
3. The earth with its inhabitants and everything on it
6. Cared very deeply for someone

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SAVE	PERISH	WORLD	ETERNAL

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man	word	stray	word
pure	seek	commands	heart