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29th Sunday Ordinary Time
Heritage Sunday
October 20, 2019

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Year of Discipleship

29TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME MASS LITURGY

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| OPENING HYMN | Bulletin |
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| ENTRANCE HYMN | Psalm 31: 24a; Sirach 51: 11 |
| C: Love the Lord, all you faithful. The Lord protects the loyal. | |
| R: I will every praise Your name and be constant in my prayers to You. Thereupon the Lord heard my voice, He listened to my appeal. | |
| 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. | |
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| OPENING PRAYER | |

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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| First Reading | Exodus 17: 8-13 |
| Responsorial Psalm | Psalm 121 |
| R: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. | |
| Second Reading | 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2 |
| Gospel Acclamations. | Hebrews 4: 12 |
| L: Alleluia, Alleluia. | |
| R: The word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart. | |
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| Gospel | Luke 18: 1-8 |

SACRAMENT OF THE WORD LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

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| GENERAL INTERCESSION | |
| R: Lord, Hear our Prayer | |
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Opening Hymn: “Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”
CC Hymnal 335

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And His righteousness,
And all these things, shall be added onto you,
Alleu, alleluia

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Alleu, Alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened onto you.
Alleu, Alleluia

Closing Hymn: “Praise and Thanksgiving”
CC Hymnal 407

Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,
For all things living You have made good;
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Lord, bless the labor we bring to serve You,
That with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with You;
Harvesting, milling, for daily bread.

Father, providing food for Your children,
Your wisdom guiding teaches us share
One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us, all others, may know Your care.

Then will Your blessing reach ev'ry people;
Freely confessing Your gracious hand.
Where You are reigning, no one will hunger:
Your love sustaining fruitful the land.

This Week

Sunday, October 20, 2019

29 Ordinary Time

Heritage Sunday

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| Confession | 8:30 A.M. |
| Holy Mass | 9:00 A.M. |
| + Helen & Henry Pasternak Int. Henrietta Albeck; | |
| + Jane Parknavy Int. Rosemarie Korch | |
| SOCL | 10:15 A.M. |
| Fellowship Hour | 10: 15 A.M. |
| Holy Mass | 11:00 A.M. |

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

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| Adult Bible Class | 6:00 P.M. |
| Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal | 7:00 P.M. |

Thursday, October 24, 2019

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| Annunciation Bell Choir Rehearsal | 6:30 P.M. |
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Sunday, October 27, 2019

30 Ordinary Time

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| Confession | 8:30 A.M. |
| Holy Mass | 9:00 A.M. |
| + Very Rev. John Kraus Int. Sleczkowski Family; | |
| + Edmund Adamek Int. Art & Dee Dee Eagan | |
| SOCL | 10:15 A.M. |
| Fellowship Hour | 10: 15 A.M. |
| Holy Mass | 11:00 A.M. |

“With prayer and supplication, pray at every opportunity in the Spirit, to that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication for all the holy ones.”

Ephesians 6: 18

Today's Sunday Ministry

9:00 A.M.

Greeter: C. Trumpe
 Lectors: Yellow Team
 Ushers: T. Gibala & S. Tadajski

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti
 B. & L. Zaucha
 J. Wagner

Next Sunday Ministries


9:00 A.M.

Greeter: M. Sleczkowski
 Lectors: Red Team
 Ushers: L. Guy & J. Bagshaw

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti
 B. & L. Zaucha
 J. Wagner

Sunday Gospel Word Search

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Annual Parish Meeting

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Nov. 17th following the 9:00 A.M. Mass. There will only be one Mass scheduled so everyone will be able to attend. During this meeting we will be electing parish council members, reviewing the parish's financial reports, and topics concerning that which will benefit our parish. Make plans to attend. Refreshments will be served.

All Saints and All Souls Celebration

The ancient Christian celebration of All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day stems from a belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven (the "Church triumphant"), and the living (the "Church militant"). In our National Catholic theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. All Saints Day revolves around "giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of his saints", including those who are "famous or obscure". As such, individuals throughout the Church Universal are honored, such as Paul the Apostle, Augustine of Hippo, Saints Cyril and Methodius in addition to individuals who have personally led one to faith in Jesus, such as one's grandmother or friend who have led saintly lives. On All Soul's Day, it is common for families to attend church, offering prayers for their deceased family members and friends by having their priest mention their names during Mass in their remembrance as well as visiting cemeteries in order to lay flowers and candles on the graves of their deceased loved ones. Holy Family will celebrate these special days with Masses. All Saints (Nov. 1st & All Souls (Nov. 2nd) Masses will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. Wypominki (All Souls Remembrances envelopes) can be found in the Church envelope system and be placed in the collection basket or given to Fr. Bruce.

Polishfest-35th Anniversary

November 10th from Noon to 5:00 P.M. in the Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh. Our Lajkoniki dancers will be performing and this year's theme is "Celebrate Poland with an Old-World Christmas. Admission is free. Proceeds benefit the Nationality Room Scholarship programs.

Prayer

In today's Gospel we hear about the persistence of prayer. What is prayer and why is it important? Our catechism defines prayer as the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God. It is our talking with God and listening to God. It is a dialogue between God and His people. We express our love for God in our response to God and the way He works in our lives. In a fellowship of our minds and hearts with God's purpose. In a spiritual exercise that draws us closer to God. We tell God about our needs: we ask...God answers: spiritually: Communion with God fills a need in the soul that cannot be met in any other way; emotionally: God can calm our hearts when our own strength fails; mentally: Sharing our thoughts with God brings divine guidance to problem solving; and physically: Faith has always been the strongest of all paths in bodily health. We pray to glorify God, to feel His presence, find comfort in a time of need and to experience His forgiveness. Jesus said, "watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation."

Matthew 26: 41

One may ask, "How do I pray?" Answer: by involving yourself completely with God. Prayers can be for thanksgiving, petition, confession, praise, intercession and guidance.

So, when we come to understanding prayer and having a prayerful life, we can find that prayer is our source of spiritual growth, God's forgiveness, faith building and Christ's guidance. We are reminded that "whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." *Mark 11: 24*

Pray often and pray unceasingly

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 17: 8-13

Responsorial Psalm: 121

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14-4: 2

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8



KEY VERSE: “God will see justice done to his chosen who cry to Him.”

Luke 18: 7

READINGS: The first reading relates the first battle fought by the Israelites after their deliverance from Egypt. They are victorious, not through their own power, but through the power of God which comes as a result of the prayers of Moses. Paul instructs Timothy in our second reading to abide in the sound doctrine which has been taught since childhood and to be zealous in preaching the message of Jesus. In the Gospel today, Jesus exhorts His disciples to pray continually and never to grow discouraged.

REFLECTING: Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, “Lord, it is enough!” Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say “Lord, I can go no further.” Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying!

PRAYING: Father, grant that what we have said with our lips, we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives. This we pray through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, now and forever,