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Third Sunday of Easter – Cycle “B”

Trzecia Niedziela Wielkanocna

April 22, 2012

“Our message – A Living Christ for a Dying World.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, April 22nd – Third Sunday of Easter

The Easter mystery proclaims that our sins are forgiven when we repent. We are called to be witnesses to the power of God's mercy when we meet other people in need of God's help.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Father Edward Tomczyk**, of. by Fr. Robert.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29; **Tue.**, Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35; **Wed.**, 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20;
Thu., Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51; **Fri.**, Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59; **Sat.**, Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

MONDAY, April 23rd - *Easter Weekday*

6:30PM – “Chinese” Auction's organizing meeting in the hall.

TUESDAY, April 24th - *Easter Weekday*

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

WEDNESDAY, April 25th – **Feast – St. Mark, Evangelist**

He was a son of a woman called Mary in whose house Peter sought refuge after being freed jail. He aided St. Paul and his own cousin St. Barnabas in the evangelization of Cyprus. Later, Mark became the companion and secretary of St. Peter in Rome. He wrote the second Gospel, which emphasizes the miraculous powers of the Savior.

7:30AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Edward** and **Helena Zaborowscy**, of. by Fr. Robert.

THURSDAY, April 26th - *Easter Weekday*

7:30AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Józef** and **Aniela Plichta**, of. by Fr. Robert.

10:00AM – Sp. Margaret Pandos funeral service, Sky View cemetery

FRIDAY, April 27th – April 29th - 12th Annual Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Cedar Lake, IN

SATURDAY, April 28th - *Easter Weekday*

1:00PM – **Seniorate Council meeting (Holy Ghost church** in Shenandoah, PA)

NEXT SUNDAY, April 29th - **IV Sunday of Easter**

8:45AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. Eugenia Halaburda, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Elsavege and family.

▲ **“Chinese” Auction** – doors open 12:00, the auction begins 2:00PM. Admission: \$3.00.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – Widziałem wodę – Płynącą ze świątyni z prawego boku, Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja. A wszyscy, do których zbliżyła się woda owa, uzdrowieni są i rzekną: Alleluja, 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 66:2-3)

V. Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name; proclaim His glorious praise. Alleluia.

R. Say to God, “How tremendous are Your deeds! For Your great strength Your enemies fawn upon You. 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

1. Zwycięzca śmierci, Zbawca ludu swego, wychodzi z grobu z rana dnia trzeciego. Naród niewierny, trwoży i przestrasza, cud Mesjasza. Alleluja!
2. 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 3:13-15.17-19

We are witnesses to the resurrection and the forgiveness of sins.

GRADUAL (Psalm 4:3, 7b08a)

V. Men of rank, how long will you be dull of heart? Why do you love what is vain and seek after falsehood?
Alleluia.

R. O Lord, let the light of Your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart. Alleluia.

II Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

God's love comes to perfection within us if we turn back to the Father.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 111:9)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. He has sent deliverance to His people; He has ratified His covenant forever; holy and awesome is His name.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 24:35-48

Jesus has been raised from the dead so that the forgiveness of sins can be preached to all peoples.

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 – Christ Is Risen – PNCC Hymnal, p. 124

1. 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!
2. 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 theiendeavors to contain the Mighty Victor. Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing forth, Alleluia!

COMMUNION HYMN – Hallowed Be Forever – PNCC Hymnal, p. 155, 4 verses

1. Hallowed be forever, Living Host Divine, In which Christ our Savior hidden is sublime. **Refrain:** Hail Thou Jesus, Son of Mary, Thou art God eternal, Won'drous mystery.
2. Hallowed be forever, Thou Angelic Bread, Sacrament Most Holy, by which we are fed. **Refrain:**
3. Hallowed be forever, Shepherd Crucified, For us Thou didst suffer, for us Thou hast died. **Refrain:**
4. Hallowed be forever, ris'n in victory, In this Bread Most Holy we would worship Thee. **Refrain:**

RECESSIONAL HYMN – Chrystus Zmartwychwstan Jest/Jesus Christ Is Risen – PNCC Hymnal, p. 120

Chrystus zmartwychwstan jest, Nam na przykład dan jest, iż mamy zmartwychpowstać, z Panem Bogiem królować. Alleluja.

Jesus Christ is risen, thus a sign is given. We shall rise as He does deign, with the Lord our God to reign. Alleluia.

You are sent as witnesses of the Lord's resurrection to bring His love to all you meet.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

May 18-20th 67 ANNUAL PNCC/YMSofR Bowling Tournament (Schenactedy, NY)

June 22nd Special Synod of the PNCC (Scranton, PA)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

May 5th ANS Convention (Bethlehem, PA)

Oct. 11-13th Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

June 7th Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE

Apr. 29th "Chinese" Auction

May 28th Memorial Day Mass at 9:00AM.

SHENANDOAH

May 28th 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 **Bishop Anthony Rysz**, his wife, and parishioners of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Nanticoke, PA.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: April 27 – Kenneth Payne.



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. 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 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.

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.

BULLETIN SPONSOR:
Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage