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OPENING HYMN

The Summons – Ritual Song #811 (verses 1 & 5)

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 19:8-9)

C. The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

R. The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eye.

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.

FIRST READING

DT 4:1-2, 6-8

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice;
who thinks the truth in his heart
and slanders not with his tongue.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who harms not his fellow man,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
by whom the reprobate is despised,
while he honors those who fear the LORD.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

Who lends not his money at usury
and accepts no bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things
shall never be disturbed.

R. The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING

JAS 1:17-18, 21B-22, 27

A reading from the First Letter of Saint James the Apostle.

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

JAS 1:18

The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

GOSPEL

MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. — For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. — So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?"

He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: *This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts.*

You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."

The Gospel of the Lord.

CLOSING HYMN

Go Make of all Disciples – Ritual Song #798 (verses 1 & 4)

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Hudson Tutko, Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Johanna Pardoe, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pelka, Bronisław Korus, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Peter Mantzaris, Richard Tomkovitz, Meredith Straw, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Charles Koczera, Marlene Koczera, John Razukiewicz, Jane Contrella, Vicki Griffiths, Kiersten Donahoe, Rose Marie Korch, Renata Woś, Roberta Wagner, Lucas Etzel, Kellie Gates, Bishop John Mack, Nate Lennon, Luca Milbower, Karyn Muse, Joyce Haber, Blair Lloyd, Eugene Szatkowski, Justice Coddington, Martin Carney, Kathy Guy.

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.

FAITH SHARING

Today's readings explain that true religion is not simply a scrupulous, external observance of rules, laws, traditions and rituals. It is, instead, a loving, obedient relationship with God expressed in obeying His Commandments, worshipping Him, recognizing His presence in other human beings and rendering them loving and humble service. Prayers, rituals, Sacraments, and religious practices are our God-given helps to practice this true religion in our daily lives.

The first reading explains that religion is a Covenant relationship with a caring, providing, and protecting God, fostered by keeping His Commandments given through Moses. God gave Israel the Law so that the Israelites might keep their Covenant with Yahweh and thank Him for His love and fidelity to His Chosen People. The Law was also intended to keep them a united, holy, and intelligent nation, proud of their powerful, protective, single God.

In the second reading, St. James defines true religion as keeping the word of God and doing His will by helping the needy, the poor, and the weak in the community. He challenges Christians to become doers of the word, not merely hearers.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes true religion as serving God and all His children with a pure and holy heart. The Gospel explains the encounter of Jesus with the Sanhedrin observers and the Pharisees who had been sent to assess Jesus' unique, controversial teachings. These experts had found Jesus' teachings an open violation of the "*Traditions of the Elders*," and judged Jesus' implied and spoken claims blasphemous.



LIFE MESSAGE

We need to learn and keep the spirit of the Church's laws and ritual practices. For example, our Sunday obligation is intended to allow us to worship God in the parish community, to offer our lives to God, to ask His pardon for sins, to thank God for His blessings, and to receive Divine Life and strength from Him in Holy Communion.

Our daily family prayers are meant to present the family's needs before God, to maintain the spirit of unity and love in the family, and to keep a close relationship with God.

Let us avoid the tendency to choose certain Commandments and Church laws to follow, while ignoring the others.

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

09/01/2024	Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
09/08/2024	Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
09/15/2024	Don Newcamp, George Jobes
09/22/2024	Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk
09/29/2024	Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
10/06/2024	Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
10/13/2024	Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
10/20/2024	Don Newcamp, George Jobes
10/27/2024	Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk



PNA MEETING RESCHEDULED

Due to summer vacations, the quarterly PNA District meeting is rescheduled to **Saturday, September 21 at 1:00pm**. Holy Family Parish will be hosting it. All Lodge P132 members are welcome.

LED OUTDOOR SIGNAGE

The digital LED signage, the electronic programmable weatherproof message board, can replace the black board which is displayed in the middle of the lawn between the church and the rectory. Approximate cost: ~ \$3,500.00 for the size we need. There will be some installation charge. We



don't know yet how much it can be. So far there is one anonymous \$1,000.00 donation, \$500.00 donated by Carol Davelli and Deanna Nemec, \$200.00 donated by Dr. Ed Goralczyk, \$150.00 by Daniel & Dolores Piesik (in memory of Stanley Piesik), \$1,000.00 donated by Bill & Janice Griffiths (in memory of Stella Tamblyn), \$100.00 donated Sharon & David Kish. If someone would like to help in this project, please contact pastor at **412.678.0566** (office) or **412.330.8286** (cell).

LECTOR SCHEDULE 2024

09/01/2024 Ordinary 22	David
09/08/2024 Brotherly Love	Johanna
09/15/2024 Ordinary 24	Dee Dee
09/22/2024 Ordinary 25	Debbie
09/29/2024 Ordinary 26	David
10/06/2024 Ordinary 27	Johanna
10/13/2024 Christian Family	Dee Dee
10/20/2024 Ordinary 29	Debbie
10/27/2024 Ordinary 30	David
11/03/2024 Ordinary 31	Johanna
11/10/2024 Ordinary 32	Dee Dee
11/17/2024 Ordinary 33	Debbie
11/24/2024 Christ the King	David
12/01/2024 1st Sunday of Advent	Johanna
12/08/2024 2nd Sunday of Advent	Dee Dee
12/15/2024 3rd Sunday of Advent	Debbie
12/22/2024 4th Sunday of Advent	David
12/24/2024 Christmas Vigil	Team
12/25/2024 Nativity of Our Lord	Team
12/29/2024 Humble Shepherds	Johanna

FALL CRAFT SHOW

The Fall Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, September 28, 2024 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**. We are asking for Chinese Auction Baskets and/or Lottery Tickets to be donated. Baskets and lottery tickets should be turned into Kristen by Sunday, September 15. For those who will not be able to attend the show but would still like to support the event, we will be selling Chinese Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets between masses on Sunday, September 22.

