



August 4, 2024

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Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sabbath Thought

What is real and what is illusion? In Christ Jesus, we have come to know the truth. In him, God the Father has shown us the way to true happiness.

About Today's Bible Readings

EXODUS 16:2-4, 12-15

Even a grumbling people cannot prevent God's love from taking effect. The Lord provides food for the hungry people and they eat their fill of the manna from heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

EPHESIANS 4:17, 20-24

We have learned Christ. In this school of truth, we have been renewed in body and spirit. We now set our feet on the path of justice and holiness.

JOHN 6:24-35

'Give us this day our daily bread', is our daily prayer. God answers us with the gift of bread from heaven. That bread is Jesus Christ.

ENTRANCE RITE: Psalm 79:19, 20b-21a, 22

V. Yes, they spoke against God, saying, "Can God spread a table in the desert? Can He also give bread and provide meat for His people?"

R. Then the Lord heard and was enraged; because they believed not God nor trusted in His help.

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: Exodus 16:31

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. The Israelites called this food manna. It was like coriander seed, but white, and it tasted like wafers made with honey.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God that you believe in the one he sent." So they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*" So Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – August 4th
18th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 11th
19th Sunday - Ordinary Time

PICNIC DAY!!

ONE MASS ONLY!

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 18th
20th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – August 25th
21st Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 1st
22nd Sunday - Ordinary Time

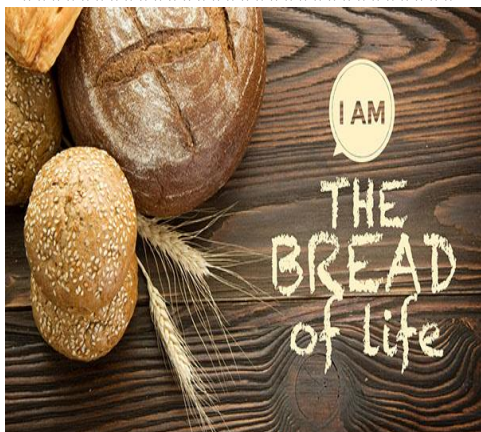
8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Sept. 8th
Solemnity – Brotherly Love

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass



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, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroszak, 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 Cerninara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Darryl Weinhold, Scott Kallish, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Cristin Burke, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold and Carol Urban. **Our Father...**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, August 4th; The Picnic Committee will meet in the Hall after the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, September 8th; Deadline for contributions to our Ukrainian Relief Effort. Please leave your donations on the designated table in the Hall. See the Newsletter for details.

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

YMS of R GOLF TOURNAMENT

The YMS of R will be holding its 10th Annual Golf Tournament on August 24, 2024. Hosted by the Buffalo Branch of the YMS of R. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule and contact Father Senior Donald for more information.

PICNIC MAILING

You should have received a mailing with raffle tickets for the Annual Picnic. Please return the sold or unsold tickets in the enclosed postage paid envelope **no later than today.** See Tom Schalata for additional tickets and to let him know your Tee-shirt size if you are planning to help by working the day of the picnic.

ANNUAL POLISH-AMERICAN FAMILY FESTIVAL & COUNTRY FAIR

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. is running a bus trip to the Polish American Family Festival & Country Fair on September 7, at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown. Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information.

PICNIC BAKE SALE

If you are able to help with the Bake Sale the day of the Picnic or would like to contribute any items to the Bake Sale, Please contact Marcia Hinner at 610-621-9758 for more information. Thank you.

GOLUMPKIE & HALUSKI MAKING

Golumpkie making is concluding today. Haluski Making will take place on August 7th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. Please plan on volunteering to help. Please see the sign up sheet on the table in the vestibule to sign up to help with this or for the Picnic.

PICNIC FLYERS

Picnic Flyers are on the table in the vestibule. Please take several and post them, with permission of course, wherever you can, supermarkets, hair dressers, barber shops, etc. Thank you.