

**St. John the Baptist Parish
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Second Sunday of Easter - "C"

Druga Niedziela Wielkanocna

April 7, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, April 7th – Second Sunday of Lent

Today we are reminded that a special blessing awaits those who, like ourselves, have never seen and yet believe.

Saturday, April 6th – 5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Vera Pilo**, of. by Bill & Cheryl Fleagle.

- ⤴ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⤴ Collection for Missions.

Apr. 12-14th - Mission & Evangelism Workshop in Scranton, PA

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38; **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

MONDAY, April 8th - Solemnity – Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Annunciation was the moment when St. Gabriel told Mary she would be the Mother of the Son of God. Mary, also a daughter of God, gave her “Fiat” (Be it done), by which she conceived the Savior by the working of the Holy Spirit. Christians can always find meaning in this dialogue in which our Lady appears to us so humble yet so great. Through her consent to God’s plans, she took part in the whole redemptive work of her Son, Jesus. We venerate her as the Mother of Christ and our Mother.

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Antonina** and **Pawel Jaskowiak**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

WEDNESDAY, April 10th - *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass for health.

FRIDAY, April 12th - *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Edward** and **Helena Zaborowski**, of. by Fr. Robert & family.

SATURDAY, April 13th - *Easter Weekday*

5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 14th – III Sunday of Easter

8:45AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Vera Pilo, of. by Sandra & Darrel Lane.

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 40:1-3)

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

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 5:12-16

A vignette of life in the early Church.

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. Alleluia.

II Reading: Revelation 1:9-13.17-19

John, who shares the distress and the hopes of his readers, is to record visions received from Christ, the crucified and risen one.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 30:1,4)

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

Jesus reveals His divine mercy to His disciples, and empowers them to reveal it to us who believe.

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:**
3. Come, fallen sinner; come while you may! Christ will accept you! Do not delay! Tears of repentance He wipes away. Trust in Him only! Come! **Refrain:**

BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Święty, Święty, Święty, święty zawsze święty. Jezu jesteś niepojęcie w Przenajświętszym Sakramencie. /3 times

O Przenajświętsza Hostya, dla której nam niebo sprzyja, broń nas od nieprzyjaciół wszelkich, dodaj mocy i sił wszelkich.

Chwała bądź Panu naszemu, z Dziewicy narodzonemu, Ojcu, Duchowi Świętemu, Bogu w Trójcy Jedynemu. **Przed tak wielkim Sakramentem** upadajmy na twarzą, niech ustąpią z testamentem nowym sprawom już

starzy. Wiara będzie suplementem, co się zmysłom nie zdarzy.

Ojciec z Synem niech to sprawi by Mu dzięki zabrzmiała, niech Duch Święty błogosławi, by się Jego moc stała. Niech nas nasza wiara stawi, gdzie jest wieczna cześć chwała.

Niechaj będzie pochwalony, od nas wszystkich uwielbiony, Przenajświętszy Sakrament, ten niebieski Testament. /3 times/ Teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

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.

Renewed by trust in God's mercy, we pray that the Lord will look upon us and all who are dear to us.

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Apr. 27th Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)

May 30th Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)

Sep. 29th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA

Oct. ... 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing SS. Peter & Paul PNCC in McAdoo, PA.

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

May 17th Sacrament of Penance before the First Holy Communion (6:00PM)

May 18th First Holy Communion Day (Saturday 10:00AM)

May 30th Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

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.

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.

FUNDRAISER HELP – the time is approaching for “bleenie” sales to begin. However, we need people to help do these sales. In the back of the church is a sign up list. Please, do not sign if we can't count on you being there to do your job. Whether or not this project will take place depends upon the number of people committed to help.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father John Kowalczyk Jr.**, his family and parishioners of St. Michael the Archangel in Cedar Lake, IN.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: April 10 – Dorothy Halaburda.



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

– John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Donna Kolwicz. 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. 14:** sp. Vera Pilo; **Apr. 21:** sp. Rev. Edward Tomczyk; **Apr. 28:** sp. Walter Keim; **May 5:** sp. Walter Keim; **May 12:** all Mothers; **May 19:** sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **May 26:** sp. Vera Pilo; **June 2:** sp. Vera Pilo; **June 9:** Fr. Robert 25th Anniversary of Ordination. **Please, do not order the mass intentions ahead of 3 months.** Thank you.



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.

Where Was Thomas?

St. John's version of the Easter event includes a story not mentioned in the other gospels. Only ten apostles are present. Judas is dead and Thomas is absent. If John's version is correct we must ask why Thomas did not join the group?

We cannot fathom his motives, but John may give a clue. He says that Thomas was called "Didymus," which is the Greek word for "twin". Some have suggested that he was often divided or "of two minds" in making decisions. Actually, the name "Thomas" itself means "twin", so to call him "Thomas Didymus", means "Twin twin," or really dubious.

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