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**Second Sunday of Easter – Cycle “B”**

Druga Niedziela Wielkanocna

**April 15, 2012**

“Immortality means living forever, with the emphasis on living.”

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

**Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Traditional liturgy in English.**

**Today, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Second Sunday of Easter**

Faith in the risen Lord is the grace of our lives, and reconciliation the mission we have been given. Let us bless the Lord.

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Josephine Studlick**, of. by Robert Giba & family.

**Baptism:** Jocelyn Diane Payne (after the Holy Mass).

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8; **Tue.**, Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15; **Wed.**, Acts 5:17-26;  
John 3:16-21; **Thu.**, Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36; **Fri.**, Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15; **Sat.**,  
Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

**TUESDAY, April 17<sup>th</sup> - Easter Weekday**

**7:30AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

7:00PM – Ladies Blessed Sacrament Society meeting in the hall.

**WEDNESDAY, April 18<sup>th</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Michał** and **Maria Zaborowscy**, of. by Janina Plichta.

**THURSDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Father Stanisław Dułak**, of. by Fr. Robert.

**FRIDAY, April 20<sup>th</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Father Janusz Rekowski**, of. by Fr. Robert.

**NEXT SUNDAY, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** - III Sunday of Easter

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Father Edward Tomczyk.

**Today's liturgy**

**ASPERGES** – **Widziałem wodę** – Płynącą ze świątyni z prawego boku, alleluja, a wszyscy, do których zbliżyła się woda owa, uzdrowieni są i rzekną: Alleluja, alleluja; Wyznawajcie Pana, albowiem dobry: ponieważ na wieki miłosierdzie Jego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

**ENTRANCE RITE** (Psalm 40:2-4)

V. I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry. Drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.

**R. And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia.**

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

**R. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN** – **Zwycięzca Śmierci/O'er Death Victorious** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 132

Zwycięzca śmierci, Zbawca ludu swego, wychodzi z grobu z rana dnia trzeciego. Naród niewierny, trwoży i przestrasza, cud Mesjasza. Alleluja!

O'er death victorious, Christ the Lord is risen. On the third morning, from death's darkest prison. Frightened, unfaithful, know that death is conquered by the Messiah, Alleluia!

**I Reading: Acts 4:32-35**

*The life of the first community is characterized by a unity of mind and heart and common life.*

**GRADUAL (Psalm 116:15-16)**

V. Too costly in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful. Alleluia.

**R. Lord, I am Your servant, the child of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds.**

**II Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

*The resurrection of Jesus and our faith in Him have overcome the world.*

**ALLELUIA (Psalm 30:2,4)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. I praise You, Lord, for You raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

*In the upper room the risen Lord appears, and a doubting man finds faith.*

**HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Come Thou Creator Spirit blest. And in our souls take up Thy rest. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Come with Thy grace and wondrous aid. Fill now the hearts which Thou hast made. Amen.

**OFFERTORY HYMN – Alleluia! Christ is Risen – PNCC Hymnal, p. 118**

1. Alleluia! Christ is risen! From the grave which was His prison! Death's dark sleep is ended now, Death's dark sleep is ended now.

2. Alleluia! He has vanquished. Mankind's sin which us imprisoned. In such slav'ry shamefully, In such slav'ry shamefully.

3. Alleluia! Truth has triumphed, mean deceit is surely dying. Truth reigns over earth now freed, truth reigns over earth now freed.

4. Alleluia! Hatred's banished! Innocence is now exulted, Gained it's right to be alive, gained it's right to be alive.

**COMMUNION HYMN – Christ Is Risen – PNCC Hymnal, p. 124**

Christ is risen, Sing o Christian, Wipe the tears of grief away. All who would now seek Salvation, Come rejoice with us this day. He has risen, Lord in glory, As He had foretold His vict'ry. Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing forth, Alleluia!

Useless was the stone so heavy, which they used to seal the grave. Unsuccessful were the sentries, keeping watch o'er One Who saves. All for naught were the endeavors to contain the Mighty Victor. Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing forth, Alleluia!

God Almighty, God of nature, Reigns above all He has made, Crushes walls, concedes no barrier, Rises boldly from the grave. Guards fall down in trepidation, Motionless in fear before Him. Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing forth, Alleluia!

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** – **Wesoły Nam/Come Rejoice Our Lord is Risen** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 127

1. Wesoły nam dziś dzień nastał, którego z nas każdy żądał. Tego dnia Chrystus zmartwychwstał, Alleluja, alleluja!
2. Come rejoice our Lord is risen, Come sing out the proclamation. Come sing of His resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**May the Lord, who appeared to Thomas, remove all doubt and worry from your minds, and fill you with His Easter joy.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**GENERAL CHURCH**

- Apr. 27-29<sup>th</sup> PNCC MISSION & EVANGELISM workshop (Cedar Lake, IN)  
May 18-20<sup>th</sup> 67 ANNUAL PNCC/YMSofR Bowling Tournament (Schenactedy, NY)  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> Special Synod of the PNCC (Scranton, PA)

**CENTRAL DIOCESE**

- Oct. 11-13<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

- Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> Seniorate Council meeting (Shenandoah, PA 1:00PM)  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

**FRACKVILLE**

- Apr. 29<sup>th</sup> “Chinese” Auction  
May 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Mass at 9:00AM.

