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**Seventh Sunday of Easter – Cycle “B”**  
Siódma Niedziela Wielkanocna  
**May 20, 2012**

“The prospect of living forever should bring little comfort unless we are fit to live forever.”

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, May 20<sup>th</sup> – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

We come together as one Church to celebrate the presence of the risen and ascended Christ among us.

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Mary Ann Etcho**, of. by the husband, Mr. John Etcho.

^ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
1:00PM – Holy Mass in Middleport, PA

### WEEKDAY READINGS:

**Mon.**, Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33; **Tue.**, Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a; **Wed.**, Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19;  
**Thu.**, Acts 22:30. 23:6-11; John 17:20-26; **Fri.**, Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19; **Sat.**, Acts 28:16-20.30-31;  
John 21:20-25

**MONDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup>** – **St. Andrew Bobola, Martyr**  
7:30AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**TUESDAY, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*  
7:30AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for the remission of sins.

**WEDNESDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*  
9:30AM – 10:30AM – Viewing – **Sp. John Snokus** – Gricoski Funeral Home  
11:00AM – Funeral Mass  
7:00PM – Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**SATURDAY, May 26<sup>th</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*  
7:00PM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Krystyna Plichta** (49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of death), of. by Fr. Robert & family.

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 27<sup>th</sup>** - *Solemnity of Pentecost*  
8:45AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. Eugenia Halaburda, of. by Carol and Charles Thomas.  
^ 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 (John 20:21; 2 Corinthians 5:20a)**

V. Jesus said to the disciples again: "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." Alleluia.

**R. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. 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 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!

#### **I Reading: Acts 1:15-17.20-26**

*The early Church meets together to choose a replacement for Judas by casting lots. Matthias is chosen to be the twelfth apostle.*

#### **GRADUAL (Jeremiah 1:7b)**

V. To whomever I send you, you shall go. Alleluia.  
**R. Whatever I command you, you shall speak. Alleluia.**

**II Reading: 1 John 4:11-16**

*St. John writes about how we should love one another: in so doing, we will know that God lives in us.*

**ALLELUIA (Acts 1:8b)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

V. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

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

**GOSPEL: John 17:11-19**

*Jesus prays to the Father that His followers will stay true to Him once He has gone. He asks that they be consecrated in the truth, even though this means that the world will hate them.*

**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 – Hallowed Be Forever – PNCC Hymnal, p. 155**

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 – Chwalcie Łąki/Praise, Ye Meadows – PNCC Hymnal, p. 233**

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

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.

**May God the Father keep you true to His name. May the love of Christ the Lord live in you always.  
May the Holy Spirit guide you in all things.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**GENERAL CHURCH**

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

June 7<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Service (Middleport, PA 7:00PM)

## FRACKVILLE

May 28<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Mass at 9:00AM.

June 15<sup>th</sup> "Bleenie" Sale (11:00AM - ??)

July 29<sup>th</sup> Automobiles blessing (after the Holy Mass)

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Animals blessing (2:00PM)

## SHENANDOAH

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July 29<sup>th</sup> Automobiles blessing (after the Holy Mass)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Special Thanks go out to:**

- **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.

**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.

**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.

**Father Robert** is looking for the lawn mower; if you have it, and don't use it anymore, please call the rectory. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Bogdan Jurczynyn**, his family, and parishioners of Our Lord Ascension Parish in Bethlehem, PA.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 21 – Carl Pyzowski, John Etcho; May 22 – John Plaxa; May 23 – Andrew Tokarczyk.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES.** The Classes will start in **September 2012**. I'm asking the parents whose children were born in **2004** or older (age 8 and older) did not receive the Holy Communion, please encouraged your children to attend the classes. If your child will be 9 years old in May 2013 is eligible to receive his/her First Holy Communion.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – James Chistakoff – Dorothy Halaburda – Sophia Stettis – 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 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](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.

**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**

Mowa jest srebrem, milczenie złotem.  
Speech is silver, silence is gold.

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