If you would like to donate any baked goods for our baked goods table, you can bring them down on Friday, September 27, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, or the morning of the show. Baked goods will be most helpful. Polish food, drinks, and baked goods will be available for purchase the day of the show.

Also, if anyone would like to donate drinks to be sold during the event, that would be greatly appreciated. We are in need of the following: Cans of Coke and Diet Coke. If you would like to donate bottled water, please make sure they are the 16.9 ounce size so we are able to charge one price for everything. Please have all donated cans of pop and/or bottled water at the church by



CRAFT
& VENDOR SHOWS

Sunday, September 15 so we can see what we still need to buy. Also, we will be accepting donations to help with the cost of the meat and produce.

We will need help Friday, September 27 between 10:00am - 5:00pm with prep work. In addition, we are asking for volunteers on the day of the show who can help the crafters unload their cars at 8:00 am and then reload them at 3:00 pm. If you are able to help, please let Kristen know.

Thank you in advance for all of your help and support for the craft show. All proceeds from our show will benefit the church. Please remember: when you see the event on Facebook, please share it and invite your family and friends! Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski --- 412-848-9215.

PA SYSTEM PROJECT FUNDRAISING

Upgrades made to our church PA system are significant already but still the whole project can't be completed due to pending fundraising. Donations made:



Wendy Blozer \$100.00 in memory of Joan Kotulski, Wendy Blotzer \$130.00 in memory of Ken Kost, Wendy Blotzer \$186.00, Anonymous \$2,500.00, Chester Wawrzonek & Evonne Adams \$250.00, Anna Dryfik \$200.00 (in memory of Jan Dryfik), David & Sandy Kost \$1,000.00, Lenny & Kathy Guy \$200.00, Neil Stahurski \$500.00 (in memory of Stanley and Loretta Stahurski), Daniel & Dolores Piesik \$500.00 in memory of Stanley Piesik, PNA Branch #132 \$300.00, Kevin & Alexa Foster \$500.00, Eileen Kustra (in memory of Ed Kustra) \$200.00, Tom & Sally Pasinski \$100.00.

The anonymous person who donated \$1,000.00 previously now increased the amount by adding another \$1,500.00. Thank you, all benefactors, for the generous support.

Total cash & checks: \$6,866.00. Still needed: \$250.00. This amount covers the budget for the basic equipment, parts and accessories. We can still make some upgrades now or later depending of the upcoming donations. The auditors for this project are David Kost and Wendy Blotzer.

Fr. Mariusz & Izabela donated digital audio mixer for choir lot (\$999.00). If someone else would like to help in this project, please contact pastor at **412.678.0566** (office) or **412.330.8286** (cell).

WANTED FINANCIAL SECRETARY

At our upcoming Congregational Meeting on November 17th, we will need to elect a Financial Secretary. After 38 years, Terry Kleckner is retiring and will not accept any nomination for re-election. We must, therefore, seek a parishioner willing to accept nomination to this very important position in our Parish. May the Lord guide you to consider your participation in our Parish's administration.



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 1, 2024 – 22 Ordinary Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Jan Dryfik – requested by Izabela Dryfik

† Arthur Eagan (1st Anniversary of Death) – requested by Dee Dee Eagan

Monday, September 2, 2024 – Weekday / Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 – Weekday

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 – Weekday

Thursday, September 5, 2024 – Weekday

Friday, September 6, 2024 – Weekday

Saturday, September 7, 2024 – Weekday

Sunday, September 8, 2024 – Solemnity – Brotherly Love

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Stephen Popovic (41st Anniversary) – requested by The Popovic Family

† Raymond Hahn – requested by Lenny & Kathy Guy

9/9/24 Mo 10:00 AM Solemnity – Nativity of the BVM

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Joseph & Rebecca Lawrence

9/14/24 St 10:00 AM Solemnity – Exultation of the Holy Cross

For Marie & George Kost (Anniversary of their Marriage) – requested by David and Sandy Kost

9/15/24 Su 10:00 AM 24 Ordinary Sunday

† Stanley Rucinski (18th Anniversary) – requested by Allen, Wanda & Kristen Korenoski

† Karen Kost – requested by David & Sandy Kost

9/16/24 Mo 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows

† Joan Kotulsky – requested by Henrietta Albeck

9/22/24 Su 10:00 AM 25 Ordinary Sunday

† Ann Yonek – requested by Bob & Jan Yonek

9/29/24 Su 10:00 AM 26 Ordinary Sunday

† Joseph Kijowski (11th Anniversary of Death) – requested by Bożena Kijowski

10/6/24 Su 10:00 AM 27 Ordinary Sunday

† Rosalie Clark – requested by Frederic Chopin Choir and Annunciation Bell Choir

† Kenneth Kost – requested by Cindy and Dennis Kost

10/7/24 Mo 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Mother of the Rosary

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10/13/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Christian Family

† Joan Kotulsky – requested by Nick and Rebecca Kostovny

10/20/24 Su 10:00 AM 29 Ordinary Sunday

† Anthony Davelli – requested by Wife - Carol Davelli

10/27/24 Su 10:00 AM 30 Ordinary Sunday

† Kenneth Kost – requested by Joe & Rose Castagnola

Have a Blessed Day!!