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*All Saints Polish National Catholic Church carries the light
of Christ to all people.*

October 15, 2017
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Theme: We Are Invited to a Feast of
Grace and Joy**

Isaiah 25:6-10a

According to some scholars, this is a hymn for a feast celebrating the coronation of God as King. Yet, it is the Lord who prepares the feast for the people. Isaiah had already announced the Lord's victory (see 24:23). Now, this is the feast that celebrates it. Isaiah presents a picture of the victory of God the King that is different from any human king. Normally, the king who had vanquished an enemy would celebrate his power over the foe with a reprise of violent victories. Everyone would see how mighty and fearsome he was, thus assuring adherence to his rule.

That is not the way of the Lord. The God of Israel celebrates by serving a feast, not just for the chosen people, but for all peoples. Instead of flaunting the power of a warrior, the God of Israel appears to be more of a chef, serving fine wine and juicy, rich food. Rather than membership in a particular ethnic group or faith tradition, the only requirement for participating in this banquet is the desire to receive God's grace and participate with joy.

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

With the exception of final greetings and a blessing, this is the end of Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Paul claims that he can adapt to any physical circumstances; material concerns are not important to him. He attributes his ability to adapt to anything, not to his own virtue, but to "him who strengthens me" (4:13).

Paul ends this segment assuring his community that God will care for their every need, just as God cares for his every need. Again, that does not mean that they

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will never be hungry, but rather that they will share in Christ's glorious riches, the divine presence that will transform them and the world.

Matthew 22:1-14

Matthew's account of the Gospel is wending its way toward its climax. There is an eschatological urgency driving the writing: as many in the early Church thought, the time was short, and Christ's return was imminent. In terms of this parable, the banquet was prepared, and the time was now.

The invited guests, representing the people and leaders of Israel, made light of the banquet invitation. They had more important things to do than pay attention to the wedding of the king's son. Such an attitude was tantamount to rejecting the king himself. As we look at the details, the ones who ignored the invitation did not even express animosity; they were simply indifferent. Others did resort to violence, assaulting and murdering the servants who symbolize the prophets God had sent through Israel's history. Time and again, the rejection of God's messengers led to the destruction of the people. In act two of this parable, servants like the disciples are sent out to bring in anyone willing to come, the good and the bad alike. That riffraff, as in previous parables, represented the tax collectors and sinners who responded to Jesus' invitation. In act three of the parable, the king meets one of the latecomer guests who did not put on the wedding garment that would have been supplied for all the guests. This guest represents the one who would tag along and look for free food, but not take responsibility for the repentance necessary to participate in the kingdom feast.

In this parable, we meet the privileged, the chosen ones who were not interested in what the king

had to offer and the outcasts who were delighted to be invited and

whose acceptance led them to conversion. It turns out that the only requirement for this banquet is the desire to receive gratefully what the king has to offer. Isaiah, the psalm, and this parable remind us that God is waiting for us, both as banquet provider and as the One who is always offering us grace and a joyous feast. We need but make the kingdom feast our priority and be willing to participate together with all those invited.

@LTP Scripture Backgrounds for the Sunday Lectionary

Saturday, October 14

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Recitation of the Rosary

4:30 PM + **Mass for the Parishioners of All Saints**

Lector: Nancy Zurovcik

Ushers: Mike Zurovcik & Jack Dunmyer

Sunday, October 15, 2017

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

8:30 AM + **Stanley Wisniewski**

Of. Daughter, Stella

9:30 AM Coffee Social – Church Undercroft

9:30 AM **NO** SOCL Pre-School Class

Lector: Bobbi Jo Haden

Ushers: Ed Haden & Bob Clarry

Church Lock-up: Rick Ruffennach

Cemetery Gates: Oct. 14th, 15th Bob Lauzonis

Monday, October 16

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday, October 17

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday, October 18

Feast: St. Luke, Ap., Ev.

