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Palm Sunday

Niedziela Palmowa

April 13, 2014

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

TODAY, APRIL 13, 2014

Events for the Week

Holy Mass: 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English



TODAY, April 13th – Palm Sunday – *Blessing and distributions of palms*

Lent is coming to an end and we now enter Holy Week. The week begins as we relieve with Jesus the horror of His passion.

9:50AM – The Oath of the Parish Committee members.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11; **Tue.**, Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33.36-38; **Wed.**, Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25

Easter Triduum Readings:

Holy Thursday - Exodus 12:1-8.11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15; **Good Friday** – Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42

HOLY TUESDAY, April 15th

10:00AM – Central Diocese Clergy Conference in Scranton.

4:00PM – Holy Mass of Chrism in St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA.

That Mass, which the bishop concelebrates with his presbyterium and at which the oils are blessed, manifests the communion of the priests with their bishop. To show the unity of the presbyterium, the priests who concelebrate with the bishop should come from different parts of the diocese.

HOLY WEDNESDAY, April 16th

6:00PM – Bitter Lamentations (2)

HOLY THURSDAY, April 17th – *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*

The Mass of the Last Supper begins our three days of enacting the Easter mystery. In this rich celebration, we recall tonight the Passover meal that commemorates the liberation of Israel from Egypt, the institution of the Eucharist, and Jesus washing of the disciples' feet.

6:00PM – **Holy Mass**

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18th – *The Lord's Passion*

According to the Church's ancient tradition, the sacraments are not celebrated today or tomorrow. The celebration of the Lord's passion takes place in the afternoon. The celebration consists of three parts: liturgy of the word, veneration of the cross, and Holy Communion.

Fasting: all those of post-confirmation age are to fast **TODAY** limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals, with no snacking between meals. These regulations are recommended for healthy adults. Children under First Holy Communion age, the infirm, those on restrictive medication and the elderly are exempt from the obligation of fasting.

12:00 (at Noon) – **The Liturgy of the Good Friday with adoration of the Cross and Holy Communion**

▲ Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be held until **7:00PM**.

2:00PM – Frackville Lenten Ecumenical Service (Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church).

7:15PM – **Stations of the Cross**

HOLY SATURDAY, April 19th

On this day the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The altar is left bare, and the Holy Mass is not celebrated. Today's service is arranged in: a) a brief service of light; b) the liturgy of the word; c) blessing of water.

3:00PM – **The Liturgy of the Blessing of Fire, Water and Paschal Candle**

- After the Liturgy – blessing of Easter food (baskets)

NEXT SUNDAY, April 20th - **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

7:00AM – **Easter procession**. After Procession – **Holy Mass** – intention: for All Parishioners.

10:00AM – Easter Sunday Holy Mass.

Today's liturgy

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest!.....

THE LITURGY OF THE MASS

Hymn of Faith...

ENTRANCE

(Psalm 23:9-10)

V. Open wide the door and gates. Lift high the ancient portals. The King of glory enters; Who is the King of glory? He is God, the mighty Lord.

R. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are You Who are have come to us so rich in love and mercy. Hosanna in the highest.

V. Lord for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

I Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

The reading from Isaiah reminds us that what is about to heppen was forecast a long time ago.

THE GRADUAL (John 11:47-48)

V. The chief priests and the Pharisees gathered with the council and said, "What are we to do? For this man performs many sings".

R. "If we let Him go on thus, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and destroy both our holy place and our nation".

II Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Even though Jesus did not cling to equality with God, we bend the knee at His name.

THE TRACT (Philippians 2:8-9)

V. Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross,

R. **Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name, which is above every name.**

Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66

The sorrow, pain and desertion of Jesus' passion.

OFFERTORY VERSE (Psalm 69:21-22)

V. Insult has broken my heart, and I am weak; I looked for sympathy but there was none; for comforters and I found none. Rather they put gall in My food, and in My thirst they gave Me vinegar to drink.

COMMUNION VERSE

(Matthew 26:42)

V. Father, if this cup cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done.

May the passion of the Lord give you strength and courage as you enter this Holy Week.

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 **Joe Karvois** for his 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 and during the whole project! Thank you for your time, work, donations, faithfull presence and dedication to our parish family. May God Bless You All!

CHURCH NEWS – lights in the right side of the vestibule were fixed last Monday by **Mr. Michael Russell** and **Mr. Paul Elsavage**. Thank you!

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.

GOOD FRIDAY ADORATION of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place after the liturgy until **7:00PM**. Please sign up your name on the list located in the vestibule.

FRACKVILLE FOOD BANK – is open on the **3rd Thursday** of every month from 9:00AM to 10:00AM. Anyone with proof of a Frackville address is welcome for 2 boxes of food: one nonperishable & one fresh. We are looking for a few volunteers from our Frackville churches to help out with the distribution. You would need to come at 8:00AM and we are finished just after 10:00AM. Helpers check people in & aid customers in carrying boxes out to their cars. If you have any questions, please call **Pastor Sue** at **570-874-0792**.

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**.



WELCOME NOTICE – We would like to introduce you our new Parishioners: **Mr. Michael J. Russell**, his wife **Mrs. Kristine Russell** and sons: **Michael W. Russell** and **Brett M. Russell** from Frackville, PA who joined our Parish family. We wish them all the best and God's blessing!

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Mark Gnidzinski**, his wife and parishioners of Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa Parish in Latham, NY [bvmc.org].



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 – Carolyn Boychak – Anna Folta – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. – Cheryl Stanitis - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. At **Nursing Homes:** Helen Chistakoff – **Frackville Nursing Home:** Louise Gursky (307) - Ann Lech (108); **NY** – Cecelia Pyzowski. **Manor Care (Pottsville):** Sue Pascavage. **H & R Center Tremont:** 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 4:** Sp. Vera Pilo; **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.

Seven Last Words of Christ

1. “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (Luke 23:34).
2. “This day you shall be with Me in Paradise” (Luke 23:43)
3. “Behold your son...Behold your mother” (John 19:26-27)
4. “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34)
5. “I thirst” (John 19:30)
6. “It is finished” (John 19:30)
7. “Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit” (Luke 23:46).

PARISH INFORMATION. **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God’s Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...). To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

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.

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