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

February 5, 2012

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Theme: Woe to Me if I Do Not Preach the Gospel

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job is one of the best known characters in the Old Testament. While many speak of the "patience of Job," reading his words proves him to be a complainer and debater, a person who did not accept easy explanations for his suffering. The book of Job deals with the question of innocent suffering, trying to move beyond the overly simple belief that the good or evil that befall people are God's reward or punishment for their actions. The story begins as God points out what a good man Job is, to which Satan replies that Job is good because of the rewards he receives, not for genuine love of God. As the tale goes, God allows Satan to test Job. For 40 chapters of poetic argumentation, Job defends himself against friends who assert that he must be guilty of something if he has been so punished. While Job refuses to blame God for his calamity, he nevertheless calls on God to explain why he must suffer so much.

In the end, God denounces Job's friends and their theories of divine retribution, but also teaches Job that he cannot call God to account. While the friends offer sacrifice for their presumption, God restores Job's fortunes, giving him more than he ever had and an additional 140 years in which to enjoy life. In the passage we hear today, Job has just begun his time of trial and is giving a sorry account of the hopeless drudgery of life. In the last line he addresses God, asking God to remember him. That is a typical prayer in the scriptures, usually implying a plea for God's mercy, compassion, or restraint (see Psalms 78:39, 103:14).

1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

"Woe to me if I do not preach [the Gospel]!" In previous readings from 1 Corinthians, we have seen that Paul interprets the meaning of human life in terms of God's future. In today's selection, Paul describes his understanding of his own vocation. After assuring the community that he was radically free (9:1-14), He now says that he cannot boast about his service of the Gospel because he is obligated to do it. In this, he depicts himself like Jeremiah, called from his mother's womb (see Galatians 1:15).

In fact, he actually describes himself as compelled, and eventually even as a slave (see Romans 1:1, Galatians 1:10). Paul believes that after receiving the call of Christ, his life has but one object: to preach the Gospel. Thus, he feels he must do anything and everything possible to complete that obligation.

Very Rev. Richard R. Seiler, Jr.....Pastor

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Mark 1:29-39

In the scenes we visit today, Jesus continues his intensive activity of healing and casting out demons. The first healing miracle Mark recounts is that of Simon's mother-in-law. Earlier, when Jesus cast out a demon in the synagogue (1:26), the response was that everyone was amazed. When this woman was healed, we hear that she "waited on them," a phrase which can also be translated as "ministered to them." As the word that is also the etymological root of the English word *deacon*, this is the same word that Mark used for the angels' ministry to Jesus in the wilderness. Mark's next use of the word will be in 10:45, where Jesus teaches that the greatest must "serve." Thus, while her waiting on them gives solid evidence of her healing, it also demonstrates her response of discipleship: she who was healed, responded in ministry to others. This goes significantly further than the astonishment of those who heard Jesus' preaching in the synagogue.

As Mark continues his account of Jesus' inaugural activity, his exaggerated vocabulary emphasizes the impact Jesus was having on his contemporaries. The other side of that was Jesus' own sense of being driven to mission. Preaching the Gospel through teaching and healing was the sole purpose of his life: "For this purpose have I come."

Foundation for Preaching and Teaching 2011 LTP

Sunday, February 5, 2012

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30 AM **NO** SOCL Class

9:45 AM Congregational Mtg. – Church Undercroft

Lector: Karen Seiler

Ushers: W. Podgurski & B. Krasneski

Altar Servers: Jake Lisak & Bryn Dami

Church Lock-Up: William Kramer

Ed and Bobbi Jo Haden offer flowers at the Main Altar to the praise and glory of God in memory of Lavina Snow (13th Anniversary).

Monday, February 6

Weekday

Tuesday, February 7

Weekday

Wednesday, February 8

Weekday

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

Thursday, February 9

Weekday

7:00 PM Adoration & Benediction of the
Most Blessed Sacrament

Friday, February 10

Weekday

Saturday, February 11, 2012

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM + **Sam Davis**

Of. Mary Ratajack

Lector: Diane Popek

Ushers: E. Ratajack & E. Miller

Altar Servers: Jenna Devinney & McKenzie Schall

Sunday, February 12, 2012

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Lector: MaryAnn Warholak

Ushers: J. Popek & R. Clarry

Altar Servers: Abby Hohn & Alaina Clarry

Church Lock-Up: Walt Podgurski

Readings for February 12th

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Mark 1:40-45

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for the members of our parish and its extended family: Joyce Deems, Mary Dzikowski, Jim Robinson, Carolyn Wendt, Thomas Lill, Fran Lotecki, Bret Pattera, Maria Tokarczyk, Linda Braun, Bette Sandora, Penny Suchocki, Tillie Karpinski, Cora Houston, Connie Jones, Kristen Croyle, Pete Dobbins & Sherry Michigan.

