



Holy Family Parish National Catholic Church

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Solemnity – Christian Family October 8, 2023



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OPENING HYMN

A Living Faith - Ritual Song #726 verses 1, 2, 3

ENTRANCE HYMN (1 Timothy 5:8; Galatians 6:10)

C. Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

R. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.

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

GEN 1:26-28, 31A

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness.

Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth.

God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth.

God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed — the sixth day.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 128:1-2,3,4-5

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways

Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways.

You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you.

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways

Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord.

The Lord bless you from Zion.

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways

READING 2

EF 6:1-9

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

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother.” This is the first commandment with a promise, “that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life on earth.” Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up with the training and instruction of the Lord.

Slaves, be obedient to your human masters with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ, not only when being watched, as currying favor, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, willingly serving the Lord and not human beings, knowing that each will be requited from the Lord for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Masters, act in the same way toward them, and stop bullying, knowing that both they and you have a Master in heaven and that with him there is no partiality.

This is the Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

PROV 6:20

Observe, my son, your father's bidding,
and reject not your mother's teaching.

GOSPEL

LK 2:41-52

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, “Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.” And he said to them, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house? But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

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, Katarzyna Dryfik, Lucille Davelli.

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

Help Us Accept Each Other - Ritual Song #838

FAITH SHARING

What is a Christian family today? The traditional family is under assault these days. Watch a primetime television program about the family and you will soon discover that fathers are presented as idiotic, mothers as overbearing, and children as wise beyond their years. That's assuming you can find a program portraying a "traditional" family with a husband and a wife.

The "traditional" families are under attack, however, is to acknowledge that our definition of the family is more culturally informed than biblically informed.

What we can definitively say is this: God is the originator of the family and continues to hold the patent. The ideal, established at the beginning of humanity, is for one man and one woman to join in a spiritually and physically committed union for a lifetime, conceiving and rearing children.

Clearly, this model is not followed today, where single parents, married couples without children, grandparents rearing their grandchildren, and same-sex couples with or without children are called families. But the Lord continues to bless these types of families too, because he loves all of us, even if He doesn't like what we do.

So where does this leave us in trying to define family from a Christian perspective? We can affirm at least this much: **"A Christian family is a group of people who are related to each other through marriage, birth, or adoption and are committed, first and foremost, to the person and work of Jesus Christ, faithfully witnessing to the love, power, and forgiveness of God to a watching world in its unique time and place."**

Let us pray today for our families. Probably it's not perfect, but we love our relatives, right?



PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

November is coming. This is a special time when we remember those who passed away, who could see already God face to face and who now enjoy eternal life. Please pray with us for them. See the attached form for memorial Masses on Nov 1 and Nov 2.

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.

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.

*During October We Salute Our
Friends and Neighbors Celebrating*

Polish American Heritage Month



A National Celebration of Polish History, Culture and Pride in Cooperation
with the Polish American Congress and Polonia Across America



MEN'S MEETING TODAY

There is a quick necessary men's meeting today after Mass. All gentlemen are asked to stop in the Auditorium for 15 minutes meeting.

USHERS NEEDED

What is a Church Usher? An usher is a spiritual ambassador for the local church. The Ministry of Church Ushering is a sacred and powerful responsibility. A Church Usher helps the Pastor by making sure all members and guest are greeted warmly and by doing what is necessary to put guests in the right frame of mind for worship. During the church service, the ushers usually take part in some way. They are responsible to take up the church offering and also help congregation during Communion.

In case of an emergency, the ushers will take the lead in getting people to



safety in an orderly manner.

After the service, ushers will again be at the door to greet the congregation as they leave and provide assistance as needed. They will then make sure that the sanctuary is tidy, the thermostat is adjusted, and the lights and candles are shut off.

Ushers in church aren't just door holders and plate-passers. They serve in a spiritual role. A church usher is a person who helps ensure a smoothly running church service and who ministers to people in a variety of practical ways.

This is a privilege and honor to serve for your brothers and sister during prayer. Your Church needs you. Become an Usher at Holy Family.



LAJKONIKI WILL BE PERFORMING IN OAKLAND

Lajkoniki are going to dance at The Polish Feast at Pitt Cathedral of Learning on Sunday, November 12 at 3:00 PM

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Monday, October 9, 2023 – Weekday

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – Weekday

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 – Weekday

Thursday, October 12, 2023 – Weekday

Friday, October 13, 2023 – Weekday

Saturday, October 14, 2023 – Weekday

Sunday, October 15, 2023 – 28 Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Thomas Zaucha – requested by Bonnie Zaucha

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

† Frank & Helen Burvainis

For God's Blessing for Joyce Paluszkiwicz (Birthday)

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

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

All Saints Day & All Souls Day



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

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Christians always prayed for their Beloved whom God called to Himself. Since the Apostles time, Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers for them, so that they may attain the beatific vision of God. Being faithful to this tradition we offer this year Holy Masses for our relatives and friends who passed from this life to eternal.

On Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, 10:00 AM and on **Thursday, November 2nd, 2023, 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM** we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and All Souls.

As Catholics, we are obliged to attend Mass on All Saints Day, November 1st. Day after, November 2nd, All Souls Day, is not a holy day of obligation, however, we are obliged to say a prayer for our departed relatives, and if possible, to visit the cemetery.

Our departed family, friends and acquaintances will be remembered in these three solemn requiem Masses and their names will be mentioned again in prayers during the **procession and blessing of the graves at Holy Family PNCC Cemetery (North Versailles) on Thursday, Nov 2, at 3:00 PM.**

I hope that you will let me include your deceased loved ones in these Masses at Holy Family Church. Please use the form on the next page to list the loved ones you wish to be included in these Masses.

May God Bless You

Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

All Saints Day

- 10:00 AM Holy Mass for our Departed

Thursday, November 2, 2023

All Souls Day

- 9:30 AM Holy Mass for our Departed
- 3:00 PM Procession and Prayers for the Departed at Holy Family PNCC Cemetery (North Versailles)
- 6:00 PM Holy Mass for our Departed

!!! Please return this form no later than Sunday, October 29, 2023 !!!

**Holy Mass on All Saints Day and All Souls Day
at Holy Family PNCC, McKeesport**

Father, please include my departed relatives in **Holy Masses on All Saints Day (Nov 1), All Souls Day (Nov 2)**.

Please list the departed below. Please print their names. These names will be read during all Masses.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

name _____

address _____

phone (_____) _____ - _____

My donation for Mass stipend _____

* Please make a check payable to Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk