

**St. John the Baptist Parish
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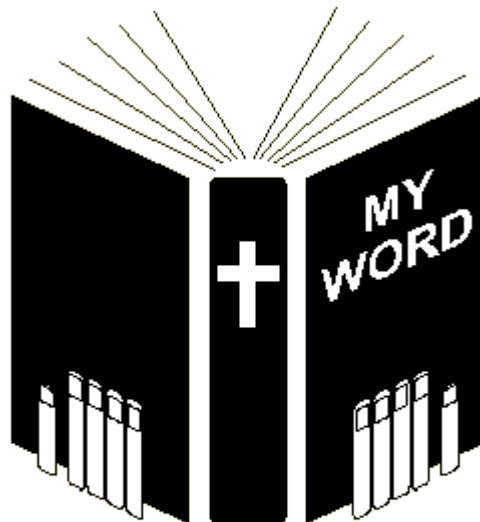
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***Whoever Loves Me
Will Keep It***

Sixth Sunday of Easter - "C"

Szósta Niedziela Wielkanocna

May 5, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, May 5th – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Life is full of change: new situations and decisions, meetings and partings. In all of this the Lord holds before us the promise of His presence, and the hope of the fullness in His love, where there is peace and light.

Saturday, May 4th – 5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by the Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society.

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.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26 – 16:4a; **Tue.**, Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11; **Wed.**, Acts 17:15.22 – 18:1; John 16:12-15; **Thu.**, Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7.11-13 or Hebrews 9:24-28, 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53; **Fri.**, Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23; **Sat.**, Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

MONDAY, May 6th - Easter Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass for health.

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

TUESDAY, May 7th - Easter Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass for Sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by **the Elsavage Family** and **Mrs. Dorothy Halaburda**.

WEDNESDAY, May 8th - Easter Weekday

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

THURSDAY, May 9th – Solemnity – Ascension of the Lord

This final stage stays closely linked to the first, that is, to His descent from heaven in the Incarnation. Only the one who came from the Father can return to the Father: Christ Jesus. No one has ascended into heaven but he who descended from heaven, the Son of man. Left to its own natural powers humanity does not have access to the Father's house, to God's life and happiness. Only Christ can open to man such access that we, His members, might have confidence that we too shall go where he, our Head and our Source, has preceded us.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Shenandoah.

7:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

FRIDAY, May 10th - Easter Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Bishop Joseph Padewski** (62nd Anniversary of Martyrdom).

SATURDAY, May 11th - Easter Weekday

5:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by **Mr. James Abicunas** and **Ms. Elizabeth Greenman**.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 12th – VII Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

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

- ⋈ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ⋈ Mother's Day Celebration in the hall after the Mass.

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 (Romans 15:13; Ephesians 2:17)

V. May the Lord of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.

R. He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 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

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

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

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.

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 15:1-2.22-29

As the first communities of Christians are formed, we hear how differences of opinion emerge, and how they are worked through: by argument, consultation and attentive listening to the Holy Spirit.

GRADUAL (2 Corinthians 13:11; Galatians 6:16a)

V. Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Alleluia.

R. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule. Alleluia.

II Reading: Revelation 21:10-14.22-23

The Lord prepares for all His people a radiant and peaceful future in the new Jerusalem. In the Spirit we catch a glimpse of this promise.

ALLELUIA (Philippians 4:7)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

V. The peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

As Jesus prepares His friends, He promises that the Spirit will be given them, and will bring them peace and courage in all the difficulties and uncertainties that lie ahead.

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 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 – 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 – Let Us All Draw Close – PNCC Hymnal, p. 241

1. Let us all draw close like children and cling to the heart of Mary. Even though annoyance, hardships and thorns of our sins afflict us. With a sure stride let us meet her; With a wistful eye and heart we great her. For the heart that knows a child's voice deflects ev'ry painful choice.
2. Oh, her heart is the most sensitive of all those of Adam's daughters. It is always open to us; it looks for us, calls us sweetly. Come, o children of the nations; And withstand the flood of weeping. Those who find me find abundant life through Jesus, Who grants salvation.

May the paths you walk always be directed to the heavenly Jerusalem, our true home in God.

COMING EVENTS

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

- 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;
- to **Victoria** and **Veronica** for their help at the altar last Sunday.

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.

MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION – we invite You to join us to worship God next Sunday. In honor of Mother's Day, next Sunday, May 12th, the Blessed Sacrament Society invites all parishioners to a coffee and cake fellowship gathering following mass. Spread the word... tell your friends and members who may not be aware of this.

The next fellowship gathering will be on Father's Day.

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 Charles Henderson**, his family, and parishioners of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in San Antonio, TX.



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: **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.

I AM GOING AWAY

At the Last Supper Jesus announced that he was "going away". The Church interprets this as a reference to the Ascension. Where, exactly, did Jesus go and why? The people of the Middle East took things literally. They believed that heaven was somewhere beyond the sky--which they thought was a dome above the earth. Jesus did not come to teach astronomy, so he rose up into the sky as a way of saying that he was going to something "greater".

Why did he leave? He was probably teaching that his followers should no longer look for physical apparitions. He would remain spiritually with them through his Holy Spirit. This would force the disciples to begin their mission to "go out to all the world and preach the good news."

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.

BULLETIN SPONSOR:
Mrs. Flossy Bulcavage