8:30 AM + **Mass for the Sick & Infirm**

7:00 PM 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting

Church Undercroft

Thursday, October 19

Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 PM Adult SOCL – Church Undercroft

Friday, October 20

Weekday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, October 21

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 PM Recitation of the Rosary

4:30 PM + **Ronald & Norman Shaw**

Of. Dolores & Louise

Lector: Louise Bugna

Ushers: Kurt Niedzwiecki & Bill Kramer

Sunday, October 22, 2017

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Recitation of the Rosary

8:30 AM + **Mass for the Parishioners of All Saints**

9:30 AM Coffee Social – Church Undercroft

9:30 AM **NO** SOCL Pre-School Class

Lector: Melanie LaSota

Ushers: Bob Lauzonis & Don Kleer

Church Lock-up: Kody Niedzwiecki

Cemetery Gates: Oct. 20th, 21st, 22nd Stella Millantz

Readings for October 22, 2017

Isaiah 25:1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

Matthew 22:15-21

Helen Danziger was called by her God to take her seat at the banquet of Everlasting Life. We pray for the repose of her soul and for the peace and consolation of her family. Do Widzenia!

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for the members of our parish and its extended family: Bishop Thaddeus Peplowski, Pastor Stewart Bair, Dan Fotovich, Thomas Lill, Mike Sydlowski, Stella Trillow, Roberta Cholewinski, Jim Robinson, Ron Dzikowski, Gregory Berger, Amy Fleck, Billy O'Leary Jay Lobdell, Helen Lobdell, Dean Williams, Stella Starczewski, Shirley Fisher, Carolyn Wendt, & Marianne Fairs.

Recitation of the Rosary

Beginning Sunday, October 1st we will recite the Rosary one half hour prior to Mass on Saturdays & Sunday. Please come and pray this unique Catholic Devotion as we pray for the world, our nation, our community, our families, our parish, and one another.

	Actual	Budget	+/-
Oct. 8 th Envelopes Used 41 of 115	\$1,591.00	\$2,000.00	(\$4090.00)
Heating Envelopes Used: 25 of 115	\$700.00		

2017 Mandated Obligation

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	+/-
CHAS (\$3,875.00) Envelopes Used: 82 of 115	\$19,225.00		\$23,100.00
Cemetery (\$1,965.00) Envelopes Used 66 of 115	\$4,635.00		\$6,600.00
CIRF Envelopes Used: 68 of 115	\$2,265.00	\$2,475.00	(\$210.00)
SOCL (\$290.00) Envelopes Used: 77 of 115	\$1,360.00		\$1,650.00

All Saints Day

We will celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION for all Polish National Catholics on Wednesday, November 1st. The Mass schedule: 8:30 AM & 7:30 PM.

All Souls Day

We will celebrate the feast of All Souls with Mass and Remembrance of our deceased loved ones on Thursday, November 2nd with Mass at 7:00 PM. All Souls Remembrance Envelopes are in the vestibule of the church. Deadline for All Souls Memorials is October 29th.

Family Promise Week

Our Family Promise Host week is scheduled for Sunday, October 22nd through Sunday, October 29th. The Family Promise Sign Up Board is located in the church undercroft. Please take the opportunity to participate in this outreach project of our parish.

This project which the parish has undertaken is the reason why we exist as a Catholic Christian community founded on our faith in Jesus Christ and his message: to bring glad tidings to the poor, to shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, and comfort those in need.

Church Renovation Pledges

We have received pledges from 72 parishioners or **44.4 %** of our membership for our church renovation project for our 100th Anniversary Celebration. Our pledge total: **\$29,992.00** per year.

If you are one who has not completed your pledge form I ask that you prayerfully consider your response in light of how God has blessed you, your love of his church, and what you are able to contribute. Please complete the form as soon as possible and place it in an envelope and put it in the collection or mail it to the parish office.

Fr. Sr. Rick.

Memorial Tree Leafs

As part of our church renovation project we are providing one leaf on our Memorial Tree for any parishioner who contributes \$500.00 or more to the project.

Any parishioner who has paid \$500.00 toward their pledge can contact Fr. Sr. Rick who will order a leaf to be placed on the tree.

100th Anniversary Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting for interested parishioners who would like to assist in the execution of our parish's 100th Anniversary on Wednesday, October 18th at 7:00 PM in the church undercroft. (*Please note the change of date*). This initial meeting will be approximately 45 minutes to an hour. The date of our 100th Anniversary celebration is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, 2018.

Beer Dinner Fundraiser

Sunday, November 5, 2017

\$35.00 per person

Includes:

4 beers, chips & dip, salad, pizza & dessert

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6520 Steubenville Pike, next to Golf Galaxy & Petco

Proceeds benefit All Saints Polish National Catholic Church

*Contact Karen Seiler or Fr. Sr. Rick for tickets at
412-276-2462*

Dziękuję

Thanks to Walt Podgurski & Jack Dunmyer for painting the bollards around the church. You did a great job!!