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Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Sabbath Thought

Through the Holy Spirit, Christ prepares his church for the mission of proclaiming the reign of God. Today, we respond to the risen Lord's call to be faithful and fruitful disciples.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

The first gentile Christians receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, thus showing Peter that God chooses disciples from all nations.

Responsorial Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1 JOHN 4:7-10

God is love, and love is the measure of our unity with God. God showed love for us by giving his Son for us while we were yet sinners.

JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus commands his disciples to love unselfishly, thus bearing the fruit of that love.

ENTRANCE RITE: Jeremiah 15:16; Acts 2:28

V. When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart. Alleluia.

R. You have made known to me the paths of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence. Alleluia.

V. 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.

ALLELUIA (John 4:12b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. If we love one another, God remains in us and His love is brought to perfection in us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL JOHN 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

TODAY – May 5th

6th Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Crowning of Mary after each Mass

Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary after each Mass

THURSDAY - May 9th

Solemnity

Ascension of our Lord

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

SUNDAY – May 12th

7th Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day!

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary after each Mass

SUNDAY – May 19th

Solemnity of Pentecost

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary after each Mass

Thanks!

To Kevin Grossman and his brother Kyle for their expert repairs to the damaged fingers of the Christ and Mary statues on the side Altars and for building the trellis around the Mary statue to better adorn it for adoration during her month of May. We are once again in awe of your skills and in debt to your service.

Coffee and Donuts are back in the Fellowship Hall after each Mass! Please join us!

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Nicole Dapp, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Larry Bagenstose, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, Sarah Ludwig, Frederick Smith and David Metzger. Our Father....

If there are changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, May 5th; Picnic Committee Meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Friday & Saturday, May 17th & 18th; Pierogi making 9:00 AM and Noon in the Hall.

Sunday, May 19th; Regular monthly meeting of the parish committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Wednesday, May 29th; Ladies Night Out at Doc and Bubba's, 6:00 PM until ?. All women of the parish and their lady friends are invited to a "Night Out" sponsored by the ANS. Meals and drink costs will be the responsibility of the attendees. Join us for some fun and Christian Fellowship.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

PIEROGI MAKING SIGNUP SHEET

Pierogi Signup sheets are on the table in the vestibule. Help is need on each of the designated days. If you can volunteer to help it would be most appreciated. And thanks to all of those who have helped so far.

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will continue. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall by the door and we will get them to those in need. A list of needed items can be found in the literature rack in the vestibule above the weekly bulletins. Please take one as you leave. **Drinks are especially needed, water, Gatorade, etc. These items are expected to be delivered in the middle of May, so please try to get you're your donations in as soon as possible.** Thank you and God bless.

POLISH OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 15th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 15, 2024, at the Manor Golf Cub, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. The scramble format starts at 1:30pm. The cost is \$95. per golfer and includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, lunch, dinner, tee gift and prizes. Proceeds support the Polish American Cultural Center at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. For questions call Marilyn at 610-779-5523. Deadline for reservations is June 5, 2024. Please see the flyers on the table in the vestibule. It would be nice if Saint Stephen's was represented.