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**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**  
Niedziela Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego  
**April 20, 2014**

**7:00 AM – Easter Procession and Holy Mass** – intention: for All Parishioners



**Order of Procession:** Processional Cross, Paschal Candle, Resurrection Statue, Resurrection Cross, Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society with candles, Altar Servers (if any), Celebrant with Monstrance, Parishioners.  
The Lord is truly risen! Let us welcome Him into the empty tomb of our lives to bring back to life with Him, to renew our faith and send us out once more to bring His love and compassion to the world around us.

*Please turn off your cell phones, or keep them on “vibration” mode, and please, don't use other electronic devices during services. Thank you.*

**10:00AM** – Easter Sunday Holy Mass.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Acts 2:14-22-23; Matthew 28:8-15; **Tue.**, Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18; **Wed.**, Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35; **Thu.**, Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48; **Fri.**, Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14; **Sat.**, Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

**MONDAY, April 21<sup>st</sup>** – Easter Monday

**10:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention: Sp. **Jan** and **Marianna Zaborowski**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

**TUESDAY, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Easter Tuesday

**1:00PM** – Plymouth Seniorate Pastors meeting

**THURSDAY, April 24<sup>th</sup>** – Easter Thursday

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: Sp. **Father Edward Tomczyk**, of. by Fr. Robert.

**FRIDAY, April 25<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Friday

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Krystyna and Jerzy Plichta**, of. by Fr. Robert & family.

**SATURDAY, April 26<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Saturday

10:00AM – Diocesan Council meeting (Scranton, PA)

**Next Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>** – II Sunday of Easter (Contemporary Mass)

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

**Today's Liturgy**

**HOLY MASS**

**Hymn of Faith...**

**ENTRANCE (Psalm 139:18,5b-6a; 118:1-2)**

V. I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom.  
Alleluia.

**R. O Lord, You have probed me and You know me; You know when I sit and when I stand. 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.**

**I Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43**

*St. Peter and the other apostles give witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.*

**THE GRADUAL (Psalms 118:22-23,24,1-2.16-17 – R.118:24)**

V. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.  
Alleluia.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.**

V. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, “His mercy endures forever.”  
Alleluia.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.**

V. “The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.” Alleluia.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.**

V. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes.  
Alleluia.

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.**

**II Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

*Now we must focus on the things of heaven, rather than the things of earth, because our true life is hidden with Christ in God.*

**THE ALLELUIA (1 Corinthians 5:7-8)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

V. For our paschal Lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

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

**Gospel: John 20:1-9**

*St. Peter and the disciple Jesus loved race to the tomb. Finding it empty, they begin to believe the teaching of scripture that He must rise from the dead.*

**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 VERSE (Psalm 76:9b-10a)**

V. The earth feared and was silent when God arose in judgment. Alleluia.

**COMMUNION VERSE (Romans 6:9)**

V. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more, death no longer has power over Him. Alleluia.  
**May the joy of the resurrection fill your hearts and renew your faith.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**GENERAL CHURCH**

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

**CENTRAL DIOCESE**

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

**PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

????? Seniorate Council meeting in Hazleton, PA (1:00PM)  
June 19<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastors meeting (1:00PM)  
May 4<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Breakfast (after the Mass)  
May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day Mass at the Cemetery – 10:00AM

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

**THANK YOU** very much to our **Parishioners** and **Friends** for your help making **The 2014 Easter Eggs Sale!** Thank you for your time, work, donations, faithful presence and dedication to our parish family to make this project successful! **May God Bless You All! Alleluia!**

**CHURCH NEWS** – **Mr. Michael Chiao** cleaned the rectory's front porch and bricks on Saturday, April 12. **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.

**FRACKVILLE FOOD BANK** – is open on the **3<sup>rd</sup> 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**.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Senior Walter Madej**, his family and parishioners of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in New York Mills, NY.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – Bishop John Mack – Father Senior Wiesław Pietruszka - James Chistakoff – Sarah Powanda – Joseph Makauskas - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavege – 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); **Shenandoah Manor** – Russell Sincavage (B11).



**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.

**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.

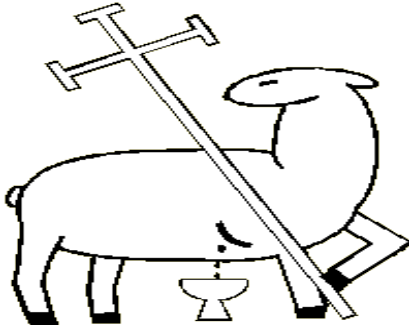
**EASTER** – It was in 1582 that Pope Gregory XIII of Rome completed a reconstruction of the Julian calendar produced new Easter tables. One major difference between the Julian calendar and the Gregorian calendar is the leap year rule. The universal adoption of the Gregorian calendar occurred slowly, however the Easter Churches (Orthodox) still determine the Easter dates using the older Julian calendar method. That is why there are different times that Easter is celebrated by various churches. The usual statement, that Easter Day is the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs next after the vernal equinox, is not a precise statement of the actual ecclesiastical rules. The full moon involved is not the astronomical full moon, but an ecclesiastical moon (determined from tables) that keeps, more or less, in step with the astronomical moon. The ecclesiastical rule are:

1. Easter falls on the first Sunday following the first ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or after the day of the vernal

equinox;

2. This particular ecclesiastical full moon is the 14<sup>th</sup> day of a tabular lunation (new moon); and
3. The vernal equinox is fixed as March 21.

These rules result in the fact that Easter can never occur before March 22 or later than April 25 for the western Christians (Roman Catholic and Protestant Churches). These are the Gregorian dates for the ecclesiastical full moon that come from Gregorian tables. The day for Easter next year is: 2015 – April 5; (*from God's Field, January 29, 2008*).



*Happy Easter to all of you and your families!*

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