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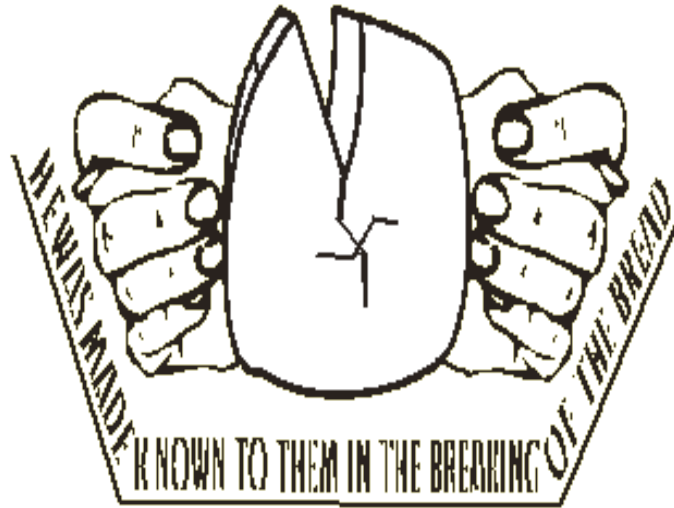
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Third Sunday of Easter - "A"

Trzecia Niedziela Wielkanocna

May 4, 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 – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, May 4th – Third Sunday of Easter

The Lord loves to lift up those who are cast down. We ask Him in this Mass, by His word and sacrament, to strengthen our belief and lighten our hearts.

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.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29; **Tue.**, Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35; **Wed.**, Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40; **Thu.**, Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51; **Fri.**, Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59; **Sat.**, Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

MONDAY, May 5th - *Easter Weekday*

9:00 – 10:00AM – Viewing – Sp. David Halaburda (Nice-Hart Funeral Home)

10:30AM – Funeral Mass

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

WEDNESDAY, May 7th - *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

6:00PM – Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary

FRIDAY, May 9th – *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – **Holy Mass**

SATURDAY, May 10th – *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **Bishop Joseph Padewski**, of. by Fr. Robert.

10:00 – 11:00AM – Confirmation Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 11th – *IV Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day*

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

^ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 (Psalms 25:15-16)

V. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, Who frees my feet from the snare. Alleluia.

R. Look upon me, have pity on me, for I am alone and afflicted. 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 2:14.22-33

St. Peter speaks with courage and confidence about the risen Christ and the coming of the Spirit.

GRADUAL (Psalms 89:4-5)

V. I have made a covenant with My chosen one, I have sworn to David My servant: Alleluia.

R. I will make your dynasty stand forever and establish your throne through all ages. Alleluia.

II Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

St. Peter writes of the blood of Christ as our ransom, and the source of our faith and hope.

ALLELUIA (John 1:29b)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-55

St. Luke tells the story of how two disciples met Jesus and rediscovered their faith at the breaking of the bread.

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.

May you be filled with the joy that comes from discovering the risen Lord.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

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 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 **Veronica Plichta** for her 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.

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**.

DONATION: in memory Sp. Celia Zomchick - \$50.00. Thank you.

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 **Bishop Paul Sobiechowski**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester, NH [holytrinitypncc.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. **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.

DEATH NOTICE – Sp. **David R. Halaburda** (50) died Monday, Apr. 28 in his home. *Eternal rest grant unto him, 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; **June 8:** Sp. Sue Pascavage; **June 15:** all Fathers; **June 22:** Sp. James Dean; **June 29:** Sp. Sue Pascavage; **July 6:** Sp. Michael & Sophia Stetts; **July 13:** Sp. James Dean. *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.

DID NOT THE CHRIST HAVE TO SUFFER?

Jesus puts His finger on one of the critical questions of the Old Testament. The common belief was that the Messiah or Christ would be a conquering hero. He would triumph over all His enemies, like a knight in shining armor. This explains the quandary of the two disciples. They had expected a magnificent fate for Jesus. He would defeat His foes in a spectacular manner. Instead He died in an ignominious execution like a criminal. Jesus solves this by reinterpreting the messianic prophecies. He illustrates that suffering was an inevitable factor in the prophets' expectations. Gradually He wins over the two disciples and they become excited with this new vision of events.



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