

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

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter - "C"**

Piąta Niedziela Wielkanocna

**April 28, 2013**

**EVENTS for the WEEK**

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

**Today, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

We gather in response to God's marvellous love for us and to praise to the Lord who has made His home among us.

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

**8:45AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for sp. **Walter Keim**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chiao Jr.

## WEEKDAY READINGS:

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

**MONDAY, April 29<sup>th</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass for health.

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

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. John Plaxa.

**WEDNESDAY, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – Feast – SS. Philip and James, Apostles

**7:00PM** – Holy Mass

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

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for **Bishop, Priests and Deacons** of the Central Diocese (God's Blessing).

**FRIDAY, May 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross- First Friday of the month – Polish Constitution Day

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass for God's blessing

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

**5:00PM – 7:00PM** – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 5<sup>th</sup>** - VI Sunday of Easter

**8:45AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Walter Keim, of. by Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society

⤴ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

⤴ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

⤴ Collection for missions.

### 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** (John 13:34-35)

V. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. Alleluia.

**R. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. 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 14:21-27**

*Paul and Barnabas consolidate the early Christian communities, encouraging them to persevere.*

**The Responsorial Psalm: I will praise Your name forever, my King and my God.**

**II Reading: Revelation 21:1-5**

*St. John describes his vision of the end of time, when God will make all things new.*

**ALLELUIA (John 13:34)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

V. I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you.

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

**Gospel: John 13:31-35**

*Jesus' legacy to His disciples: love one another as I have loved you.*

### **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**

**“How good is the Lord to all,** compassionate to all His creatures.” Filled with confidence, we bring our needs to our loving God.

- For the Church: that all members may be recognized as disciples of Christ by the love we demonstrate in our lives. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the whole human family: that we may turn away from the path of violence and oppression to follow the example of our Master, who came not to be served but to serve. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all who feel discouraged and weighed down: that the Lord will give them new heart and a new experience of His closeness and love. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are caught up in the blind pursuit of wealth or status: that they may discover the freedom in Christ's invitation to love and to serve. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our departed brothers and sisters who have died – sp. **Walter Keim:** that they may be admitted to the new Jerusalem and so rejoice to live in the presence of God. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Merciful God,** You are slow to anger and abounding in love. Look kindly upon our needs and hear these prayers we make in the name of Jesus the Lord. **R. 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 their endeavors 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 – **At Thy Door, I Come Before Thee** – PNCC Hymnal p. 167**

1. At Thy door I come before Thee, At Thy door I come before Thee. And I ask, O Lord, Thy mercy, And I ask, O Lord, Thy mercy.

2. In this Bread we now behold Thee, In this Bread we now behold Thee. Heavn's gift, Thou Lord Almighty, Heavn's gift, Thou Lord Almighty.
3. In this Sacrament Most Holy, In this Sacrament Most Holy. From on high, come, Lord of Glory, From on high, come, Lord of Glory.
4. In this Host, this Bread of Heaven, In this Host, this Bread of Heaven. God's Eternal Son is given, God's Eternal Son is given.
5. What a wondrous act of glory, What a wondrous act of glory. Now this bread becomes His Body! Now this bread becomes His Body!

**RECESSIONAL HYMN – Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today** – PNCC Hymnal p. 135

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once He died, our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!
3. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

**May God the Father shower you with His kindness. May Christ His Son teach you how to serve. May God the Holy Spirit keep you faithful to the end.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

- 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 18<sup>th</sup>      First Holy Communion Day (Saturday)  
 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.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Bishop John Mack**, his family, **Father Gary Spencer** and his family, and parishioners of Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Lancaster, NY.



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



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

**THE MARK OF A DISCIPLE**

Many people can be known by the uniforms they wear: Police, Nurses, Soldiers, Priests. This grants them instant recognition, protection and willingness to serve. Jesus teaches that all of his followers must wear a uniform that is just as visible. It is not made of cloth or brass. It is a uniform of love. We must be patient, merciful and tolerant, but not aggressive, opportunistic, or over-bearing. People should be able to look at our concern for others and willingness to sacrifice ourselves and say "THAT MUST BE A CHRISTIAN, I CAN TELL." Other people can exercise all these qualities--and should--but our compassion has to be **OUTSTANDING!**

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