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Solemnity of the Christian Family

A Festival Thought

A family is a community where everybody's rights are recognized and honored, where happiness and lasting relationships rest on mutual respect. An authentic family is much more than a biological unit: It is organized in the spiritual service of Christ.

About Today's Bible Readings

SIRACH 3:11-16

It is wisdom to realize that respect, honor and mutual recognition of rights makes for longevity in relationships, especially within families.

Responsorial Psalm: 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

COLOSSIANS 3:12-21

Dress up to stay at home because you will need the best of clothes: shared suffering, kindness, humility, gentle mannerisms and patience. Let love be the crown you wear around the house.

LUKE 2:41-52

Jesus' own family gave him a place to grow - in strength and wisdom and God's favor. Every organized relationship of human persons has to provide that opportunity for each other.

ENTRANCE RITE: 1 Timothy 5:8; Galatians 6:10

V. Whoever does not provide for relatives and especially family members has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

R. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith.

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: Proverbs 6:20

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Observe, my son, your father's bidding, and reject not your mother's teaching.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

Each year his parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Worship Services

Today – Oct. 13th

Solemnity

The Christian Family

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

Intentions for the repose of the souls of Rev. Francis and Beatrice Kaczmarczyk offered by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaczmarczyk.

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Oct. 20th

29th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Oct. 27th

30th Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

Friday, Nov. 1st

All Saints Day

7:00 PM – Holy Mass

Sunday – Nov. 3rd

31st Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

First Holy Communion of Edgardo (Edgar) Avilés during the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday – Nov. 10th

32nd Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

COFFEE AND DONUTS

We are pleased to offer the Fellowship hour in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will 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, 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, 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, David Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold, Carol Urban, Kenneth Borah and Joe Bezek. For the repose of the soul of James Armstrong. **Our Father....**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, October 13th; The YMS of R will meet at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Today, October 13th; ANS will sponsor a MAKE YOUR OWN SUNDAE event in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 AM.

Sunday, October 20th; The regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee will be held at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Sunday, October 27th; Post-Picnic Party in the Fellowship Hall at noon. Everyone who helped with the Picnic in any way is invited. Halloween treats for the kids. See the October Newsletter for more details and please add your name to the signup sheet on the table in the vestibule to help us plan accordingly. Thank you!

Sunday, November 3rd; First Holy Communion of Edgardo (Edgar) Avilés during the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, November 10th; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, November 17th; Confirmation of Scarlett Sadowski. Please join us in welcoming Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky to Saint Stephen the Martyr for this joyous occasion. **There will be one Mass only at 9:00 AM this Sunday, please make a note.**

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

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS

The Ladies Society for the Admiration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is selling Boscov's Friends Helping Friends Coupons. For a \$5.00 Donation to the ANS you will receive a coupon good for 25% off for your entire purchase at any Boscov's store or online on Tuesday, October 22nd, 8:00 AM until 11:00 PM. (Exclusions Apply) Please see the flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information and contact Sally Traczuk or any ANS member to purchase your Shopping Pass now!

THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading Area School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume this year. 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 and we will get them to those in need. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.