

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 09/20 (Today) Reading the Catechism of our Church at the end of the Mass.
- 09/26 (Saturday) **POLISH FOOD SALE 9am-12pm.** Please, share this information with your friends and neighbors. Invite them to try our delicious Polish food.
- 09/27 (Sunday) **Holy Mass at 10am.** Intention: For ZUZANNA PIEKARZEWSKA on the occasion of her 1st birthday.
- Big “THANK YOU” to **Jacqueline & Linda** for cleaning the church this month. God bless you for your service to the Lord’s House.
 - On the first Sunday of October **we return to have a COFFEE HOUR after the Mass.** We will still practice social distancing and State recommendations regarding the virus.
 - We would like to remind you about the possibility to **offer a Holy Mass in your own, particular intention!** Take one of the envelopes from the back of the Church, write down your intention and return it to Fr. Adam. Have a blessed Sunday!

Church Mice

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How to help fight the Coronavirus:

1. Regularly wash your hands.
2. Faithfully fold them in prayer.
3. Repeat vigorously.



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PARISH BULLETIN

XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For living and departed members of the Polish National Union of America.

INTROIT

C: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.

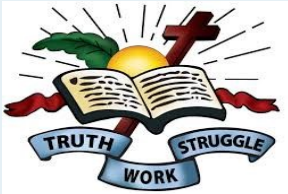
R: The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature.

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.

HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

READING 1

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

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.

IS 55:6-9

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so high are my ways above your ways
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„The Lord is near to all who call upon him.”

PS 145

READING 2

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

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.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PHIL1:20C-24, 27A

GOSPEL

MT 20:1-16A

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory be to You, Lord.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

GOSPEL REFLECTION

GOD is “not fair.” GOD does not work on the same “fairness” level on which we humans operate. We want things equal and fair. GOD is more than fair. GOD is generous. GOD never “cheats” anyone out of what is fair. GOD is willing to forgive each and every individual, no matter how long they have been sinning or not sinning. The Lord Jesus will give every person what they need to enjoy the fullness of Reign of GOD, if they are willing to go to work in the divine vineyard.

I find it interesting that when the owner of the vineyard went searching for workers in the late afternoon, he asked those still standing around looking for work, “Why do you stand here idle all day?” Their response was, “Because no one has hired us.” It was not because they did not want to work, it was because they had not been given the opportunity to work...