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Sixth Sunday of Easter - "A"

Szósta Niedziela Wielkanocna - "A"

May 25, 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, May 25th – VI Sunday of Easter

The Holy Spirit is God's best gift, enabling us, in the words of today's responsorial psalm, to "cry out with joy to God".

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

- ^ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ^ Frackville American Legion Memorial Service.
- ^ Ladies of the Blessed Sacrament Society meeting after the Mass.
- ^ Pierogies are available - \$5.00 per dozen.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26 – 16:4a; **Tue.**, Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11; **Wed.**, Acts 17:15.22 – 18:1;

John 16:12-15; **Thu.**, Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20; **Fri.**, Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23;
Sat., Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

MONDAY, May 26th - Memorial Day

10:00AM – Holy Mass at the cemetery (if weather permits) or in the church, if not.
12:00Noon – Prayer Service at the cemetery in Shenandoah (if the weather permits).

TUESDAY, May 27th - Easter Weekday

6:00PM – Preparation for Children “Chinese” Auction in the hall.

WEDNESDAY, May 28th - Easter Weekday

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

THURSDAY, May 29 – Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

FRIDAY, May 30th - Easter Weekday

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Krystyna Plichta** (51st Anniversary), of. by Fr. Robert & family.

SATURDAY, May 3rd - Easter Weekday

4:00PM (doors open) - “Children Items Chinese Auction; **5:00PM** – the auction begins. Admission - \$2.00.

NEXT SUNDAY, June 1st – VII Sunday of Easter

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Stanley and Florence Bulcavage, of. by John & Mary Ann.

- ⤴ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⤴ Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- ⤴ Collection for missions.
- ⤴ Coffee & Cake.

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 (Acts 1:3; Psalms 68:20)

V. He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

R. Blessed be the Lord day by day, God, our salvation, Who carries us. 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 8:5-8.14-17

After Philip the deacon had evangelized the Samaritans, Peter and John laid hands upon the newly baptized so that they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

II Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Be ready with a courteous response to those who ask the reason for your hope, and if you have to suffer let it be for doing right.

ALLELUIA (John 14:23)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Whoever loves Me will keep My word, says the Lord, and My Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

Jesus assures the disciples that they will not be left orphans because the Father will send them 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: In prayer we bring to the Father our needs and those of our sisters and brothers.

- Let us pray our Bishop Bernard and all the bishops: that they may be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for all who work for Christian unity: that their efforts may be rewarded and that Christians everywhere may be truly one. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for those who, in the midst of sufferings, difficulties or stress, feel that God has deserted them: that they may experience the powerful uplifting presence of the Holy Spirit. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for the members of this parish: that they may be able to explain, with courtesy and respect, the reason for their hope. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

Celebrant: Heavenly Father, we ask You to hear our prayers, which we make in union with Your Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

May the Father, source of all love, fill you with confidence. May the Son, who reveals that love to us, bring you joy. May the Holy Spirit, bond of love between Father and Son, assure you that you are not orphans but beloved sons and daughters of God.

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 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 **Dylan Whitecavage** and **Veronica Plichta** for their help at the altar last Sunday.


- to the **Sunday greeters**.


THANK YOU very much to our Ladies and everyone who help to prepare a successful the ANS Diocesan Convention. May God bless you all!

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.


OUR PARISH is looking for new children items to be donated for “**Children Items Chinese Auction**” which will be held this coming Saturday. Thank you.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Andrzej Tenus**, his family and parishioners of St. Casimir's Parish in Lowell, MA.


 **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** – especially for – 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. **Fritzingertown 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: **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 20:** Sp. David Halaburda; **July 27:** Sp. Dorothy Halaburda; **Aug. 3:** Sp. David Halaburda; **Aug. 10:** Sp. David Halaburda; **Aug. 17:** Sp. James Dean; **Aug. 24:** 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.

 **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.

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Mr. Kenneth Payne