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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 29, 2010

Theme: Practicing Humility

Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

Sirach is another of the books classified as "deuterocanonical," meaning that it is recognized as Sacred Scripture by Catholics but not by Jews or Protestants. The introduction to the book indicates that it was the teaching of the author's Jewish grandfather translated into Greek. Like the book of Wisdom, Sirach reminds the Jews living in a Greek cultural milieu of the wealth of their tradition. It is a rich collection of proverbs and maxims, not all of which would be deemed acceptable in modern times (Sirach 25).

Our reading skips over some verses that deepen the concepts summarized in the straightforward message that we do hear. One which would go well with today's Gospel is verse 19: "For great is the power of God; / by the humble he is glorified."

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

This last selection that we will hear from the letter to the Hebrews is part of a theological summary of the entire letter. In this, the author/preacher is reminding the people of the joy and promise of their Christian calling. The God that they have come to know in Jesus is not a god who descends in fire and thunderous noise, but rather the God whose judgment brings everyone to perfection. No longer are people trapped in an age of bloody sacrifice and cries for vengeance; they are now reconciled through the blood of Christ.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

As this scene opens, it is clear that the dinner will not turn out to be a feast in which everyone enjoys one another. First, we hear that it was the Sabbath, and although our reading skips over the event, Jesus starts out by healing a man in front of the other guests who "were observing him carefully," or, in other words, watching him with hostility.

It appears that Jesus, too, was observing everything carefully as he noticed how the guests jockeyed for positions at the table. (Were they striving

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to get closer to the host or further from Jesus and the Man with dropsy?) In such a highly charged setting, it seems surprising that Jesus would choose to teach about table manners, guest lists, and how to avoid being embarrassed. But if we study the language of verse 11, we will understand that this passage is about much more than etiquette.

When Jesus says "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled," he is not simply referring to the relationship between guest and host. In the first half of the phrase, the exalting is done by people on their own behalf; they have determined their relative importance in the group. In the second half of the sentence, the passive voice, "will be humbled," is a respectful way of referring to what God is going to do. Thus, Jesus is not talking about politeness, but God's evaluation of human attitudes and actions.

In a society that often evaluated people on the basis of their social stature and bodily well being, Jesus' suggestion that the guests invite outcasts to dine was absurd. Why would anyone want to be identified with the most despised members of society? The uncomfortable answer was in their own tradition: God has a special care for the poor. Those who invite the lowly can only be repaid by God.

Sometimes we are tempted to equate humility with low self-esteem. These readings disavow that definition and instead offer a new meaning based on faith and action. The humility described by Sirach recognizes that only the humble are free enough of themselves to receive God's self-revelation. The psalm reiterates God's unique concern for any and everyone in need. Finally, the Gospel depicts Jesus as the humble teacher who led the way in associating with the poor, thus fleshing out the image of the God about whom he preached. We are called to humbly strive to do likewise.

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Saturday, August 28, 2010

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM + **Kathy Cooley**

Of. Stephen & Nance Tye

Lector: Diane Popek

Ushers: B. Kramer & B. Deems

Altar Servers: Sam Hamilton & Abigail Hohn

Sunday, August 29, 2010

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM + **Clarence & Mildred Moschel**

(Birthday Rem)

Of. Mimi & Dave Moschel Ellis

10:15 AM Mission & Evangelism Meeting

Carnegie Heritage Festival Preparation

Lector: Debbie Ratajack

Usher: L. Schnurr & J. Zarin

Altar Servers: Jake Lisak & Aaron Barnett

Cemetery Gates: E. Ratajack

Dee Sutton & Sherry Michigan offer flowers at the Main Altar to the praise and glory of God in memory of Bud & Millie Moschell (Birthday Remembrance).

Monday, August 30

Solemnity-Beheading of John the Baptist

8:30 AM + Leona & Bob McMurray

Of. Stephen & Nance Tye

Tuesday, August 31

Weekday

Wednesday, September 1

Weekday

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

Thursday, September 2

Weekday

Friday, September 3

Weekday

Saturday, September 4

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM + **Stella Yaccino**

Of. Len & Mil Gerlowski

Lector: Louise Bugna

Ushers: K. Niedzwiecki & J. Devinney

Altar Servers: Madison & McKenzie Schall

Sunday, September 5

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:20 AM General Confession & Absolution

8:30 AM + **Deceased of the Podgurski & Kleysteuber Families**

Of. Walter Podgurski

****Please note the time change for Mass****

Lector: MaryAnn Warholak

Usher: D. Kleer & R. Clarry

Altar Servers: Hope Anthony & Sam Hamilton

Cemetery Gates:

Prayers for the Sick

We pray for the following members of our parish and its extended family: Annabelle Webb, Shelley Lill & Thomas, Sean Lill, Carl Kusajtys, Fran Lotecki, Angelo Picarro, Charlotte Ratajack, Rob Wink, Margie Eibesberger, Joan Gibbons, Flo Claybaugh, Penney Suchocki, Susan Meier, Louis Van Camp, Bret Pattera, Richard Claus, McKenna Buchert, Don Sherge, Josephine McGraw, Amanda Schuller, Dolores Plachecki, Gloria Krally, Dorothy Kindy, Bill Beaumont and John Barron.

