



Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church

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19th Ordinary Sunday August 10th, 2025



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OPENING HYMN

Ritual Song # 726 – **A Living Faith** (verses 1 and 4)

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 28:7; 105:7-8)

C. The Lord is my strength and my shield, in Whom my heart trusted and found help. So my heart rejoices; with my song I praise my God.

R. The Lord is our God who rules the whole earth. He remembers forever His covenant, the pact imposed for a thousand generations, which was made with Abraham, confirmed by oath to Isaac, and ratified as binding for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel.

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.

FIRST READING

WIS 18:6-9

A reading from the Book of Wisdom.

The night of the passover was known beforehand to our fathers, that, with sure knowledge of the oaths in which they put their faith, they might have courage. Your people awaited the salvation of the just and the destruction of their foes. For when you punished our adversaries, in this you glorified us whom you had summoned. For in secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Exult, you just, in the LORD;
praise from the upright is fitting.

Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death
and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.
May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us
who have put our hope in you.

R. Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING

HEB 11:1-2, 8-12

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. Because of it the ancients were well attested.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go.

By faith he sojourned in the promised land as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs of the same promise; for he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and maker is God.

By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age — and Sarah herself was sterile — for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore. The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

MT 24;42A, 44

Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

GOSPEL

LK 12:35-40

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: “Gird your loins and light your lamps and be like servants who await their master’s return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have the servants recline at table, and proceed to wait on them. And should he come in the second or third watch and find them prepared in this way, blessed are those servants. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour when the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” The Gospel of the Lord.

CLOSING HYMN

Ritual Song #889 – **For All The Saints** (verses 1, 2, 3)

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian & Fr. Bruce Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marianna Pełka, Anna Dryfik, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Jeff McBride, Helene Tylor, Richard Tomkovitz, Meredith Straw, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Charles Koczera, John Razukiewicz, Vicki Griffiths, Kiersten Donahoe, Rose Marie Korch, Roberta Wagner, Bishop John Mack, Bishop Paul Sobiechowski, Nate Lennon, Luca Milbower, Karyn Muse, Blair Lloyd,

Veronica Campbell, Cindy Puchka, Wendy Blotzer, Ted Gibala, Janis Gibala, Michael Gdovic, Annamarie Points, Lindsey Grantz, Martha Krusienski, Glenn Zaucha.

FAITH SHARING

The central theme of today's readings is the necessity for trusting Faith in God's promises and vigilant preparedness among Christ's followers to meet their God as their Judge and Rewarder, at the time of their death. Fidelity in doing God's will is the best preparation for our death.

The first reading cites the Faith-filled preparedness of the ancient Hebrew slaves in Egypt before their mass exodus to the Promised Land. Their trusting Faith in their God's promises gave them hope. We are told how their Faith and Hope resulted in their liberation. With expectant Hope, the Hebrews sacrificed the first Passover lamb and ate the first ritual meal, as prescribed by their God through Moses. They awaited their imminent release and were prepared for it. In the second reading, taken from the last chapter of the letter to the Hebrews, the author tries to bolster the Faith of the Jewish Christians (the Hebrews), by appealing to the example of their ancestors, starting with Abraham, and reviewing the things they accomplished by Faith.

In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples to trust the Father's promise to give them eternal happiness in His kingdom. But they are to be prepared at all times, because the Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour, either at the moment of their death or at the end of the world, whichever comes first.



Using the master-thief parable, Jesus warns us to be on our guard so that the thief (the devil), may not steal our treasure of Divine grace or our relationship with God by his temptations. Using the master-servant parable, Jesus reminds us always to do the will of God by obeying Jesus' commandment of love and offering humble and sacrificial service to others.

LIFE MESSAGE

Since no one is sure about the time and circumstances of one’s death, we must be ever prepared to face Jesus our Lord and Savior as our Judge at the moment of our death to give an account of our lives. Jesus wants to see that we have kept our personal relationship with him by growing in holiness. Such a growth is assisted by daily talking to him and listening to him in Bible reading; by asking for the guidance of the Holy Spirit every day; by recharging our



spiritual batteries through offering our lives on the altar and getting spiritual nourishment in Holy Communion during the Holy Mass; by getting reconciled with God every day, asking for His pardon and forgiveness with a repentant heart, and seeking His forgiveness for serious sins; and by obeying Jesus’ commandment of love by serving all the people around us, sacrificially sharing our blessings with them, and seeing the face of Jesus in everyone.

