



Holy Family Parish National Catholic Church

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OPENING HYMN Hymn of Faith – PNCC #1

ENTRANCE HYMN (Proverbs 30:7-9)

C. Two things I ask of you, deny them not to me before I die: Put falsehood and lying far from me, giving me neither poverty nor riches;

R. Provide me only with the food I need; Lest, being full, I deny you, saying, "Who is the Lord?" Or, being in want, I steal, and profane the name of my God.

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

IS 25:6-10A

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

In verdant pastures he gives me repose;

beside restful waters he leads me;

he refreshes my soul.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me in right paths

for his name's sake.

Even though I walk in the dark valley

I fear no evil; for you are at my side

with your rod and your staff

that give me courage.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You spread the table before me

in the sight of my foes;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Only goodness and kindness follow me

all the days of my life;

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD

for years to come.

R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Reading 2

PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters: I know how to live in humble circumstances; I know also how to live with abundance. In every circumstance and in all things I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress. My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father, glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Alleluia

CF. EPH 1:17-18

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

Gospel

MT 22:1-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast.'" Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen." 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, Wendy Blotzer.

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

This Day God Gives Me, verses 1, 2, 3 - Ritual Song #856

FAITH SHARING

In the first reading, Isaiah describes the Messianic banquet on the Lord's mountain in the Holy City of Jerusalem, which Yahweh is preparing for His people. Yahweh invites all people, including Gentiles, to the banquet.

In the second reading, St. Paul advises the Philippians to put their trust in the power and goodness of a providing God, Who, in Jesus, has given His Church everything His followers will need to participate in the Heavenly Banquet.

In today's Gospel, by telling an allegorical parable of judgment in the Temple of Jerusalem two days before his arrest, Jesus accuses the Jewish religious and civil leaders of rejecting God's invitation to the Heavenly Banquet given to them through God's Own Son, Himself. They have rejected the invitation by not listening to the Good News preached by Jesus and by not reforming their lives. Hence, God is inviting the sinners and Gentiles to His banquet, and that is why Jesus is keeping the company of sinners.



LIFE MESSAGE

We received the “*wedding garment*” of sanctifying grace in Baptism; the other Sacraments provide the additional graces we need to retain it. We need to keep wearing the wedding garment of holiness and righteousness, the state of grace, all the time, do good for everyone, and appreciate and receive God's graces in the Church.

Jesus nourishes us in the Church through the proclamation of word of God and through His Body and Blood offered to us as spiritual Food and Drink in Holy Communion. Participating in Holy Mass is the best preparation and greatest Source of power for our future participation in the Heavenly banquet.



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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Fr. Mariusz is sponsoring the Men's Fellowship **TODAY** 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, bigos (hunter's stew) 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.

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.

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.



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



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

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.



FUNERAL

† **Josephine Dorazio**, 95, passed away on Friday, Oct 13, 2023. Josephine was a parishioner of Corpus Christi Parish, but her funeral Mass will be at Holy Family PNCC. Visiting, Saturday, Oct 21, 9:30-11:30 AM. Prayers at 11:15AM (Strifflers of White Oak Funeral Home, 1100 Lincoln Way White Oak, PA 15131), Holy Mass at 12:00 Noon (Holy Family PNCC).

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

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Sunday, October 15, 2023 – 28 Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Thomas Zaucha – requested by Bonnie Zaucha

Monday, October 16, 2023 – Weekday

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 – Weekday

Wednesday, October 18, 2023 – Weekday

Thursday, October 19, 2023 – Weekday

Friday, October 20, 2023 – Weekday

Saturday, October 21, 2023 – Weekday

Sunday, October 22, 2023 – 29 Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Frank & Helen Burvainis

For God's Blessing for Joyce Paluszkiwicz (Birthday)

† Henry & Helen Pasternak – requested by Henrietta Albeck

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

† Arthur Eagan – requested by Carol Burlikowski

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