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GO AND WASH



IN THE POOL OF SILOAM

Fourth Sunday of Lent - "A"
Czwarta Niedziela Wielkiego Postu - "A"

March 30, 2014

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Contemporary liturgy in English.

Today, March 30th – IV Sunday of Lent

Jesus is the light of the world. To learn from Jesus we need first to admit our ignorance, to be healed we need first to acknowledge our blindness, to be forgiven we need to confess our sins.

10:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for Sp. **Joseph Studlick**, of. by Mrs. Barbara Davis.

^ Blessed Sacrament Society meeting after the Mass.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54; **Tue.**, Ezekiel 47:1-9.12; John 5:1-16; **Wed.**, Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-

30; **Thu.**, Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47; **Fri.**, Wisdom 2:1a.12-22; John 7:1-2.10.25-30; **Sat.**, Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-53

Easter Eggs Project will continue this week.

TUESDAY, April 1st - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Bishop Francis Hodur**

TUESDAY, April 2nd - *Lenten Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass for Health.

6:00PM – Bitter Lamentations (3)

7:00PM – Frackville Ministerium Lenten Service – St. Ann's RCC

THURSDAY, April 3rd - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: God's blessing for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese

FRIDAY, April 4th - *Lenten Weekday* – **First Friday of the month**

6:00AM – Stations of the Cross (5)

Private adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until **7:00PM**

7:00PM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SATURDAY, April 5th - *Lenten Weekday*

10:00 – 11:00AM – Confirmation Class at the choir.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 6th – **V Sunday of Lent – Passion Sunday**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for All Parishioners.

- ⋈ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⋈ Collection for missions.
- ⋈ Coffee & Cake Fellowship.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Isaiah 43:8-9a; Jeremiah 5:21-22a)

V. Lead out the people who are blind though they have eyes; who are deaf though they have ears. Let all the nations gather together, let the peoples assemble!

R. Pay attention to this, foolish and senseless people who have eyes and see not, who have ears and hear not. Should you not fear Me says the Lord, should you not tremble before Me?

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.

I Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13

The Lord makes the surprise choice of David to be king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

II Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Live in the light of the Lord, doing good and being virtuous.

VERSE BEFORE the GOSPEL (John 8:12)

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows Me will have the light of life.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

The miracle of Jesus curing a man blind from birth, which testifies to the power of Jesus to heal, not just the blindness of the eye but, above all, the blindness of the heart.

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

Celebrant: We trust in God's presence and transforming love for us, we pray together.

- We pray that the Church may become a shining beacon in the world, demonstrating the power of God's love and compassion to people in need. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our community here: that we grow in sensitivity to people who are blind or disabled in some other way and consider new ways to help them. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For ourselves: that we learn compassion and humility towards people in need and thank God for the blessings we enjoy. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all God's people: may we bring goodness and kindness wherever we go, following in the footsteps of the one who brought light into the world.. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for all those who have died – especially Sp. **Joseph Studlick**: that they may enter into the peace of the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Lord God, You sent Your Son to be the light of the world; we ask You to hear the prayers that we offer through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May you be faithful followers of Jesus, clear-sighted in the mission of bringing God's healing goodness into the world.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

May 2 - 4th 14th Mission & Evangelism Workshop – Woonsocket, RI
Sep. 29th–Oct. 3rd, 2014 - 24th General Synod of the PNCC (Erie, PA)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

April 26th Diocesan Council meeting – Scranton, PA
May 17th Diocesan ANS Convention in Frackville, PA.

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

????? Seniorate Council meeting in Hazleton, PA (1:00PM)
June 19th Corpus Christi service in McAdoo, PA (7:00PM)

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

April 22nd Pastors meeting (1:00PM)

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** and **Mr. Jacob Komara** for being a lectors;
- to **Joseph Karvois** and **Veronica Plichta** for their help at the altar;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

THANK YOU very much to our **Parishioners** and Friends for your help making Easter Eggs last week! Our Parish is looking for some help to continue the "*Easter Egg Sale Project*"; so if you would like to donate your time, work, dedication to the parish and come to dip eggs in the chocolate – we'll really appreciate it! Thank you.

CHURCH NEWS – the microwave was donated to the kitchen in the hall by the Holy Ghost Congregation. Thank you!

FRACKVILLE MINISTERIUM LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday, **April 2** – St. Ann's RCC (7:00PM)

Wednesday, **April 9** – St. Peter's UCC (7:00PM)

Good Friday, **April 18** – Trinity Evangelical (2:00PM)

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.

BIBLE STUDY and (or) CATECHISM CLASSES FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN – Father Robert is looking for people who will be interested in this matter. Any suggestions, including a day and time will be appreciated. **Responses:** As Soon As Possible.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Gregory Mludzik**, his family and parishioners of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish in Wallington, NJ.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: Charles Chiao III.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Bishop John Mack – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Sue Pascavage – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. – Cheryl Stanitis. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – Dolores Halaburda - **Frackville Nursing Home:** Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda. **Providence Palace Drums, PA** - Violet Cegielski. **Ridgeview (Shen. Hts.)** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).



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 MASS INTENTIONS: **May 11:** all Mothers; **May 18:** Sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **May 25:** Sp. Mary Ann Etcho; **June 1:** Sp. Stanley and Florence Bulcavage. *Please, do not order the Mass intentions 3 months in advance.*



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 **9:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age must come to **private** Confession. **If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come and be well prepared for private confession at least once a month.** If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS – in case of your inability to come to church on any particular Sunday, please mail or submit your Sunday offerings and donations to our parish. Your church needs your financial support in order to pay utilities and expenses.



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.

BULLETIN SPONSOR:
Mr. Kenneth Payne