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29th Sunday Ordinary Time Heritage Sunday October 17, 2021

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THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 17, 202129th Sunday Ordinary TimeHoly Mass9:00 A.M.+Joseph William Hahn Int. Lenny & Kathy Guy; +John TrumpeInt. Eileen KustraSOCL Classes10:15 A.M.SAMBS Meeting10:15 A.M.Holy Mass11:00 A.M.+Tom Zaucha (7th Ann.) Int. Bonnie Zaucha

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Parish Council Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Sunday, October 24, 2021	30th Sunday Ordinary Time								
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.								
+Laura Adamek Int. Mildred Kotulsky & family; +Fr. Rob									
Fleckenstein Int. David & Sandy Kost									
SOCL Classes	10:15 A.M.								
Holy Mass	11:00 A.M.								
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Cemetery News

The cemetery grass cutting crew are requesting that any old decorations be removed and dispose of them at home. It is getting rather difficult "trucking" old decorations and garbage out of the cemetery as we are all getting older, and it does present difficulty for the crew. It is requested that they all be removed prior to All Saints and All Souls day. Help is always needed to cut grass at the cemetery volunteers are always welcomed. For any concerns or questions, I am available at 412-610- Thank you Tom Popovic Cemetery Coordinator.

Holy Family Parish is grateful to the grass cutting crew for their work and dedication Thank You.

Please fill out and return the All-Souls envelopes with the names of your loved ones so they can be included during All Souls Day Mass, November 2nd.

United YMS of R. Winter Clothing Drive The United YMSR Board of the Polish National Catholic Church is calling on all YMSR branches to be Christ in your communities. Since our local charities are not accepting clothing, our McKeesport YMSR will be collecting checks to give to Project Bundle-UP to help their purchases for winter clothing. Your help is most needed to succeed with this project. All checks should be made out to the YMSR by November 28, 2021.

100th Anniversary

Celebrating last week our parish's 100th Anniversary, it was appropriate to celebrate on the Solemnity of the Christian Family. Anticipating to what was buried in the time capsule, we came up short due to a broken cap which let the water and dirt to destroy most of the contents. They have been placed on the table to look at and maybe someone can identify the contents. In a positive note though, it was good to join in parish fellowship with coffee and cake which hasn't taken place in over a year.

Plans are in the works to create another time capsule to be opened in 2071. To prevent the contents to be destroyed, we are looking into a watertight container. Contents can be placed into the container by anyone who wishes to leave a legacy for the future. It can be anything from a flash drive with a message, video, articles of faith, etc. Once sufficient material is received, we will bury the time capsule.

Parish Congregational Meeting

The annual Parish Congregational meeting is set for Sunday, November 14th. Since there hasn't been much activities since our last meeting, organizations are asked to present any future plans for 2022 to discuss. Persons interested to serve on the Parish Board are asked to give their name to either Ted Gibala, parish chairman or Father Bruce. If not able to attend the meeting a letter of intent can be given. Also, to be elected are delegates to the National Synod to be held next year.

Parish Lectors

If you would like to serve as a parish lector, please contact Dave Kost or Father Bruce.



Gospel Reflections

It's often the case that the "values of the Gospel" contradict the "values of the World"- sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other.

Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is Worldly failure: the Gospel's way of greatness is the World's life of service; and what the World sees as death and failure is in fact life and victory. It's this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent (but possibly flattering) question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought "among the pagans" -He will give His very life, and so become the first of all. We should take His words about the "worldly way of behaving" to heart: "This is not to happen among you."

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