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**THEY DEDICATED
THEMSELVES TO THE
BREAKING OF BREAD
AND TO PRAYERS**

Second Sunday of Easter - "A"

Druga Niedziela Wielkanocna - "A"

April 27, 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, April 27th – II Sunday of Easter

We gather – just as the very first group of Christians – to meet the risen Christ in His word, in His sacrament and in His community. Aware of the Lord's presence in our midst, let us raise our voices in praise of the God of life.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8; Tue., Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15; Wed., Genesis 1:26-2:3 or Colossians 3:14-

15.17.23-24; Matthew 13:54-58; **Thu.**, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14; **Fri.**, Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15;
Sat., Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

MONDAY, April 28th - *Easter Weekday*

11:00AM – **Funeral Mass** – Sp. James L. Dean

6:00 – 8:00PM – Viewing – Sp. Sue Pascavage (Thomas Sullivan Funeral Home)

WEDNESDAY, April 30th - *Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman*

In the Gospel Jesus was called “the Son of the carpenter”. This feast reminds us that honest work, no matter how seemingly menial, can be sanctified. Through work we can sanctify ourselves and others, making each of us participants in the work of redemption.

6:00PM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for those who are in Purgatory.

THURSDAY, May 1st - *Feast – SS. Philip & James, Apostles*

*Like Peter and Andrew, **St. Philip** was from Bethsaida, in Galilee. According to the tradition, he was crucified at Hierapolis in Phrygia where he had preached the Gospel. He introduced St. Bartholomew (also known as Nathanael) to Christ. Christ declared to Philip, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father...I am in the Father and the Father is in me”. (John 14:8,11).*

***St. James** was a cousin of our Lord. He is often called James the Less, because of Mark’s reference to him as “the younger James” (Mark 15:40). As Bishop of Jerusalem, he wrote one of the epistles of the New Testament. St. James was thrown down from the terrace of the Temple and then stoned to death.*

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

FRIDAY, May 2nd - *Easter Weekday – First Friday of the month*

4:30PM – **Holy Mass** to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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

SATURDAY, May 3rd - *Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross (Polish Constitution Day)*

9:00AM - **Holy Mass**

10:00 – 11:00AM – Confirmation Class in the hall.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 4th – *III Sunday of Easter*

10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Vera Pilo, of. by husband, Joseph Pilo.

- ⤴ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⤴ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ⤴ Collection for missions.
- ⤴ Mother’s Day Breakfast.

Today’s liturgy

ASPERGES – I saw water - proceeding from the temple, from the right side. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All sinners saved by healing water shall proclaim as they are set free: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

To the Lord sing praises for He is gracious. His mercy shall endure throughout all the ages.

Glory to the Father, and Son, And to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, Now and for ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalm 40:2-4)

V. I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry, drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.

R. And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. 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 2:42-47

The first Christian community continues to grow, united in mind and heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love is everlasting.

II Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

The resurrection of Jesus fills us with joy that is indescribable.

ALLELUIA (John 20:29)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

V. You believe in Me, Thomas, because You have seen Me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen Me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The risen Lord appears to the apostles and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [PAGE 71] **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

Celebrant: Peace is the gift Christ bequeathed His friends. We pray for the gift of peace for ourselves and for our world.

- For the Church: that we may be united in the faith of the apostles, in our communion with each other and in our service of the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the nations of the earth: that we may learn to share our possessions and have a care for those who are weak and poor. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those whose faith is weak or non-existent: that they may discern the signs of the resurrection in their lives and so give their hearts to Jesus, the Son of God. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For who have been reborn in the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist this Easter: that they may be faithful witnesses to the truth and power of the resurrection. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of new life You have given each of us May we always acknowledge that Jesus Your Son is our Lord. We ask this through the same Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May the joy and peace of that first Easter Day be yours this day, driving out all sadness and fear.

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

May 17th Diocesan ANS Convention in Frackville, PA.

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

June 14th 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)

May 4th Mother's Day Breakfast (after the Mass)
May 26th 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 **Joseph Karvois, Dylan Whitecavage** and **Veronica Plichta** for their help at the altar last Sunday.
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

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.

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners for sending Easter Cards and Gifts to the rectory. May God Bless You!

THANK YOU to **Mrs. Sharon Chiao** for preparing beverages for the Clergy meeting last Tuesday.

OUR PARISH is looking for new children items to be donated for “**Children Items Chinese Auction**” which will be held probably at the end of May this year. Thank you.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Rafal Dadello**, his family and parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish in Little Falls, NY.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: April 27 – Kenneth Payne Jr.; May 1 – Joseph Edmondson; May 3 – Sharon Chiao.



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); **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.

DEATH NOTICE: Sp. **Celia Zomchick** (age 92) passed away Apr. 19, and was buried at the Holy Ghost cemetery last Wednesday. Sp. **James L. Dean** from Shenandoah (81) died on Monday, Apr. 21. Sp. **Sue Pascavage** passed away on Monday, Apr. 21. *Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord.....*

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.

DEDICATED TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The book of Acts describes the lifestyle of early Christians. They form a pure communist (communal) society. Each person contributes the common pool and receives an allotment of food. Of special note is the "breaking of bread".

It was common to use large sheets of flat bread as utensils at a meal. Pieces of bread would be broken off to pick up greasy food. Normally the host would break his portion first. Jesus established a precedent of not taking his section first, thus making himself the last to get bread. This was a wonderful lesson in charity--thinking of others first.

 **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.

BEHIND LOCKED DOORS

The first Christians were victims of state terrorism. The sudden arrest and death of Jesus provoked a climate of fear and apprehension among the apostles. They assemble inside a locked room--probably that of the Last Supper. The terror is so great that one apostle, Thomas, is reluctant to approach them even in seclusion. The locks are not only on the doors but on their minds and faith. Jesus breaks through with a powerful witness of love. He gives them power to unlock souls as well as portals.

OUR MINISTRY – the Parish Committee is not a Board of Directors. Its work goes beyond the “material” necessities of a parish. It is a unique group of committed Christians with a conviction – to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Thus, each member of the Committee has a vocation: to be a steward, a good manager of the gifts of God. The Parish Committee member is one who is called to make commitment, with a conviction to function for the sake of the Gospel. To be this person, we must be good stewards or managers of the mysteries of God and faithful witnesses of the same.

HOW DOES YOUR CHURCH SCORE? A reporter visited different churches on successive Sunday’s to find out what the churches were really like. In every instance, he dressed neatly and stood near the front. After services, he walked slowly to the rear, then returned to the front, and went back to the foyer using another aisle. He smiled at everyone and asked others for directions to specific places – the parish hall, the office, etc. He reminded for coffee, if served. Using the following scale, he awarded points on the following basis:

- 10 for a smile from a worshipper
- 10 for a greeting from someone nearby
- 100 for an exchange of names
- 200 for an invitation to have coffee
- 200 for an invitation to return
- 1,000 for an invitation to meet another worshipper
- 2,000 for an invitation to meet the pastor.

The reporter discovered that, using this scale, 11 of the 18 churches visited earned *fewer than 100 points*. Five actually received *less than 20!* The conclusion: The doctrine may be sound, the singing inspirational, and the sermon uplifting – **but when a visitor finds nobody who cares whether he’s there, he is not likely to return!**

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.

BULLETIN SPONSOR:
Mr. Kenneth Payne