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**Fourth Sunday of Easter – Cycle “B”**  
Czwarta Niedziela Wielkanocna  
**April 29, 2012**

“Easter began a new order in an old world and made the old world new.”

### **EVENTS for the WEEK**

**Holy Mass – 8:45AM – Contemporary liturgy in English [page 63]**

**Today, April 29<sup>th</sup> – IV Sunday of Easter**

Today's liturgy presents Jesus in two of His iconic roles: the cornerstone, without which a building cannot survive; and the Good Shepherd, prepared to die for His sheep. They are unique ways of emphasising that we can place our complete trust in Him. He will never let us down.

**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.

## **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Genesis 1:26-2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15.17.23-24; Matthew 13:54-58; **Tue.**, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14; **Wed.**, Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; John 12:44-50; **Thu.**, Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20; **Fri.**, Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6; **Sat.**, Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

### **MONDAY, April 30<sup>th</sup> - Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman**

*In the Gospel Jesus was called “the Son of the carpenter”. This feast reminds us that honest work, no matter how seemingly menial, can be sanctified. Through work we can sanctify ourselves and others, making each of us participants in the work of redemption.*

**9:30AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

### **TUESDAY, May 1<sup>st</sup> - Feast – SS. Philip & James, Apostles**

*Like Peter and Andrew, St. Philip was from Bethsaida, in Galilee. According to the tradition, he was crucified at Hierapolis in Phrygia where he had preached the Gospel. He introduced St. Bartholomew (also known as Nathanael) to Christ. Christ declared to Philip, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father...I am in the Father and the Father is in me”. (John 14:8,11).*

*St. James was a cousin of our Lord. He is often called James the Less, because of Mark’s reference to him as “the younger James” (Mark 15:40). As Bishop of Jerusalem, he wrote one of the epistles of the New Testament. St. James was thrown down from the terrace of the Temple and then stoned to death.*

**7:30AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Antonina Jaskowiak**, of. by Janina Plichta.

### **WEDNESDAY, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - *Easter Weekday***

**7:30AM – Holy Mass** for Health.

**7:00PM – Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

### **THURSDAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross – *Polish Constitution Day***

**7:30AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese (God's blessing)

### **FRIDAY, May 4<sup>th</sup> - *First Friday of the Month***

**7:30AM – Holy Mass** to the Sacred Heart of Jesus; Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus after the Mass. **Adoration** of the Most Blessed Sacrament until **2:00PM**.

### **SATURDAY, May 5<sup>th</sup> - *Easter Weekday***

Sub-Central Convention of the Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (Bethlehem, PA)

### **NEXT SUNDAY, May 6<sup>th</sup> - *V Sunday of Easter***

**8:30AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. Eugenia Halaburda, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Francis Skibieli.

- Collection for missions.
- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

## **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 (Ezekiel 34:31; Psalm 79:13)**

V. You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

**R. Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. 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: *Wesoly Nam/Come Rejoice Our Lord is Risen* – PNCC Hymnal, p. 127**

1. Wesoly 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!

**I Reading: Acts 4:8-12**

*St. Peter tells the leaders of Israel that although they rejected Jesus, He is their way to salvation.*

**The Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

**II Reading: 1 John 3:1-2**

*When Christ appears, we will recognize Him because we have been made the children of God.*

**ALLELUIA (John 10:14)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

V. I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and mine know Me

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel: John 10:11-18**

*Jesus is the Good Shepherd, loved by the Father and freely offering up His life on our behalf.*

### **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.

### **THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [page 71]**

#### **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Today's Gospel** reminds us that Jesus is the Good Shepherd on whom we can depend. We trust to Him in prayer, confident that He will hear us.

- We pray our Diocesan Bishop John: that he may be a good shepherd to the Church and lead it to ever greater love. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for all countries where freedom is suppressed and where cruelty replaces kindness: that God's love may soften even the hardest of hearts. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for all children: that they may find love, security and happiness. May their childhood be innocent and free from anxiety. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for those who feel marginalized and overlooked: that they may discover hope, appreciation and community.

- For those who have died – **Eugenia Halaburda**: may they reap the rewards of their labors and come to the glory of the resurrection. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Heavenly Father**, prayers through Christ our cornerstone and our Good Shepherd. **R. 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.

**COMMUNION HYMN – Jesus, My Lord And Savior – PNCC Hymnal, p. 159, 2 verses**

1. Jesus, my Lord and Savior, here would I worship Thee. All that I have I give Thee for Thou didst die for me. Here in this Bread of heaven, here in this Host Divine. Thanksgiving, praise and honor be ev'ry moment Thine. All my vain pride I humble, all my poor soul I give unto my Lord and Savior that with Him I may live.
2. Hosanna in the highest! Angelic choirs do sing, Glorious praise unceasing to Christ our Lord and King. Setting for us a standard as we our songs employ, Bringing us closer to Him, filling us with His joy. He knows the tears of suffring through His own earthly life. With trembling heart we praise Him, telling Him of our strife.

**RECESSIONAL 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 Mesyasza. 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!

**May the Good Shepherd watch over and protect you, and may He be the cornerstone of your lives, the foundation of all that you say, think and do.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**GENERAL CHURCH**

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**

May 5<sup>th</sup> ANS Convention (Bethlehem, PA)  
Oct. 11-13<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod in Scranton, PA

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

May 6<sup>th</sup> Confirmation in Middleport and McAdoo, PA.  
June 7<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

**FRACKVILLE**

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.

**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.

**THE SPECIAL CELEBRATION** will be held in our church on **Sunday, June 3**. Father Robert invites **all married couples** from our congregation and friends to participate the service of the Holy Mass with the renewal of their matrimony vows and dedication of families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Bogusław Janiec**, his wife, and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in Hazleton, PA and SS. Peter and Paul Parish in McAdoo, PA.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 3 – Sharon Chiao.



**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. 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:** **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. **Aug. 19:** sp. Josephine Studlick; **Aug. 26:** sp. Elizabeth Prock; **Sep. 2:** sp. Elizabeth Prock. *Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 1 year. Thank you.*

**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.


**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](mailto:manoratwaymart@echoes.net) for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility.



**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.

**DUES 2012.** Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the 'family plan' method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the 2002 General Synod.

Each adult member (18 years old+) will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at St. John the Baptist parish and a member of the Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

**Total dues for 2012 per Adult Member: \$79.00 Per Year**

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, St. Johns Fund, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Egg Project Fund, Easter Donations, Flower Fund, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), and Christmas Donations.



**PARISH INFORMATION.** **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...). To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

**Holy Day Masses** are held as announced in the bulletin.

**Sacrament of Baptism** – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only

**practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

**Sacrament of Matrimony** – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**Emergencies, Sickness and deaths** – please contact to the rectory immediately.

**The parish bulletin** - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.



**"I am the good shepherd."** *John 10:11*

### **SOME THOUGHTS ON CHURCH LOYALTY**

Fill your place; nobody else can.

Always do your best; sing, pray, and give.

Invite your neighbor to sing; two can praise God better than one.

Thing holy things; your work will go more easily tomorrow.

Help the weak in faith; this is the command of Christ.

Find the discouraged; he needs you.

Unite in every reasonable effort; you count one.

Lift up the hands of your pastor; his helpfulness will be multiplied.

Next to you may be a stranger, find him.

Engage in every part of the service; you will get more out of it.

Sing in your soul as vigorously as with your lips; this is worship.

Smile and you will make others glad.

### **Polish Proverbs**

Przysłowia są mądrością ludu. Proverbs are the wisdom of a people.

Nie wszystko złoto co się świeci. Not all that shines is gold.

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