

**St. John the Baptist Parish  
Polish National Catholic Church  
90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Organizing**

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**Third Sunday of Easter - "C"**

Trzecia Niedziela Wielkanocna

**April 14, 2013**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Third Sunday of Lent**

The Spirit of the risen Christ transforms fearful disciples so that they boldly preach and serve their flock despite strong opposition.

**Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> – 5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.**

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

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29; **Tue.**, Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35; **Wed.**, Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40; **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 15<sup>th</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass** for health.

**WEDNESDAY, April 17<sup>th</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Józef** and **Aniela Plichta**, of. by Fr. Robert.

**FRIDAY, April 19<sup>th</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*

**9:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Michał** and **Maria Zaborowski**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

**5:00PM – 6:00PM** – First Holy Communion Catechism Class.

**SATURDAY, April 20<sup>th</sup>** - *Easter Weekday*

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

**NEXT SUNDAY, April 21<sup>st</sup>** – *IV Sunday of Easter – Good Shepherd Sunday*

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

**Today's liturgy**

**ASPERGES** (PNCC Hymnal p. 5) – **Widziałem wodę** – Płynącą ze świątyni z prawego boku, alleluja, alleluja, alleluja. A wszyscy, których tknęła woda, 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. Amen.

**ENTRANCE RITE** (Philippians 2:7-9)

V. He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Alleluia.

**R. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. 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** – **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 their endeavors to contain the Mighty Victor. Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing forth, Alleluia!

**I Reading:** Acts 5:27-32,40-41

*St. Peter puts obedience to God before obedience to men.*

**GRADUAL**

V. The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, His mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness. Alleluia.

**R. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore, will I hope in Him. Alleluia.**

## **II Reading: Revelation 5:11-14**

*The Lamb that was sacrificed and conquered is worthy of universal worship.*

### **ALLELUIA (Jude v. 25)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

V. To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority from ages past, now, and for ages to come. Amen.

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

### **GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

*The risen Christ empowers His disciples and calls Peter to a new mission.*

### **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 – **Jesus Christ Our Lord Is Risen** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 128**

1. Jesus Christ our Lord is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia. To mankind great joy is given, Alleluia, Alleluia. By His rising on the third day, Alleluia, Alleluia. For us poor and humble people. Alleluia, Alleluia.
2. When to women to His grave went, Alleluia, Alleluia.. They brought with them richest ointment. Alleluia, Alleluia. When they saw an angel in white, Alleluia, Alleluia. They were stricken with a great fright, Alleluia, Alleluia.
3. Do not be afraid, O women, Alleluia, Alleluia. Go to Galilee and tell them, Alleluia, Alleluia. Tell His friends and His disciples, Alleluia, Alleluia. That the King of Kings is risen, Alleluia, 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 – **Wesoły Nam/Come Rejoice Our Lord is Risen** – PNCC Hymnal, p. 127**

1. Wesoły 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!

**May the heavenly Father let His gracious power work in your lives to bring you peace.**

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

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

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

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

Oct. ... 90<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> Sacrament of Penance before the First Holy Communion (6:00PM)

May 18<sup>th</sup> First Holy Communion Day (Saturday 10:00AM)

May 30<sup>th</sup> 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;
- to **Victoria** and **Veronica** for their help at the altar last Sunday.

**THANK YOU** very much for all kind of help and assistance which Fr. Robert's family received from our Parishioners.

**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.

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE COUNCIL meeting** – will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 1:00PM hosted at Resurrection of the Lord Parish in Edwardsville, PA. If you wish to submit additions or suggestions for the meeting agenda, please forward this to Father Senior's office (570-823-3025) by Saturday April 20.

**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 Stanley Jasiurkowski** (the US Military Chaplain) his family, and those to whom he serves.



**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. 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN**

The book of Revelation, or Apocalypse, is overwhelming for most casual readers of the Bible. It has bizarre visions and mysterious creatures. It was probably written in a style meant to confuse non-Christians and protect its message for believers.

In the 1st and 2nd centuries, the Roman government saw Christians as a great threat. The government partially based its authority on the claim that the emperor was a god. Since Christians refused this worship, they endangered imperial power. Examples had to be made to prevent erosion of authority. Followers of Jesus were arrested and executed with the flimsiest excuses.

One answer came from John, a Christian author. He was held on Patmos, a prison island off the coast of Turkey. He wrote a message of hope for believers, but couched it in symbolic terms drawn from the Old Testament. He could not openly write the Sacred Name of Jesus, so he referred to the Lord as the "Lamb [of God] who was slain [on the cross]". He describes a victory celebration for the faithful saints in heaven. The "four living creatures" may represent the writers of the four Gospels.

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