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OPENING HYMN

O Heart of Jesus verses 1 and 2 – PNCC #181

ENTRANCE HYMN (Deuteronomy 6:5; 1 John 4:21)

C. Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength.

R. This is the commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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

EX 22:20-26

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.
I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.
My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!
Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.
The LORD lives and blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.
You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.
R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

READING 2

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

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything.

For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

JN 14:23

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

GOSPEL

MT 22:34-40

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

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.

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.

1 THES 1:5C-10

FAITH SHARING

The central theme of today's readings is the greatest commandment in the Bible, namely, to respond to God's love for us by loving Him, and then to express that love in action by loving Him living in our neighbor.

<u>The first reading</u>, taken from Exodus explains the second greatest commandment, namely, loving one's neighbors as one loves oneself, especially the underprivileged. The chosen people of Israel should remember that once they were aliens in the land of Egypt. Just as God protected them and treated them kindly, so they are to protect others and treat them with kindness. In the second reading, St. Paul congratulates the Thessalonians on the positive effects of their example of loving one another as Jesus had commanded them to do. Their mutual love and their loving reception of Paul and response to his preaching, he tells them, has bolstered the Faith of Christians elsewhere who have heard about them.

In the Gospel today, Jesus combines the commandment to love God with the commandment to love one's neighbor and gives the result as the one

Commandment of supreme importance in Christian life. Jesus underlines the principle that we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves because, as God's children, both of us bear God's



image, and to honor God's image is to honor Him. Love for our neighbor should not be a matter of feelings, but of deeds by which we share with others the unmerited love that God lavishes on us.

LIFE MESSAGE

Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, in response to His total love for us, means that we should place God's will ahead of ours, seek the Lord's will in all things, and make it paramount in our lives. There are several means by which we can express our love for God and our gratitude to Him for His blessings, acknowledging our total dependence on Him. We need to keep God's Commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise and petition. We also need to read and meditate on His word in the Bible and accept His invitation to join Him in the Mass and other liturgical functions.

God's will is that we should love everyone, seeing Him in each of them. Since every human being is the child of God and the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, we are giving expression to our love of God by loving our neighbor as Jesus loves him or her. This means we need to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for everyone without discrimination based on color, race, religion, gender, age, wealth, or social status. Forgiveness, too, is vital. We love others by refusing to hold a grudge for a wrong done to us. We also express love through encouragement and by helping others to grow.

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED

November is coming. This is a special time when we rem ember 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.

Because Fr. Mariusz by mistake gave you incorrect information about the cemetery procession, therefore he will be doing it twice, **on both days**, Nov 1 and Nov 2. Time: **at 3:00 PM**. Sincere apology for the inconvenience.

!!! HERE IS THE CORRECT SCHEDULE: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 All Saint

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- 10:00 AM Holy Mass for our Departed
- 3:00 PM Procession and Prayers for the Departed at Holy Family PNCC Cemetery (North Versailles)

Thursday, November 2, 2023

- 10:00 AM Holy Mass for our Departed
- 3:00 PM Procession and Prayers for the Departed
 - at Holy Family PNCC Cemetery (North Versailles)

All Souls Day

• 6:00 PM Holy Mass for our Departed

APPLE PIE/CAKE CONTEST - WINNERS LIST

Big thanks to all who helped to prepare, who participated, who judged in the competition, and those who helped to clean after our Best Apple Dessert Contest.

Here are the winners in three categories:

- Bread Henrietta Albeck
- Pies and Pastries Carol Davelli
- Desserts Wendy Blotzer.

Congratulations!!!









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

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.



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.

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Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden $\rightarrow \psi$ and \checkmark .

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

Sunday, October 29, 2023 – 30 Ordinary Sunday 10:00 AM - Holy Mass † Arthur Eagan - requested by Carol Burlikowski Monday, October 30, 2023 - Weekday Tuesday, October 31, 2023 – Weekday Wednesday, November 1, 2023 – Solemnity – All Saints 10:00 AM - Holy Mass Mass for All Deceased Parishioners and Friends 3:00 PM – Cemetery Procession Procession and blessing the graves. Thursday, November 2, 2023 – Solemnity – Commemoration of All Souls 10:00 AM - Holy Mass Mass for All Deceased Parishioners and Friends 3:00 PM – Cemetery Procession Procession and blessing the graves. 6:00 PM - Holy Mass Mass for All Deceased Parishioners and Friends Friday, November 3, 2023 – Weekday Saturday, November 4, 2023 – Weekday Sunday, November 5, 2023 – 30 Ordinary Sunday 10:00 AM - Holy Mass [†] Bonnie Zaucha - requested by David & Sandy Kost

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 (20 th Anniversary) – requested by Janet Korch							