SOCL Family Bingo

Sunday, February 19, 2012

All Saints Auditorium

11:00 AM following SOCL Class

Light lunch & dessert will be served

For more information and to sign up please see the sign up sheets in the vestibule, undercroft of the church and the SOCL center.

Congregational Meeting

Today we will be holding our annual Congregational Meeting. At this meeting the 2012 Parish Budget will be presented; there will be the election of Parish Officers and Trustees and other pertinent parish business will be addressed.

Any parishioner, in good standing and who meets the qualifications to be an Officer or Trustee, and desires to do so is asked to submit his/her name.

We thank the parishioners who have taken the time to attend this Congregational Meeting and appreciate their desire to be a part of the spiritual, liturgical, mission, and temporal life of their parish community.

Weekly Offering

	Actual	Budgeted	+/-
Jan. 29 th	\$2,015.00	\$2,100.00	(\$85.00)
Envelopes Used: 79 of 162			
January	\$9,732.35	\$10,500.00	(\$767.65)
CHAS	\$7,635.00		
Envelopes Used: 51 of 162			

Building Fund Donations

	Env.	Amount	Total
Jan. 29 th	1	\$500.00	\$96,052.00
Donated to the Building Fund: \$100.00 in Memory of Stella Yaccino & \$340.00 in Memory of Helen Wroblewski.			

District 5 of the PNU

District 5 of the Polish National Union will be meeting on Saturday, February 11, 2012 at Holy Trinity Parish in Washington, PA. The meeting will begin at 1:00 PM. All local Branch officers and Spojnia members are encouraged to attend.

SAMBS News

The dates for Adoration & Prayer & Benediction have been chosen: Thursday, Feb. 9th, Apr. 12th, May 10th, & June 7th. We agreed to make the commitment to pray for our families, friends, parish, bishops, priests, church, etc...so we need to follow through on it. We would also like to do "Heart Sunday". We could do so on March 4th or 18th and again open the luncheon to all of the ladies of the congregation. We also need to schedule a business meeting to elect ladies to attend the Spring Sub- Central meeting at Transfiguration in Mt. Pleasant on May 6th. At that meeting we will be electing officers for the Sub-Central SAMBS. Please contact Lydia Hohn with other ideas or suggestions.

Dziękuję

We would like to thank the many parishioners who helped us to celebrate our 60th Wedding Anniversary by attending the Mass and Special Anniversary Blessing and the celebration in the undercroft of the church. May God bless you for your presence and for the cards and best wishes.

Charlotte & Ed Ratajack

Carnegie's

Let's Keep Somebody Warm Campaign

Sponsor: Cold Weather Help Alliance of Carnegie

Most of you have a coat, sweater, hooded sweatshirt or even an extra blanket that you are not using – won't you help someone to keep warm this winter who is not as fortunate. We will be helping the needy & poor & homeless in Carnegie, Heidelberg, East Carnegie, Glendale and other areas. Pitch in and give a coat or sweater to keep some one warm. You can drop off your items in the undercroft of the church.

Golden Agers

A Day in Smicksville

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Depart Carnegie: 8:00 AM

Meet Our Guide: 9:30 AM

Smicksville Specialty Shops

Yoder's Country Living Shoppe

Windgate Winery

The Country Cupboard

The Chocolate Shop

Smicksburg Cheese

Dinner Stop on own

Home by: 7:30 PM

Cost: \$75.00 Per Person

Contact: Don Cain at 412-279-0885

For Super Bowl Sunday

"Quarterback Sneak" – Church members leaving quietly during the invitation.

"Benchwarmer" – Those who do not sing, pray, work, or apparently do anything.

"Staying in the Pocket" – What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.

"Sudden Death" – What happens to the congregation's attention span if the preacher goes overtime.

"Flex Defense" – The ability to allow absolutely nothing during the sermon to affect your life.

"Blitz" – The rush for the restaurants following the benediction.

"End Run" – Getting out of church fast by skirting behind the pastor at the door.

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