

St. Mary's

Polish National Catholic Church

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The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday September 20, 2020

9am Mass: George Stepanik of. by brother Gene

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1:20-24,27, Matthew 20:1-16

Lector – Greeters – Collectors –

- 9am Holy Mass will be outside on Sunday, September 20

The Week Ahead

MONDAY, September 21st

Mass of the Day – St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

TUESDAY, September 22nd

WEDNESDAY, September 23rd

5pm – Weekly Food Ministry provided

THURSDAY, September 24th

6:30pm – Women's AA Meets

FRIDAY, September 25th

SATURDAY, September 26th

3-5pm – PolishFest Day 2 Drive-Thru Dinner – let's do it!

SUNDAY, September 27th –The 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9am Mass: Frank Dominik of. by wife Millie

Readings: Ezekiel 18:25-28, Philippians 2:1-11, Matt 21:28-32

Lector – Greeters – Collectors –

- 9am Holy Mass will be inside on Sunday, September 27

-Parish Committee (Board) meets after 9am Mass

Announcements

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER – For all of September, we will use the 2nd Eucharistic Prayer, the Canon of St. Hippolytus.

POLISHFEST HALF-REPORT – We are working to prepare for part two of our PolishFest, which is set to conclude on Saturday, September 26 from 3-5pm. Pierogi should be set by Saturday night the 19th, and other bits of planning will take place during this week. If you are available, much

UPCOMING

Sep 26- PolishFest Part 2

Sep 27 – Spojnia Sunday

Sep 27 – Parish Comm. Meets

Oct 4- 10:30a Polish Mass

Oct 4 – Animal Blessing

Oct 11 – Christian Family Sunday

preparation will take place on Thursday and Friday of this week- please speak to Elaine P. Chris P., or Dcn. Jim to see where help is needed.

CONSECRATION – The Consecration of Bishop Jarosław Rafalko took place this past

Monday, September 14 at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA. We prayerfully remember Bishop Rafalko in our prayers as our Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church is enriched by his new role as apostle.

INSTALLATION OF BP. RAFALKO – The Installation of Bp. Rafalko takes place on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 10am at All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, IL. It is an open invite: the information is in each monthly newsletter on the inside cover. Invitations are extended to attend the dinner afterward. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Jason or Deacon Jim.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER – Has been printed, emailed, and readied for distribution at the parish and the U.S. Mail – we give thanks to God for having activity at the parish to fill the newsletter!

DRIVE THRU DINNERS – We are still tentatively planning on having some drive-thru dinners in October, but we are still waiting a bit to verify menus, planning, etc. Stay tuned!

NEWSLETTERS – Looking for positive news! If you have anything to share about yourself or a family member, let us know!

SPOJNIA SUNDAY – Next Sunday, September 27th is Spojnia Sunday in the Polish National Catholic Church. We remember in prayer the work of Spojnia and the Polish National Union. On Monday, September 28 at 9am, Mass will be celebrated with the specific intention of Spojnia.

SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN LIVING – Will begin Sunday, September 27 of this year. We ask that the parents of all SOCL aged kids to please make this an important part of your children's life and education.

PIEROGI MAKING – Thanks to all who worked at Saturday, September 19th's pierogi making event. We are building up the stock for what hopes to once again be a very successful drive-thru.

PHONES IN CHURCH – As we are still in the midst of this pandemic and adjusting to these temporary rules, please feel free, if comfortable, to use your phone to follow along with Mass at church. Much of the prayers,

readings, etc. are sent out before Sunday Mass, giving you the option to print or read from your phone.

Prayer List

Please pray for these St. Mary's parishioners, family and friends:

