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OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King - Ritual Song #670 verses 1 and 2

ENTRANCE HYMN (Hebrews 13:20a, 21)

C. May the God of peace, furnish you with all that is good, that you may do His will.

R. May He carry out in you what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever [and ever]. Amen.

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

EZ 18:25-28

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the LORD:

You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel:

Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,
and your love are from of old.

The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not;
in your kindness remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.

He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way.

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

READING 2**PHIL 2:1-11**

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

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 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**MT 21:28-32**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:

"What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

He said in reply, 'I will not', but afterwards changed his mind and went.

The man came to the other son and gave the same order.

He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go.

Which of the two did his father's will?"

They answered, "The first."

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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 Peřka, 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

How Great Thou Art - Ritual Song #663 verses 1 and 2

FAITH SHARING

What will decide our eternal reward or punishment? Our final decision for or against God — our choosing to obey Him gracefully by doing His will or our choosing to go against His will! Gifted with free will, we are the ones who choose our eternal destiny.

In first reading, Ezekiel, corrects two incorrect Jewish beliefs 1) Children inherit the guilt of their ancestors and are punished for their sins. 2) God is more strict than merciful. Jesus explains through the gospel parable that God will punish us only for our sins and that God’s mercy overrules strict justice.

The second reading: Our final choice for God, made by perfect obedience to Him, will be rewarded.

In today’s Gospel parable, a man with two sons tells both to go out to work in the vineyard. The first represents tax collectors and public sinners who refused to obey God’s commandments, but, after listening to John the Baptist and Jesus, repented and became eligible for eternal reward. The second son represents the chief priests and the elders, the Scribes, and the Pharisees. By their pride, and their refusal to obey God’s call to repentance through John the Baptist and Jesus, these so-called

“religious” people excluded themselves from eternal reward.

The necessity for offering a continual “yes” to the saving act of God. Even when we say no, God gives us many chances of conversion, repentance, and doing His will.



LIFE MESSAGE

We need to do God’s will every day: Each one of us is responsible to God for every action, and the just God will punish or reward one according to one’s actions. Since we are not sure about the moment of our death, our only guarantee of dying in God’s friendship is to live in that friendship always, saying “Yes,” to God by doing His will cheerfully and daily.

It is never too late for us to repent, be converted, and allow the Holy Spirit to renew our life: If we have been disobedient to God in our past life, we need to knock at the door of God's mercy. God can, and will, do for us what, in his mercy, He, did for the repentant tax-collectors in the parable.

MISSION & EVANGELIZATION MEETING

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

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.

CRAFT SHOW

Thank you, Wanda, Kristen and all others who were tirelessly helping in Fall Craft and Vendors Show yesterday.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

St. Francis of Assisi feast day is on Oct 4th. Therefore, the Blessing of the Animals in our Parish will be **today, on Sunday, October 1, at 11:00 AM**, right after Mass. Please bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to our church for the Mass. Seriously. The animals are creatures of God, and they need His blessing.



Please bring a bag of cat or dog food or cat litter to be donated to the animal shelter.

WHITE OAK / MCKEESPORT SCOUTS

BSA Boy Scouts of America Troop 1640 is having a membership drive. Any youth between the ages of 11 and 17 that may be interested in the scouting experience can contact Troop 1640 to join.

contact info: Bill Klimek Scoutmaster Troop 1640 White Oak, 724-518-9402
email: billzboatz@gmail.com or signup at: beascout.scouting.org

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Fr. Mariusz is sponsoring the Men's Fellowship on Sunday, October 15, 2023 at 3:00 PM.



All men of our Parish are invited, especially those who were helping us at our moving. This is my appreciation gift. Real Polish kielbasa and Polish beer will be waiting for you. But... please bring your own **Bible**. Bible and beer? Yes. Come and see. Confirm by call or text at 412-330-8286.

APPLE PIE/CAKE CONTEST

There is no prettier fall foliage than in Pennsylvania. But autumn brings something even better – apples. Can you share with other parishioners recipes of what you can make from the apples? Bake or make an apple pie, cake or other apple-dessert. Discover your culinary talent! **The Best Apple Dessert Contest** will be held in our Auditorium after Mass on **Sunday, October 22**.

