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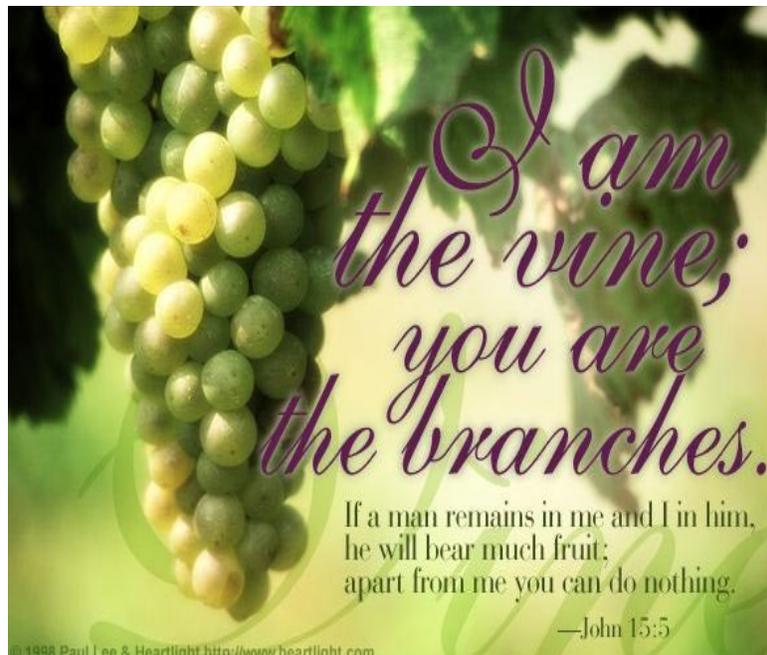
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Fifth Sunday of Easter – Cycle “B”

Piąta Niedziela Wielkanocna

May 6, 2012

“Although the Master has gone to prepare a place for us, we must prepare ourselves for that place.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, May 6th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Christ is the vine and we are the branches: by giving us a share in His life, He makes us disciples and our lives produce fruit.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Eugenia Halaburda**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Francis Skibieli.

△ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

- ⋄ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ⋄ Collection for mission.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26; **Tue.**, Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a; **Wed.**, Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8; **Thu.**, Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11; **Fri.**, Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17; **Sat.**, Acts 16:1-10; John 115:18-21

MONDAY, May 7th – *St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr*

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

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

TUESDAY, May 8th - *Easter Weekday*

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

WEDNESDAY, May 9th - *Easter Weekday*

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

THURSDAY, May 10th - *Easter Weekday*

7:30AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Bishop Joseph Padewski**, of. by Fr. Robert.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 13th - *VI Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day*

8:45AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for all Mothers.

- ⋄ 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 RITE (Romans 7:4; Galatians 5:22-23)

V. In the same way, my brothers, you also were put to death to the law through the body of Christ so that you may belong to another, to the One Who was raised from the dead in order that we might bear fruit for God. Alleluia.

R. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such there is no law. 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 – **Chwalcie Łąki/Praise, Ye Meadows** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 233

1. Chwalcie łąki umajone, góry doliny zielone; Chwalcie cieniste gaiki, źródła i kręte strumyki.

2. Co igra z morza falami, w powietrzu buja skrzydłami, Chwalcie z nami Panią świata, Jej dłoń z naszą wieniec splata.

1. Praise, ye meadows green with May time, Hills and valleys green with spring time; Praise, ye woodlands dark and shining, winding brooks and flowing springlets.

2. All that frolics in the sea waves, All that flies with flutt'ring wings, too; Praise with us the Queen of Heaven, Join our hands with hers together.

I Reading: Acts 9:26-31

The newly converted Saul has been preaching in the name of Jesus, and is accepted by the apostolic church in

Jerusalem.

GRADUAL (Jeremiah 17:10)

V. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart. Alleluia.

R. To reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds. Alleluia!

II Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

God's commandments can be summed up in two imperatives: to believe in Jesus Christ, and to love one another as He taught us.

ALLELUIA (John 15:16a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. It was not you who chose Me, but I Who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

The grace of Christ, which He gives to us, is the source of all our belief and good works. We are called to be His disciples and to be fruitful.

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!
3. 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!

COMMUNION HYMN – Come Unto Jesus – PNCC Hymnal, p. 180

1. Come unto Jesus, Come while you may; hear how He calls you, Come now this day. How He does love you, follow His way, Gently He calls you, Come! **Refrain:** Lo, the vision wondrous to behold! He would save us from this sinful world. To heaven's blessed glory untold, O dearest Lord, we come!
2. Come, O my child, now, Come heed His call, Give Him your heart, your love and your all. He shall uplift you, lest you should fall, Gently He calls you, Come! **Refrain:**

RECESSIONAL HYMN – Cześć Maryi/Hail, Dear Mary – PNCC Hymnal, p. 236

Cześć Maryi, cześć i chwała Pannie świętej cześć. Śpiewaj, śpiewaj, dziatwo mała, hołd jej spiesz się nieść. Śpiewaj, śpiewaj, dziatwo mała, hod jej spiesz się nieść.

Hail, dear Mary, praise and glory unto you we bring. Sing, o child, in exultation, of her virtues sing. Sing, o child, in exultation, of her virtues sing.

May our sacramental sharing in the death and resurrection of Jesus help us to bear fruit that will last.

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

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

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

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

FRACKVILLE

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.

THANK YOU very much to everyone who were involved in preparing Chinese Auction last Sunday. Thank you to our Ladies for organizing, and to all of you who donated items, food and work during this event!

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.

ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE – conducted by the U.S. Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will be held on Sat., May 12, 2012. Please place non-perishable food products by your mail box for pick-up by your carrier. All food collected will stay in the community food bank.

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 Richard Wosiak**, his family, and parishioners of St. Joseph's Parish in Middleport, PA.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: May 11 – S. David and Marilyn Bulcavage.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – James Chistakoff – Dorothy Halaburda – Sophia Stetts – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Edward Halaburda – Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavege – 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: **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 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.

Polish Proverbs

Przyjaciela poznaje się w biedzie. A friend in need is a friend indeed.

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Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage