

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of Zachary and Elizabeth, Conception of St. John the Baptist -- September 23rd

Three Persons, One Flesh

Marriage is the representation of an important reality. It is a representation of Jesus Christ and the Church. It is a mystery, and the mystery consists in this, the fact that the spouses are united and the two become one. In great silence, while all around them there is complete tranquility, the two are united and together form the image of God. One meets the other to make one body.

Every father is happy at the marriage of a daughter or a son, because he sees that two persons are about to form a single body. He has spent a lot of money on his children, they have cost him a great deal, and to see them not marrying does not help to support him: one body divided into two, that is what they are.

But, when they marry how do they become one flesh? It is as if you were to take gold purer

than any that exists and mix it with more gold. The wife receives the seed – fused as though in a crucible of pleasure – nourishes it, protects it, and adding her own contribution delivers it to her husband as a baby, a third person to make a bridge between the two parents. The three are one flesh, counting the baby who binds the father and mother together.

But then, if they do not have children, will they in that case not be forming one flesh? They will be one flesh just the same, because it is the conjugal union that creates this unity by mingling together the bodies of the two spouses. Add a little seasoning to the oil and the mixture is complete. The same thing happens in marriage.

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"Glory to Jesus Christ!"
"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

Sep. 23, 2012
The 17th Sun.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL is now in session for the fall-winter semester and we expect that every parish child will attend this program. We have classes for all youth, from Preschool through Highschool, including First Solemn Communion. Everything is free for the students - books, supplies, treats, etc. We appeal to all our good Christian parents to BRING THEIR CHILDREN to Sunday School at 10 am every Sunday, so that we can teach them of Jesus Christ!

OUR ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM, Sunday mornings with Father, will be started next Sunday, Sep. 30, at 10:10 am in the School Lounge. Our first meeting will be devoted to our Faith and the Nicean Creed, the most complete statement of what we believe. Every good Christian, every Catholic must know this ancient symbol, so come and learn with us next Sunday. Coffee, tea, sweets are on us!

FATHER PASTOR will be on his obligatory retreat this coming week, Monday - Thursday. In case of an emergency or death in the family, please contact the Caretakers at 610 246 6141.

WE HAD A WONDERFUL Family Feast last weekend with several hundred faithful in attendance. We thank all the members of the Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils for organizing and working at this happy and successful gathering. God bless all of you!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Bridgeport Chapter, will be visiting us this weekend to seek help with their pro-life labors, such as personal counseling and financial support for expectant mothers. We thank all of you for helping with this important effort.

SOME VOTER REGISTRATION FORMS are available today in the vestibule for the upcoming general election on November 6. You are eligible to vote if you are a citizen of the USA, 18 years old and a resident of PA. Please help yourself to these forms.

ONE OF OUR PARISHIONERS, Lexus Shontz (whom we baptized 24 years ago) has a role in the Oct. 11 premier of The Vampire Diaries on the CW Network as a Swat Team member. Check it out.

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm For all the Faithful

Sunday, 9 am +Boris Lewicky (The Luba Family)

+Oleh Pawluk (Brother Borys and Neonila)

Friday, 7 am +Stefa Kusek (Jim Deskiewicz)

Saturday, 8 am +Jack Danko)Mike and Kathy Biller)

Saturday, 6 pm +Marianne McMichael (Daughter Sarah, Kovack Family)

Sunday, 9 am For all the Faithful, Living and Deceased

TODAY'S TROPAR: You did descend from on high, O Good-Hearted
One Jesus. You did accept a three-day burial,
that You might free us from suffering, O Our Life and Resurrection,
O Lord Jesus Christ, Glory to You. GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK: You did rise again from the grave and You did
raise up all the dead. Adam and Eve therefore
rejoice in Your Resurrection. All the ends of the world exult in
Your Rising from the dead, O Most Merciful One Jesus.

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Pray and give glory to the Lord, Our God.

Love, Fr. Ronald