Barbara Baranowski	Patti Dotson	John Spilka
Bill Kastak	Marty Bengela	Ralph & June Zaun
Johanna Markiewicz	Anna Dawidziuk	Barb & Jim Lukas
Bill & Pat Glatzer	Mary Ann Loschelder	Tom Petrie
Helen Budney	Polly Gajda	Len Pryer
Chester & Ann Warzala	Tom Putynski	Louise Cygan
Craig Atherton	Millie Dominik	Amy Dreger
Jack Spilka	Carol Hreha	Elaine Repede
John Radon	Steve Wisniewski	David Micka
Wanda Clark	Beth Chihill	Keith Reynolds
Helen Cummings	Jane Hunter	Patrick Kmitt
Jay Grabowsky	Pam Chesar	Jan Sobolewski
Ed Kidd	Emma Freshwater	Jennifer Kmitt
Laina Dachtal	Nina Braquet	Paulette Lilli
Cherise Pacanovsky	Bp. John Swantek	Cecelia Hall
Jeremy Steinbreck	Chris Minch	Ricky Koehler
Richard & Edna Samelson	Cathy Pieciak	Daniel Morgan
Wanda Heffner	Bryson Dzuroff	Jim Giles
Rich Dombrowski	Linda Duffy	Diane Black
Debbie Washenko	John Michalczyk	Renee Lucas
Mark Magda	Caroline O'Connor	Linda Marks
Marcus Vaughn Jr.	Marilyn Girard	Jennifer Kless
Stephanie Milla	Baby Parker	Mary Cawley
George & Linda Makovicka	Shannon Alberino	Kim Penney
Loretta Baldwin	Julia Badarzynski	Kate Stallbaum
Wendy Andrzejewski	Kenny Mach	Baby Layla

ALL WHO ARE IN NURSING HOMES OR ASSISTED LIVING

ALL ACTIVE & RETIRED CLERGY NEEDING HEALING

ALL SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Bless them, O Lord.

Pobłogosław im, O Boże

THE 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 20, 2020

OPENING HYMN (Massbook page 13, vs. 1 & 3)

To Thee we come, O Lord, our God, before Thine altar, Father. Thou knowest best our yearning hearts; this supplication answer. Lift up from want Thy people, Lord; Bless us, O God; O Father, bless our toil.

And grant us faith, sustain our strength, As for Thy cause we struggle, And when we falter raise us up, True God and Righteous Leader. And 'neath Thy banner gather us; Renew us, Lord; O Father, bless our toil.

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THE PENITENTIAL RITE

I confess to almighty God, in the presence of the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault (*striking the breast three times and continuing*) in my thoughts, in my words, in what I have done or failed to do. I ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, all the saints and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

THE INTROIT (*Psalm 145:8-9*)

C: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love. **R: The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature.** 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.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the Highest and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father. We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father. Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us! You are seated at the

right hand of the Father, receive our prayer! For You alone are the Holy One! You alone are the Lord! You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE OPENING PRAYER

LET US PRAY... Heavenly Father, You are generous with Your love and justice. Though we often fail to comprehend Your design, guide us so that we may follow Your holy will. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST LESSON - *the book of the prophet Isaiah (55:6-9)*

Seek the Lord while He may be found, call Him while He is near. Let the scoundrel forsake His way, and the wicked His thoughts; let Him turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are My ways above your ways and My thoughts above your thoughts.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE RESPONSORIAL PSALM (*Psalm 145:2-3,8-9,17-18*)

R/ The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

Great is the LORD and highly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

R/ The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R/ The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.

The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

R/ The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

THE SECOND LESSON - *letter of St. Paul to the Philippians* (1:20-24, 27)

Brothers and sisters: Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and death is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. And I do not know which I shall choose. I am caught between the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for your benefit. Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. THANKS BE TO GOD.**

Please Stand: **THE ALLELUIA** (*Romans 9:15b*)

C: Alleluia, alleluia. **R:** Alleluia, alleluia. **C:** I will show mercy to whom I will, I will take pity on whom I will. **R:** Alleluia, alleluia.

THE GOSPEL - according to St. Matthew (20:1-16)

Jesus told His disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. Going out about nine o’clock, the landowner saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard, and I will give you what is just.’ So they went off. And he went out again around noon, and around three o’clock, and did likewise. Going out about five o’clock, the landowner found others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ They answered, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You too go into my vineyard.’ When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.’ When those who had started about five o’clock came, each received the usual daily wage. So when the first came, they thought that they would receive more, but each of them also got the usual wage. And on receiving it they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day’s burden and the heat.’ He said to one of them in reply, ‘My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as

you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

This is the gospel of the Lord. **R. PRAISE BE TO YOU...**

THE HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT (*Red Hymnal #54*)

O Lord I am not worthy that Thou should come to me, but speak the works of comfort, my spirit healed shall be.