**SHENANDOAH**

- May 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Mass at 11:00AM.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Special Thanks go out to:**

- **Mrs. Betty Brazausky** and members of the Parish for preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** for musical preparations, and to the Choir members;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector,
- to the **Sunday greeters**, the people working on fundraisers.

**NEW DONATIONS** - On behalf of the now idle Schuylkill County Polish Choraliers, former **President Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes** is pleased to announce the following donations to St. John the Baptist parish.

**A new, silver wine and water cruet drier for the sacristy and (12) new Polish National Catholic Church Hymnals for use by the choir and parishioners have been donated in the names of Stanley and Florence Bulcavage for their dedication and hard work with the chorale group and in this parish.**

Anyone interested in purchasing their own Polish National Catholic Church Hymnal OR would care to donate a few more to the parish should contact Father Robert to place an order.

**PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY** - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home;. if your phone number or address change;. if you have a prayer concern.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Cross Parish in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – James Chistakoff – Dorothy Halaburda – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - George Chesko – Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – John Plaxa. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - ***Frackville Nursing Home*** – Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108) – Stanley Bulcavage (313); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski.

**HOSPITAL VISIT.** If you, or a member of your family, are hospitalized or enter a long-term nursing facility, please personally or through a closest family member contact Fr. Robert. I will visit a sick member upon his or his family notification.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS:** **Apr. 22:** sp. Father Edward Tomczyk; **Apr. 29:** sp. Eugenia Halaburda; **May 6:** sp. Eugenia Halaburda; **May 13:** all Mothers; **May 20:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **May 27:** sp. Eugenia Halaburda; **June 3:** sp. Eugenia Halaburda; **June 10:** sp. Eugenia Halaburda; **June 17:** all Fathers; **June 24:** sp. Eugenia Halaburda; **July 1:** sp. Eugenia Halaburda; **July 8:** sp. Darwin Zimmerman; **July 15:** sp. Darwin Zimmerman; **July 22:** sp. Elizabeth Prock; **July 29:** sp. Elizabeth Prock; **Aug. 5:** sp. Elizabeth Prock; **Aug. 12:** Walter and Valeria Golba. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*

**CHINESE AUCTION** will be held on **April 29, 2012** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event. We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone's help is needed especially on the day of the auction. The ANS Society is asking Parishioners for donating items for **Big** and **Small** tables. Thank you!

**THE MANOR AT WAYMART** – a personal care facility, is located in beautiful

waymart, PA near the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. We invite you to contact us at **570-488-6829** or **HYPERLINK** "mailto:manoratwaymart@echoes.net"[manoratwaymart@echoes.net](mailto:manoratwaymart@echoes.net) for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility. Also these are our **room rates**: Semi-Private - \$2,097.00; Private - \$2,646.00; Private Deluxe - \$3,087.00.

**CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH** – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child's religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **8:30AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

**WELCOME OUR VISITORS** – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship.

**THE PNCC SPECIAL SYNOD** – pursuant to article *VII, LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY, B, THE SPECIAL SYNOD, SECTION 1* of the Constitution and Laws of the PNCC, the Prime Bishop Anthony A. Mikovsky calls a Special Synod for the PNCC to convene at St. Stanislaus Cathedral Youth Center, Scranton, PA, **on Friday, June 22, 2012** with the concurrence of the Supreme Council. The sole purpose of this one-day Synod will be to elect 2 Candidates for Bishop. It will be necessary for each parish to elect lay delegates to this Special Synod. The number of lay delegates to which a parish is entitled is determined by the General Fund Dues submitted for 2011. Mandates and Registration forms may be obtained from the offices of our Diocesan Bishop. The Synod will begin with Holy Mass at St. Stanislaus Cathedral on Friday, June 22, at 8:00AM. After Mass a light continental breakfast will be served in the Youth Center, followed by the election process. Two meal breaks for lunch and dinner, also served in the Youth Center, will be scheduled.

Keep in mind that it is a sacred right that we have to assemble at a Synod to do important work of the Church. Let us remember that the Church has been called into existence by Christ to continue His work. This is a Holy Assembly, and every parish has a moral obligation to send delegates to participate.

**VISIT LITHUANIA, POLAND and PRAGUE** – June 30 – July 15, 2012; \$3,895 Single supplement \$750 from New York to Warsaw. See Eastern Europe on the Baltic Sea, major cities and sights, quaint sea resort towns, visit a health spa and lake districts, Hitler's bunker crystal and pottery shops. Buffet breakfast, and full lunch or dinner daily. LOT airlines, New York departures, bus to/from airport. For more information, please call Margaret Valinsky at: **570-277-6163** or **HYPERLINK** "mailto:valinskym@verizon.net"[valinskym@verizon.net](mailto:valinskym@verizon.net)

**RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST** – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

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