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OPENING HYMN

RS #856 – **This Day God Gives Me** (verses 1, 2, 3, 4)

ENTRANCE HYMN (Zephaniah 2:3a; Psalm 149:40)

C. Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed His law; seek justice, seek humility.

R. For the Lord takes delight in His people, honors the poor with victory.

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

SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more, the greater you are, and you will find favor with God. What is too sublime for you, seek not, into things beyond your strength search not. The mind of a sage appreciates proverbs, and an attentive ear is the joy of the wise. Water quenches a flaming fire, and alms atone for sins. The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just rejoice and exult before God;
they are glad and rejoice.

Sing to God, chant praise to his name;
whose name is the LORD.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows
is God in his holy dwelling.

God gives a home to the forsaken;
he leads forth prisoners to prosperity.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

A bountiful rain you showered down, O God, upon your inheritance;
you restored the land when it languished;
your flock settled in it;

in your goodness, O God, you provided it for the needy.

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

SECOND READING

HEB 12:18-19, 22-24A

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness and storm and a trumpet blast and a voice speaking words such that those who heard begged that no message be

further addressed to them. No, you have approached Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and countless angels in festal gathering, and the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven, and God the judge of all, and the spirits of the just made perfect, and Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and the sprinkled blood that speaks more eloquently than that of Abel. The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

MT 11:29AB

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord,
and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart.

GOSPEL

LK 14:1, 7-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. He told a parable to those who had been invited, noticing how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, 'Give your place to this man,' and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, 'My friend, move up to a higher position.' Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to the host who invited him, "When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." The Gospel of the Lord.

CLOSING HYMN

RS #830 – Make Me A Channel of Your Peace (verses 1, 2)

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 common theme of today's readings is the importance practicing humility and avoiding self-glorification or pride.

The first reading reminds us that if we are humble, we will find favor with God, and others will love us.

The second reading, gives us another reason to be humble, comparing and contrasting the frightening majesty of the Old Testament God with the meek and humble New Testament God in the person of Jesus, who humbled Himself by taking on human flesh and choosing to die the most humiliating death of crucifixion. The Letter to the Hebrews challenges us to imitate Jesus in his humility.

In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the practical benefits of humility, connecting it with the common wisdom about dining etiquette. Jesus advises the guests to go to the lowest place instead of seeking places of honor, so that the host may give them the place they really deserve. Jesus' words concerning the seating of guests at a wedding banquet should prompt us to honor those whom others ignore, because if we are generous and just in our dealings with those in need, we can be confident of the Lord's blessings.



LIFE MESSAGE

In our personal lives we grow into humility as we come to realize that everything we have is a loving gift from God and, therefore, we have no reason to elevate ourselves above others. True humility requires that we neither overestimate us nor underestimate our worth. We must admit the truths that we are sinners, that we do not know everything, and that we do not always act properly. Nevertheless, we must also recognize that we are made in the image and likeness of God, and that we are called to help build the kingdom of God with our God-given gifts.

Our family life also becomes holier and more enjoyable when, in all humility, we accept ourselves as we are, and show the generosity and good will to serve each other, forgive each other, and offer their lives prayerfully and sacrificially for the welfare of their children.

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

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



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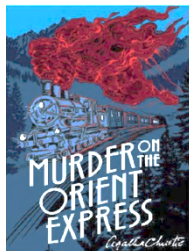
SOCL classes will resume the next Sunday, September 7th. Please keep David – the teacher and his students in your prayers.

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



PASTOR AWAY FOR THE MILITARY TRAINING



During my absence, I still keep all my pastoral obligations to the Congregation, however, the ministering of the Holy Sacraments will be delegated to **Fr. Senior Bob Pleczkowski, Fr. Bruce Pleczowski and Deacon Anthony Anderson**. All Masses in our church will be celebrated by Fr. Bob or Fr. Bruce. In case both are unable to say Mass, Deacon Anthony will do a Deacon service. Sunday Mass cannot be cancelled at any time.

The Mass intentions that you wish to reserve for those Sundays, please put to the collection baskets or handle to Izabela, or if this is the same day, right before Mass, please handle it directly to the priest, who will be a celebrant of that day. This is what you normally always do.

Fr. Senior Bob is in charge of all **emergency** phone calls. In case of the emergency (Anointing at home or in the hospital) please call the parish office number **(412) 678-0566**. It will be redirected to Fr. Senior Pleczkowski. In case he does not respond, please leave a detailed message and your phone number. If your loved one is in danger of death in the hospital, or any other institution, please do not hesitate to contact the hospital Catholic chaplain. Each hospital has one.

Fr. Senior will be present during our Annual Congregational Meeting on November 16.

In case of the funeral, please contact directly with Fr. Bruce Sleczkowski at (412) 276-5562 prior to schedule the funeral liturgy with the funeral home. All solemnities Masses that fall during the weekdays are cancelled or transferred to the nearest Sunday, except for the Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday evening before Thanksgiving and Solemnity of All Saints, on Saturday, November 1. If possible, the visiting replacement clergy will also

do the graves blessings on November 1 or 2, if the weather conditions will be ok. This is TBA.