And humbly I'll receive Thee, the bridegroom of my soul. No more by sin to grieve Thee or fly Thy sweet control.

O Sacrament most Holy! O Sacrament divine! All praise the all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!

THE HOMILY
THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary AND BECAME MAN. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy catholic and apostolic

church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

25th Sun. Ordinary Time, Year A –Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: We are reminded often that God's ways are not our ways. Because His justice and generosity exceed our standards, we can come to Him in prayer, knowing that he listens and that He will act.

Lector: For our brother, George Stepanik, for whom we celebrate this Holy Mass: that his life be prayerfully recalled this day (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For those nations where justice and freedom are denied to its people, (*pause*) we pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For our newly-consecrated Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Jaroslav Rafalko- that we prayerfully uplift him in his ministry each day, (*pause*) we pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For older people who feel neglected or unappreciated for their life's work- that all shall know it is in those footsteps the world follows today (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For younger people who feel their ideals are ignored- that they may not become bitter, but driven to work harder and more effectively, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: The Prophet Isaiah calls us to search for God – that we may always strive to continue to know ever better our loving Creator, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For God's help, strength, and assistance for this in need, especially Richard & Edna Samelson, Shannon Alberino, Jeremy Steinbreck, Mary Cawley, Eugene Beggin, Diane Black, Len Pryer, Emma Freshwater, Jennifer Kless, Jack Spilka, John Radon, Jim Giles, Tom Slomka, Kim

Penney, Nina Braquet, Tammy Teubl, Jan Sobolewski, Debbie Washenko, _____, for all on our prayer list, for all friends and family members, for parishioners of our Parish, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Lector: For the souls for those who walked this earth as our brothers and sisters, especially our brother George Stepanik, Phyllis Stanz, _____, _____, for all departed friends and family members of our Parish, (*pause*) We pray to the Lord, **Lord...**

Celebrant: Loving Father, you are near to all who call on you. Welcome our prayers with your generous care, and show us once more your abundant compassion. We ask this, through Christ, our Lord. R: Amen!

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY VERSE (*Proverbs 10:16*)

The just man's recompense leads to life, the gains of the wicked, to sin.

OFFERTORY HYMN (*NB #187*)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu! Alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find. Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu! Alleluia!

Man does not live by bread alone – but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord. Allelu! Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Lord, our God, we offer You this Sacrifice of Thanksgiving for all who labor in Your vineyard and we pray that we will receive our just reward. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

THE PREFACE AND THE SANCTUS

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2, PG 82

“Calling then, his death and resurrection to mind; we offer you the bread and the cup. We thank you for allowing us to come before you, and to serve you”

LORD’S PRAYER: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In Your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

R: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever.

C. The Cup of Blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ?

C. The Bread which we break, is it not a participation in the Body of Christ?

R. Because there is one bread we who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one Bread.

C. May the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ bring us sanctification and eternal life. **R. Amen.**

C. Lord Jesus Christ, You said to Your apostles: I leave you peace, My peace I give you. Do not look at our sins, but on the faith of Your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of Your kingdom where You live for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

C. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **R: And also with you.**

C. Let us pray together the second Communion Prayer:

May the partaking of Your Body and Blood, Lord Jesus, not be cause for my judgment or condemnation. Though I am unworthy to receive this great Sacrament, through Your loving kindness may it become my safeguard and healing remedy. My saving Master, awaken in me a living faith, fervent love, worship, adoration and a holy longing. Through this Communion, make me Your willing servant, zealous to fulfill Your holy will. May it, at last, unite me entirely with You, my Lord and my God.

Act of Spiritual Communion

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN- (NB #153)

O how He loves you and me, O how He loves you and me. He gave His life, what more could He give? O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for mankind to show; What He did there brought hope from despair: O how He loves you, O how He loves me, O how He loves you and me.

THE COMMUNION VERSE (Isaiah 27:3)

C: I, the Lord, am its keeper, I water it every moment;

R: Lest anyone harm it, night and day I guard it.

Please Stand: THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

LET US PRAY...Almighty God, may we, who have been called to share in Your Son's work and who have been fed at Your Holy Table, always remain confident in Your justice, so that when our earthly labor ends, we may share in the joys of Your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **R. AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN (NB #118)

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love. Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee- hail Thee as the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.