MESSAGE FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the reading from the first letter of St. Peter, we read, “...Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.” This is written to all the baptized of the church not just to those who are Catholic priests. The Catechism of the Catholic Church (an official statement of Catholic teachings) simply says, “The whole community of believers is, as such, priestly.”

A while ago, when gas stations still had attendants to pump your gas, I stopped in. I was in formal Roman collar as a priest. The young attendant came out to put in the nozzle to fill it up and then asked me, “Are You a priest?” I said simply, “Yes.” Then he said, “In my church we don’t need priests, we are all priests!” I said to him, “Do you know why I am a priest? I want to help my people make of their lives a suitable offering to God for I do believe they are priest of their own lives! That is their priestly role!”

The young gas station attendant seemed confused and just looked at the pump and told me how much I owed. What I said to him says in a simple way how the Catholic Church can teach about a special ordained priesthood and yet a common priesthood that all Catholics share in by baptism. As the letter of St. Peter says, “You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own.”

REFLECTIONS ON MOTHER’S DAY

This 2020 Mother’s Day is certainly different. But especially for those of you whose mothers are alive. Yet the significance of their lives does not change as much as we try to figure out a way to honor them appropriately and keep them safe.

For those of us whose mothers have died, our prayers for them and a visit to the cemetery will be as usual. I will visit the cemetery with my sister to place some flowers on my mom’s grave and offer some prayers there. As I have grown older, and I have become more aware of all the challenges that a woman has in giving birth let alone in taking care of children, I realize how much love was my mother’s to me and my brothers and sisters. May the Lord grant her peace and rest in the Kingdom and may I enjoy that reunion with her in the Heavenly Paradise.

Dear Mothers,

We wish you a blessed day for all the love and care you share. Be assured of the prayers of your priests for you and “eternal rest” for our beloved deceased mothers.

- Fr. Joseph Hilinski - Fr. Andrzej Knapik
MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Hilinski and Fr. Knapik will continue to offer private Mases for those intentions already scheduled.

INTENTIONS FOR THIS COMING WEEK Sunday-Sunday, May 10 May 17

Fr. Hilinski will offer Masses for the following:
- Health & blessings for Deb & Family
  † Deborah Luczek
- Helen & Stan Konecki
  For the Parishioners
  Health & Blessings for the Coronavirus Victims
  † Patti Gajewski
  † Patty Merolla
  † Eleanor & Frank Bialkowski

Fr. Knapik will offer Masses for the following:
- Frank & Jozefa Marszalek, † Fr. Marian Marszalek & † Christine Bellar
  † Josef Pietrzycki

A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

All-loving God, we give you thanks and pray for all mothers.

for young mothers, who give life and tend to our every need. May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

for our own mothers and step-mothers who have nurtured and cared for us. May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

for mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict. May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes away every tear.

for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

for mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our hearts and nourish us with their love. Amen.

PBS WVIZ CHANNEL 25 SERIES ON POLAND

In this charming cooking and travel series, FLAVOR OF POLAND, viewers are taken on a journey across 13 distinct regions of Poland meeting with chefs, restauranteurs, historians and locals showing off their part of the country. A cooking segment is featured at the end of each episode where viewers are shown how to recreate Poland’s traditional and historic tastes in their very own home. The series appears at multiple times so check the weekly schedule. Warszawa will be featured this Saturday, May 9 at 9:30 a.m. and also on Monday, May 11 (on 25.4 Create) at noon and 4:00 p.m. Rzeszów is coming up on Saturday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m.

UNIVERSAL OFFERTORY PROGRAM

Recognizing that our parishes depend on offertory donations for ongoing expenses the Diocese and the Catholic Community Foundation have established a Universal Offertory Program for all 185 parishes. The purpose of this initiative is to provide parishioners with an opportunity to support their local parish via a secure online gift, should their parish not currently have an online giving program.

The website is: www.CatholicCommunity.org/Offertory

Make sure that when you go to the website that it says Universal Offertory Program (and not “give to Catholic Charities”) You will be asked to “select an amount” (you can select a listed amount or click on “other” for an amount of your own.) Click on “select a parish.” If you want your donation to go to St. Barbara please scroll down and select St. Barbara from the listing. Billing and payment information will follow.

At the end of the page there will be a bar to press to “submit” Please let us know if you have submitted a contribution.

Thanks to those of you who have already used this online offertory service and thanks to those who have mailed or dropped off their offertory collection envelopes.

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http://lordcalls.com/prayers-for-different-people/a-prayer-for-mothers

Agnieszka Zoladz & Mateusz Buckun will unite in the sacrament of Marriage on Saturday, May 16. Due to restrictions for social distancing the ceremony will be private.

The generosity of our Parishioners & Friends has brought St. Barbara Church the following:

Collection for May 3 - $1,420 (28 envelopes & cards)
Maintenance Fund - $1,707 (19 envelopes)
Additional for Easter - $55 (2 envelopes)

Thank you! Dziękuję bardzo!