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

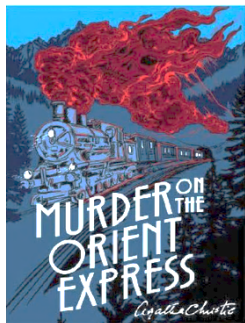
8/10/2025 Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
8/17/2025 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
8/24/2025 Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
8/31/2025 Don Newcamp, George Jobes
9/7/2025 Joe Parknavy, Shawn Davis
9/14/2025 Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence

9/21/2025 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
9/28/2025 Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
10/5/2025 Lenny Guy, George Jobes
10/12/2025 Joe Parknavy, Shawn Davis
10/19/2025 Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
10/26/2025 Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski



LAJKONIKI

The Lajkoniki Dancers dance practice for McKeesport International Village is scheduled for Monday August 11th at 7:00 p.m.
The Lajkoniki Dancers will be performing at McKeesport International Village on Thursday August 18th at 8:00 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, September 13, 2025, 2:00PM. At the Little Lake Theater, 500 Lakeside Dr South, Canonsburg, PA 15317. Adults \$20.00 Childre, under 18 \$10.00, PNA (PNU) Children FREE. Recommended ages 13+.

Sponsored by Polish National Alliance Council 305. Reservations needed by Aug 1, 2025.

Continue the Fun! Join us afterwards at Juniper Grill! Dinner not included in ticket price. Call Marian 412-494-8276

Lord Jesus, who reign in Heaven, breathe the Holy Spirit upon men from our Church as You did upon Your Apostles, so that they may go forth proclaiming the Good News and forgiving sins in Your name. Amen.



PARKING LOT

Our parking lot will be used as paid parking for the International Village event on August 12-13-14. All registered parishioners can park with free donation, all others with flat rate fee.

Lajkoniki dancers can park for free when they come for practice. Volunteers are asked to park their vehicles on the street in front of the church and rectory. Each day will have 2 shifts: 3-6 PM and 6-9 PM. Sign in sheet for volunteers is available in the narthex.



FALL CRAFT SHOW - SAVE THE DATE

Fall Craft Show will be on Saturday, September 27. Prep day is Friday, September 26. Details will be coming about Chinese auction baskets, lottery tickets, baked goods, and donation items needed.

Any questions, call Kristen at 412-848-9215.

SOLEMNITY – THE ASSUMPTION/DORMITION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On Friday, August 15 we celebrate the greatest and most important Marian solemnity. "Dormition" and "Assumption" are the different names respectively in use by the Eastern and Western traditions relating to the end of Mary's life and to her departure from the earth, although the beliefs are not necessarily identical. Both views agree that she was taken up into heaven bodily. The Orthodox Church specifically holds the teaching that Mary died a natural death, like any human being; that her soul was received by Christ upon death; and that her body was resurrected on the third day after her repose, at which time she was taken up, both in body and soul, into heaven. The Catholic doctrine of the Assumption covers Mary's bodily movement to heaven, but the dogmatic definition avoids saying whether she was dead or alive at that point. The question had long been in dispute in Catholic theology.



BLESSING OF THE MARIAN PAINTINGS AND STATUES

On Friday, Solemnity of the Assumption, please bring to our church the statues and paintings of the Blessed Virgin Mary or other Marian devotion religious items that you have at home, for the special blessing. Either small or big, let it be blessed, so Our Lady can protect you, your house and your family. This is also a tradition of blessings and prayers upon the herbs and flowers from your garden. Please bring them as well to the church on Friday evening. Holy Mass will be at **7:00 PM**.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 10, 2025 – 19th Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Warren Albeck – requested by Henrietta Albeck

† CW2 Michael Bellesfield (336th MP BN)

Monday, August 11, 2025 – Weekday

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – Weekday

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 – Weekday

Thursday, August 14, 2025 – Weekday

Friday, August 15, 2025 – Solemnity of the Dormition/Assumption of the BVM

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

For all homebound and sick Parishioners

Saturday, August 16, 2025 – Weekday

Sunday, August 17, 2025 – 20th Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Paul Yonek – requested by Bob & Janet Yonek

8/24/25 Su 10:00 AM 21st Ordinary Sunday

† Raymond Kostovny – requested by wife Barbara

8/31/25 Su 10:00 AM 22nd Ordinary Sunday

† CW2 Michael Bellesfield (336th MP BN)

9/7/25 Su 10:00 AM 23rd Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

9/14/25 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Brotherly Love

OPEN

9/21/25 Su 10:00 AM 25th Ordinary Sunday

† Ann Yonek – requested by Bob & Janet Yonek

9/28/25 Su 10:00 AM 26th Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

10/5/25 Su 10:00 AM 27th Ordinary Sunday

OPEN



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ **Mass stipend \$** _____

*Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to:
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