

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, October 13, 2019 – **28th Ordinary Sunday / Solemnity – Christian Family**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

† Frank & Bernice Samiec

Monday, October 14, 2019 – **Weekday**

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 – **Weekday**

Wednesday, October 16, 2019 – **Weekday**

Thursday, October 17, 2019 – **Weekday**

Friday, October 18, 2019 – **Feast – St. Luke, the Evangelist**

Saturday, October 19, 2019 – **Weekday**

Sunday, October 20, 2019 – **29th Ordinary Sunday / Heritage Sunday**

9:30 AM Holy Mass

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CALENDARIUM

Sunday, October 13	Solemnity – Christian Family
Friday, October 18	Feast – St. Luke, Evangelist
Thursday, October 24	Feast – Raphael the Archangel
Monday, October 28	Feast – St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles
Thursday, October 31	Vigil of All Saints
Friday, November 1	Solemnity – All Saints
Saturday, November 2	Solemnity – All Souls

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING

Sunday, October 20, 2019

after Mass

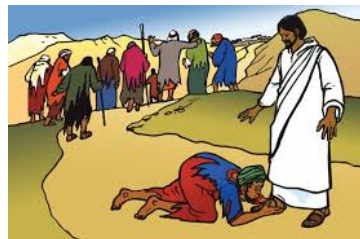
FAITH SHARING

The central theme of today’s readings is gratitude – in particular, the expression of gratitude God expects from us.

Naaman, the Syrian military commander in the first reading, was an outcast not only because of his leprosy; he was also a non-Israelite. But he returned to thank the Prophet Elisha for the cure of his leprosy, and as a sign of his gratitude, transferred his allegiance to the God of Israel.

St. Paul, in the second reading, advises Timothy to be grateful to God even in his physical sufferings and amid the dangers associated with spreading the Word of God because God will always be faithful to His people.

Today’s Gospel story tells us of a single non-Jewish leper (a “Samaritan heretic”), who returned to thank Jesus for healing him, while the nine Jewish lepers went their way.



Perhaps, they were under the false impression that healing was their right as God’s “chosen people.” They hurried off to obtain health certificates from the priests. “Where are the other nine?” Jesus asked the thankful Samaritan and the crowd. Today’s readings also remind us that Faith and healing go hand in hand. It was Faith that prompted Naaman to plunge himself into the waters of the Jordan River, and it was Faith in Jesus which prompted the lepers to present themselves first to Jesus and then to the priests. The readings also demonstrate the universal love of God for all peoples, including the Samaritans (whom the Israelites hated), and the pagans, Israel’s enemies, whom Naaman represented.



2019 PNCC SPECIAL SYNOD

The Special Synod of The Polish National Catholic Church will take place on Friday, October 25, 2019 at St. Stanislaus Youth Center in Scranton, PA. The election of two candidates for bishop will be the sole purpose of this one-day Synod.

Mr. Bill Quilty, our chairman, has been elected as our representative to go to 2019 PNCC Special Synod.



LEPROSY IN THE TIME OF JESUS

Biblical leprosy rarely included Hansen’s disease (leprosy proper). It was mostly skin diseases like ringworm, psoriasis, leukoderma, and vitiligo. The suffering of lepers in Biblical times was chiefly due to the way they were treated by the religious society of the day. They were deemed unclean, unfit to be counted among a people who considered themselves “a kingdom of priests, a holy nation” (Ex 19:6). “Leprosy” was a terrible disease because its victims were separated from their families and society. Lepers were treated as sinners who were being punished by God with a contagious disease.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS CELEBRATIONS

November is coming, and as always on Nov 1 and Nov 2, as well as the whole first week of November, our thoughts are toward those whom God called to himself. Please remember about your beloved Dead, your Family, your Friends, your fellow Parishioners. Always the best prayer you can offer for them is the Holy Mass in their intention. In addition, please try to visit their grave side and offer your prayer right there.

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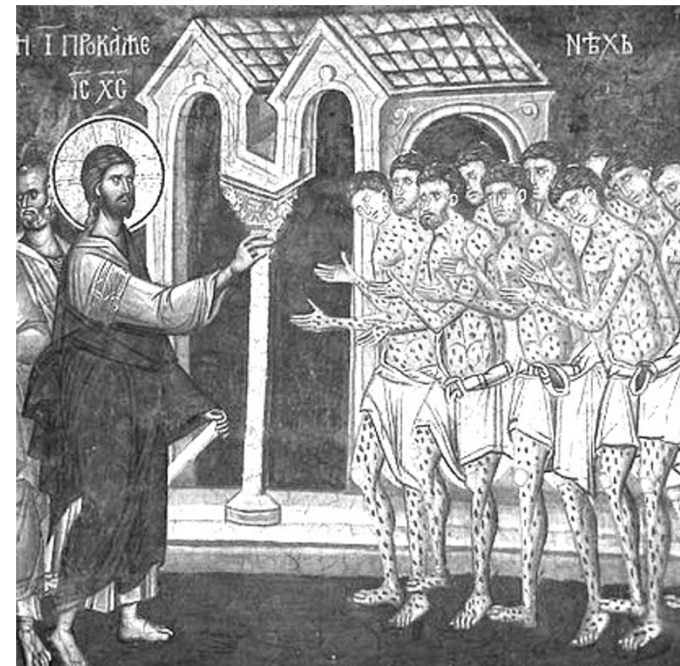
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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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October 13, 2019