Any interested individual may enter the contest.

Participants must bring the entire finished product to the Auditorium, register it and present to Judging Committee.

Entries will be divided into the following three (3) categories:

- Bread** – sweet or savory in a loaf or muffin form,
- Pies and Pastries** – must have pie crust or pastry dough component,
- Desserts** – includes cakes & cookies.



Items requiring refrigeration will be accepted before Mass in the Auditorium.

Entries will be judged on taste, texture, and eye appeal.

Contestants cannot take their desserts home. All presented items will be eaten by all present parishioners right after the judges' decisions. ☺

Winners will be announced in our Parish Bulletin.

Judges are wanted!!! If you want to volunteer for the Panel of Judges, you must be hungry, healthy (no problems with blood sugar level) and able to taste at least one bite of each presented item in each category.

We are also considering **two other contests** after the Apple Desert Contest:

Apple Peeling Contest – the longest single apple peel wins.

Apple Eating Contest - Contestants will eat an apple from a plate without the use of hands. The first contestant to consume the apple, or the most apple within 2 minutes is the winner.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Sunday, October 1, 2023 – 26 Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Joseph Kijowski (10th Anniversary of Death), † Adela Wolak (9th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Bożena Kijowski

Monday, October 2, 2023 – Weekday

Tuesday, October 3, 2023 – Weekday

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 – Weekday

Thursday, October 5, 2023 – Weekday

Friday, October 6, 2023 – Weekday

Saturday, October 7, 2023 – Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary

Sunday, October 8, 2023 – Solemnity – Christian Family

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† 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

† Thomas Zaucha – requested by Bonnie Zaucha

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

OPEN

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

OPEN

11/01/23 We 10:00 AM Solemnity – All Saints

Mass for All Deceased Parishioners and Friends (please use the special form)

11/02/23 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Commemoration of All Souls

Mass for All Deceased Parishioners and Friends (please use the special form)

11/01/23 We 3:00 PM Solemnity – Commemoration of All Souls

Procession and blessing the graves.

11/02/23 Th 6:00 PM Solemnity – Commemoration of All Souls

Mass for All Deceased Parishioners and Friends (please use the special form)

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

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11/19/23 Su 10:00 AM 33 Ordinary Sunday

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11/21/23 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – Presentation of the BVM

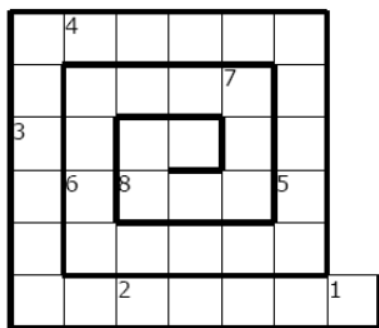
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11/26/23 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Christ the King

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12/03/23 Su 10:00 AM 1 Sunday of Advent

† Joseph Korch (20th Anniversary) – requested by Janet Korch



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| 1. To perform a job or task | 5. A male parent |
| 2. To have an opinion or idea about something | 6. A statement proven or accepted as accurate |
| 3. An adult male | 7. A person's male children |
| 4. To think that something is true or correct | 8. The number following one |

THINK	MAN	TRUTH	BELIEVE
FATHER	WORK	TWO	SONS

Z I N C K I N G D O M L T R K
 T A K G D W M X V H N K T N W
 M Z O Y H W A Y V T I Z N W M
 Y W B R F T J Y X N M R S B O
 T D G S H E I L M O H Z N O G
 N R D Z F O T O D A Y F L L W
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 G H O T A H T G B E L I E V E
 G H Q S H D I Q Q G A R N V C
 S P U E H P J N V M V H S E P
 G G F Q U Z H S K V O F X S L
 J K U M J N N I A J J Y L O S
 V I N E Y A R D I E Q Z K N Q
 L U F A T H E R F R G A R S W
 D I O F E Y N D H E F W U W X

MAN	GOD	JOHN	KINGDOM	BELIEVE
THINK	TODAY	WAY	WORK	VINEYARD
SONS	FATHER	TWO	TRUTH	SHOW