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Fifth Sunday of Easter - "A"

Piąta Niedziela Wielkanocna

May 18, 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 18th – Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Lord Jesus is a living stone, St. Peter tells us. Set close to the Lord, we too become living stones making a spiritual house, praising God with our very lives.

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

^ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26; **Tue.**, Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a; **Wed.**, Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8; **Thu.**, Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11; **Fri.**, Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17; **Sat.**, Acts 16:1-10; John 115:18-21

WEDNESDAY, May 21st - *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for **Victoria Plichta** (God's blessing), of. by parents.

6:00PM – Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

THURSDAY, May 22nd – *Easter Weekday*

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

FRIDAY, May 23rd - *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Jan** and **Marianna Zaborowski**, of. by Janina Plichta & family.

SATURDAY, May 24th – *Easter Weekday*

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

NEXT SUNDAY, May 25th – *VI Sunday of Easter*

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

▲ 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 27:7-9)

V. Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. "Come," says my heart, "seek God's face"; Your face, Lord, do I seek! Alleluia.

R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior. 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 6:1-7

The Church runs into the problem of human favoritism, and appoints a body to ensure fair shares for all.

GRADUAL (Numbers 6:25-26)

V. The Lord let bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! Alleluia.

R. The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! Alleluia.

II Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Greater than any physical building, the Church is made of living stones, all set close to Christ Jesus, the precious cornerstone.

ALLELUIA (John 6:45b-46)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. It is written in the prophets: "They shall all be taught by God". Everyone who listens to My Father and learns from Him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

The Lord goes through suffering and death to prepare a place for us.

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 Christ, the living stone, keep you close to Him.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Sep. 29th–Oct. 3rd, 2014 - 24th General Synod of the PNCC (Erie, 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 (Frackville-10:00AM). Prayer Service at the Holy Ghost cemetery 12:00Noon.

May 31st Children items “Chinese Auction”.

June 13th “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** for his help at the altar last Sunday.
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

“EASTER EGGS” SALE – profit: **\$6,372.17**.

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**.

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 Henryk Wos**, his family and parishioners of Our Savior Parish in Woonsocket, RI.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 18 – James Chistakoff; May 21 – John Etcho; May 22 – John Plaxa; May 23 – Andrew Tokarczyk.

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). **Shenandoah Manor** – Russel Sincavage Sr. (B12)



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.

WHOEVER HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER

Philip plays only a small role in the Gospels, but here his role is pivotal. Jesus has warned his apostles that he is leaving--probably a reference to his death and ascension. Philip responds to Jesus' claim that they "have seen the Father". Like the other apostles, he has not comprehended the depth of Christ's identity. He can see only the man and not the God. Our Lord expresses the nature of his person and his unity with the Father. It is a clear statement that he is God. In the beauty of Jesus we see the qualities of God because Jesus is divine. What do we see in Jesus? Surely among his attributes are love, mercy, compassion, strength, humility, self-sacrifice...in short all that is good and nothing that is wrong.



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.

BULLETIN SPONSOR:
Mr. Kenneth Payne