



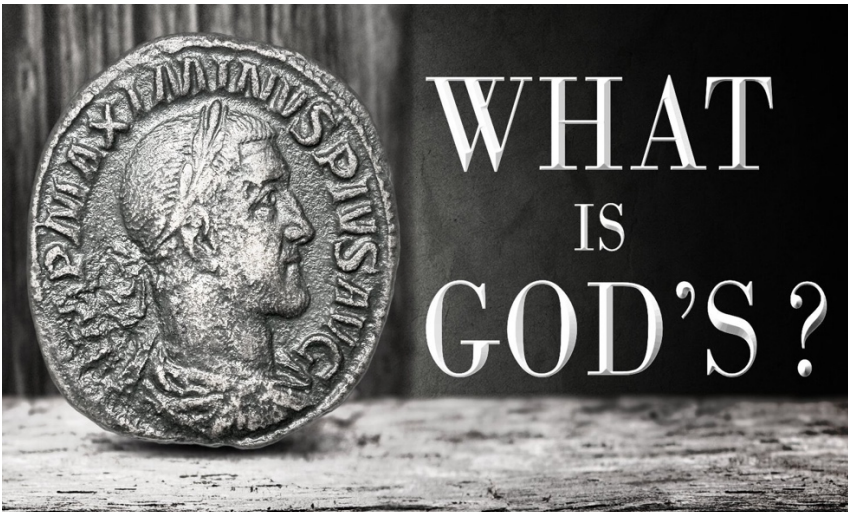
## Holy Family Parish National Catholic Church

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### 29 Ordinary Sunday October 22, 2023



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## OPENING HYMN

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** – Ritual Song #695

## ENTRANCE HYMN (Romans 13:1; Daniel 4:14b)

**C.** Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been established by God.

**R. The Most High rules over the kingdom of men: He can give it to whom He will.**

**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 45:1, 4-6**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him, and making kings run in his service, opening doors before him and leaving the gates unbarred: For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not. I am the LORD and there is no other, there is no God besides me. It is I who arm you, though you know me not, so that toward the rising and the setting of the sun people may know that there is none besides me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

**PS 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10**

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all you lands.

Tell his glory among the nations;

among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

For great is the LORD and highly to be praised;

awesome is he, beyond all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are things of nought,

but the LORD made the heavens.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Give to the LORD, you families of nations,

give to the LORD glory and praise;

give to the LORD the glory due his name!

Bring gifts, and enter his courts.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

Worship the LORD, in holy attire;

tremble before him, all the earth;

say among the nations: The LORD is king,  
he governs the peoples with equity.

**R. Give the Lord glory and honor.**

## **Reading 2**

**1 THES 1:1-5B**

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

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father, knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

The Word of the Lord.

## **Alleluia**

**PHIL 2:15D, 16A**

Shine like lights in the world  
as you hold on to the word of life.

## **Gospel**

**MT 22:15-21**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?"

Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? Show me the coin that pays the census tax."

Then they handed him the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's."

At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

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 Soltezh, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Ewa Nowak, Zofia Mularczyk, Dave Calabria, Doris

Lynch, 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

**Blessed is He Who Trusts in God Almighty**, verses 1 and 2 – PNCC #196

## FAITH SHARING

The common theme of today's readings is the nature of our obligations to God and to our country. The readings show us how, with God's help, we can be ideal citizens of both earth and Heaven.

In the first reading, Isaiah the prophet foretells how, without of the great Persian Emperor Cyrus' intention, his policies would be made part of God's saving plan for His chosen people.

In the second reading, Paul praises his converts in Thessalonica for their fidelity to God and to Christ His Son, and for their practice, with the help of the Holy Spirit, of the Theological virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity.



In the Gospel, Jesus reminds his questioners that, if they are so concerned and careful about paying taxes to the state, they should be much more concerned and careful about their service to God and their obligations to Him as their Creator and Lord. We fulfill our duties to our country by loyally obeying the just laws of the State and working for the welfare of all citizens. We become good Heavenly citizens by obeying God's laws.

## LIFE MESSAGE

We need to "give to Caesar what is Caesar's": How? It is the duty of Christians, as citizens of the country, to pay for the services and the privileges that government provides, like paved roads, police and fire departments, banks, schools, and other necessities. If we refuse to pay taxes, how will these needs be met?

As loyal citizens, we must also see to it that our elected representatives are faithful in maintaining law and order in the country and in promoting the welfare of all its citizens without violating God's laws.



We need to "give to God what is God's." How? Since everything is God's, we must give ourselves to Him 100%, not just 10% on Sundays. We should be generous in fulfilling our Sunday obligations, and we should find time every day for prayer and worship in the family, and the proper training of our

children in Faith and morals. We are invited to make a stewardship pledge of our financial offering to our parish for the coming year. Our contribution to the parish should be an expression of our gratitude to God, giving back to God all that He has given us. Active participation in the various ministries of the parish is an offering to God of our time and talents, yet another way of giving to God His due, our whole self.

## **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

**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.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**November 19, 2023**

**9:00 AM Holy Mass**

**10:00 AM 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.

## FUNERAL



† **Bonita "Bonnie" Zaucha**, age 76, of Penn, died October 16, 2023, at UPMC Presbyterian Hospital.

Bonnie was an active member of Holy Family Polish National Catholic Church and was a member of the Adoration Society, a Sunday School Teacher, a Lector, and on the Parish Council.

Family and friends will be received at Jaycox-Jaworski Funeral Home & Crematory on Sunday, October 22, 2023, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., with a prayer service at 7 p.m. Ladies of the Adoration Society will gather for prayer at 3 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 10 a.m., at Holy Family Polish National Catholic Church. The burial will follow at Holy Family Cemetery.

***Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Through the mercy of God, may she rest in peace. Amen.***

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

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

**Sunday, October 22, 2023 – 29 Ordinary Sunday**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

† Frank & Helen Burvainis

For God's Blessing for Joyce Paluszkiewicz (Birthday)

† Henry & Helen Pasternak – requested by Henrietta Albeck

**Monday, October 23, 2023 – Weekday**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – Weekday**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2023 – Weekday**

**Thursday, October 26, 2023 – Weekday**

**Friday, October 27, 2023 – Weekday**

**Saturday, October 28, 2023 – Weekday**

**Sunday, October 29, 2023 – 30 Ordinary Sunday**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

† 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 (20<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) – requested by Janet Korch