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**Fourth Sunday of Easter - "A"**  
**Mother's Day**

**May 11, 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 11<sup>th</sup>** – Fourth Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

With its readings about sheep and shepherds, today is commonly known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

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

✠ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 or John 10:11-18 ("A"); **Tue.**, Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30; **Wed.**, Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; John 12:44-50; **Thu.**, Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20; **Fri.**, Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6; **Sat.**, Acts

13:44-52; John 14:7-14

**TUESDAY, May 13<sup>th</sup> - *Easter Weekday***

9:00AM – Holy Mass

**WEDNESDAY, May 14<sup>th</sup> - *Easter Weekday***

5:30PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Deceased**.

6:00PM – Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary

**THURSDAY, May 15<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Weekday***

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

**SATURDAY, May 17<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Weekday***

**Central Diocese United Women's Societies for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Convention**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, the Main Celebrant: The Right Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki, Bishop Ordinary of the Central Diocese.

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 18<sup>th</sup> – V Sunday of Easter**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Mary Ann Etcho, of. by Mr. John Etcho.

^ 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 2:14.36-41**

*St. Peter's proclamation, that Jesus who was crucified is in fact "Lord and Christ", cuts his hearers to the heart; and he urges them to be converted.*

### **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 2:20-25**

*Peter reminds those newly baptized that they are called to follow in the footsteps of the suffering Jesus, by whose wounds we were healed.*

### **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: John 10:1-10**

*Jesus is both the good shepherd and the gateway to the sheepfold.*

### **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.

May the presence of the good shepherd bring peace, comfort and undying hope into your hearts.

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **GENERAL CHURCH**

Sep. 29<sup>th</sup>–Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 - 24<sup>th</sup> General Synod of the PNCC (Erie, PA)

#### **CENTRAL DIOCESE**

May 17<sup>th</sup> Diocesan ANS Convention in Frackville, PA.

#### **PLYMOUTH SENIORATE**

June 14<sup>th</sup> 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)

May 26<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day **Mass** at the Cemetery (Frackville-10:00AM). Prayer Service at the Holy Ghost cemetery 12:00Noon.

May 31<sup>st</sup> Children items “Chinese Auction”.

June 13<sup>th</sup> “Bleenie” Sale.

### **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** to **Mr. Charles Chiao Jr.** and to everyone who prepared the Mother's Day brunch last Sunday!

**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**.

**DONATION:** in memory Sp. Sue Pascavage – Mr. & Mrs. John Plaxa - \$25.00. Thank you.

**MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION** – Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10:00AM (St. John's Cemetery). Prayer Service (no Mass) – 12:00Noon at the Holy Ghost Cemetery. If on this day will be cold weather or rain, the Holy Mass will be celebrated at 10:00AM in the church only.

**OUR PARISH** is looking for new children items to be donated for “**Children Items Chinese Auction**” which will be held on **Saturday, May 31**; doors open 4:00PM, the auction begins at 5:00PM, admission \$2.00. Thank you.

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Senior Robert Nemkovich Jr.**, his family and parishioners of Blessed Trinity Parish in Fall River, MA, and Holy Cross Parish in Central Falls, RI.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 14 – Nicole Lahutsky; May 15 – Shannon Keim



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!** Anniversary best wishes are extended to: May 11 – S. David & Marilyn Bulcavage; May 14 – Al & Louise Gursky.



**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.

**UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS:** **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; **July 27:** Sp. Dorothy Halaburda. *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. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend!**

**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.

Hundreds of dewdrops to greet the dawn,  
Hundreds of bees in the purple clover,  
Hundreds of butterflies on the lawn,  
But only one mother the wide world over.  
~George Cooper

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