Fr. Bruce is delegated to officiate two upcoming weddings in October and November. Father Bruce is in charge of the wedding rehearsals and all office work required.

Fr. Bruce will be also the officiating clergy during our annual Christmas Dinner (Wigilia) on Saturday, December 13th.

Deacon Anthony is the designated clergy to visit with the Holy Communion on each first Friday of the month our homebound or sick Parishioners. In case of such request please contact **Deacon Anthony** directly at **(412) 328-3965**.

I will be accessible to all members by email (pastor@hfpncc.org) and by text (412) 330-8286 only.

Thank you, all replacement clergy, for helping during my absence.

Thank you, Carol Burlikowski – the Chairman, and the Parish Committee, for administering the parish needs.

Thank you, all Parishioners, for understanding this unusual situation and supporting me and those who serve.

Humbly, I ask for your daily prayers for my safety and progress in training.

PRO DEO ET PATRIA! (For God and Country)

Always yours in Christ,

Very respectfully,

Rev. CH (CPT) Mariusz Mularczyk

FALL CRAFT SHOW

The Fall Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, September 27, 2025** from **10:00am - 3:00pm**. We are asking for Chinese Auction Baskets and/or Lottery Tickets to be donated. Baskets and lottery tickets should be turned into Kristen by Sunday, September 14. For those who will not be able to attend the show but would still like to support the event, we will be selling Chinese Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets after Mass on Sunday, September 21.



If you would like to donate any baked goods for our baked goods table, you can bring them down on Friday, September 26, from 10:00am - 5:00pm, or the morning of the show. Baked goods will be most helpful. Polish food, drinks, and baked goods will be available for purchase the day of the show.

Also, if anyone would like to donate drinks to be sold during the event, that would be greatly appreciated. We are in need of the following: Cans of Coke and Diet Coke. If you would like to donate bottled water, please make sure they are the 16.9 ounce size so we are able to charge one price for everything. Please have all donated cans of pop and/or bottled water at the church by Sunday, September 14 so we can see what we still need to buy. Also, we will be accepting donations to help with the cost of the meat and produce. In addition, we were given a COACH Leather Jacket-O-Lantern as a special auction prize. If anyone would like to donate a bag of candy or anything fall related to help fill the pumpkin, please give it to Kristen or set it aside on the Chinese auction table and label it for COACH Prize.

We will need help Friday, September 26 between 10:00am - 5:00pm with prep work. In addition, we are asking for volunteers on the day of the show who can help the crafters unload their cars at 8:00 am and then reload them at 3:00 pm. If you are able to help, please let Kristen know.

Thank you in advance for your help and support for the craft show. All proceeds from our show will benefit the church. Please remember: when you see the event on Facebook, please share it and invite your family and friends!

Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski --- 412-848-9215.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, August 31, 2025 – 22nd Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† CW2 Michael Bellesfield (336th MP BN)

† Art Eagan (2nd Anniversary of Death) – requested by Dee Dee Eagan

Monday, September 1, 2025 – Weekday

Tuesday, September 2, 2025 – Weekday

Wednesday, September 3, 2025 – Weekday

Thursday, September 4, 2025 – Weekday

Friday, September 5, 2025 – Weekday

Saturday, September 6, 2025 – Weekday

Sunday, September 7, 2025 – 23rd Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Raymond Kostovny – requested by Dolores Zoretich

† Anthony Palko – (14th Anniversary of Death) – requested by wife Frances Palko

9/14/25 Su	10:00 AM	Solemnity – Brotherly Love
† Marianne Mulac Keith – requested by Helen Mulac		
† Rev. Leonard Koshinski (3 rd Anniversary of Death) – requested by Frank & Dolores Szatkowski		
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		
10/12/25 Su	10:00 AM	Solemnity – Christian Family
OPEN		
10/19/25 Su	10:00 AM	29th Ordinary Sunday
OPEN		
10/26/25 Su	10:00 AM	30th Ordinary Sunday
OPEN		
11/1/25 St	10:00 AM	Solemnity – All Saints
For All Deceased Parishioners and Relatives		
11/2/25 Su	10:00 AM	31st Ordinary Sunday / Solemnity – All Souls
For All Deceased Parishioners and Relatives		
11/9/25 Su	10:00 AM	32nd Ordinary Sunday
OPEN		
11/16/25 Su	9:00 AM	33rd Ordinary Sunday (Congregational Meeting Sunday)
† Marla Chichwak – requested by Bob & Janet Yonek		
11/23/25 Su	10:00 AM	Solemnity – Christ the King
OPEN		
11/26/25 We	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Mass
OPEN		
11/30/25 Su	10:00 AM	1st Sunday of Advent
OPEN		
12/7/25 Su	10:00 AM	2nd Sunday of Advent
OPEN		
12/14/25 Su	10:00 AM	3rd Sunday of Advent
OPEN		
12/21/25 Su	10:00 AM	4th Sunday of Advent
OPEN		
12/24/25 We	10:00 PM	Vigil of Christmas
For All Parishioners		
12/25/25 Th	10:00 PM	Solemnity – The Nativity Of Our Lord
For All Parishioners		
12/28/25 Su	10:00 PM	Solemnity – Humble Shepherds
OPEN		