Mission & Evangelism News

Carnegie Heritage Festival

We will be participating in The Carnegie Heritage Festival on Friday & Saturday, September 9th & 10th 2010. We need parishioners to work the booth distributing the cookies, pens, church information and selling raffle tickets. We are asking parishioners to sign up for 2 hour shifts. Sign up sheets are in the vestibule of the church.

Food Pantry Weekend

The weekend of September 4th/5th is our weekend to help stock the St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry housed at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. Please bring your non-perishable food items and paper products to the vestibule of the Church. May God bless you for your continuing ministry to feed the hungry.

Weekly Offering

	Actual	Budgeted	+/-
Aug. 22 nd	\$1,664.00	\$1,900.00	(\$236.00)

Envelopes used: 76

Building Fund Donations

	Env.	Amount	Total
Aug. 22 nd	0	\$0.00	\$67,572.00

\$25.00 in memory of Mary Deems

N.B. This total is only from parishioners paying on their 4 year \$250.00 per year pledge.

Football Fund Raiser

If you are a Pittsburgh Steeler Fan, this fund raiser is for you. Purchase a block for \$30.00 on the Steeler Football Pool & you could win \$125.00 after every regular season game based on the final score.

If the final score is 30 Steelers & 15 Falcons the person with 0 for Steelers & 5 for falcons wins \$125.00. If the second game score is 45 Steelers & 12 Titans the person with (30+45=75) 5 Steelers & (15+12=27) 7 Titans wins \$125.00 for the second week. *The game scores continue to accumulate throughout the regular season.* Blocks will be sold on a first come. First serve basis. Please see Bobbi Jo Haden to purchase your \$30.00 block (money is due at that time). All Saints will raise \$1000.00 for every 100 blocks sold! You can also sell blocks to your family & friends just provide their names and addresses and *money* to Bobbi Jo. Make this a great *Football Season* for *All Saints*

SOCL News

Sept. 12th 10:15 AM Registration/Parent Meeting

Sept. 19th First SOCL Class

Please return your SOCL registration forms as soon as possible.

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, September 12, 2010 all children are asked to bring/or wear their backpacks to Mass. Fr. Rick will offer a special blessing over the students as their new school year begins.

Banns of Marriage

I Matthew Van Camp & Carla Jean Williams

Polish Fest News

All Saints Polish Fest
Saturday, October 2, 2010
11:00 AM – 7:30 AM

Take out opens at 10:00 AM

Ethnic foods such as homemade pierogies, golabki, sauerkraut, haluska & kielbasa will be provided. Polish beers, sodas, water, coffee & tea will be available for purchase. Musical entertainment & Polish Dancers will be on hand as well as the exciting Pierogie Eating Contest with a guest appearance by a Pirate Pierogie!

Polish Fest Raffle Tickets

All adult parishioners are urged to take their Polish Fest raffle tickets. Tickets are \$1.00 and each adult parishioner is asked to sell 30 tickets. The raffle ticket will be distributed at all Masses in the next few weeks. This is our major fund raising activity and its success depends upon every parishioner selling their tickets, working at the Polish Fest and encouraging family and friends to patronize the event.

Stuffed Cabbage Making

We will be making cabbage rolls on **Thursday, September 16th** starting at 8:30 AM. A sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the church; please sign up if you plan on helping to make the 900-1000 cabbage rolls we need for our Polish Fest.

Chinese Auction News

Flyers with information and suggestions concerning sponsoring a basket for the Chinese auction are available in the vestibule of the church. So far we have 17 baskets sponsored and we will gladly accept many more. Questions can be answered by Donna McGregor at the telephone number listed on the flyer.

Polish Fest Placemats

We will once again be selling ads for the Polish Fest Placemat. The business card ad is \$50.00. If you are interested in placing an ad or know of someone that is interested please inform Bobbi Jo Haden and she will provide you with the appropriate information.

Mass Schedule

On Sunday, September 5th our Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM. This will enable Fr. Rick to celebrate Mass at Holy Trinity in Stowe Township so that Fr. Mike and his family can enjoy the Labor Day weekend.

We will celebrate our Mass on Labor Day, Monday, September 6th at 8:30 AM.