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Second Sunday of Easter - "B"

Druga Niedziela Wielkanocna

April 12, 2015

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow in number of holy,
respectful and dedicated people.

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 10:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English.

Today, April 12th – II Sunday of Easter

Throughout this Easter season we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. Let us be inspired by His first followers, who became enthusiastic witnesses and formed loving Christian communities.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Anna Folta.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8; **Tue.**, Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15; **Wed.**, Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21; **Thu.**,
Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36; **Fri.**, Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15; **Sat.**, Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

TUESDAY, April 14th – *Easter Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

WEDNESDAY, April 15th – *Easter Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for those in Purgatory.

SATURDAY, April 18th - *Easter Weekday*

10:00-10:50AM – Confirmation Class

NEXT SUNDAY, April 19th – *III Sunday of Easter*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Michael and Sophia Stetts, of. by Children.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – I saw the 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 forever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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 4:32-35

The first believers in the resurrection were inspired and enthusiastic community, dedicated to serving one another and sharing their property.

GRADUAL (Psalm 116:15-16)

V. Too costly in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful. Alleluia.

R. Lord, I am Your servant, the child of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds.

II Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Belief in Jesus and love for one another are inseparable.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 30:2,4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I praise You, Lord, for You raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Jesus appears to the disciples, and all, including Thomas, become firm believers in the risen Christ.

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 you be inspired by the risen Christ and the Holy Spirit to be energetic and hopeful witnesses in the world.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Apr. 24-26 National ANS Convention (Sterling Heights, MI)

CENTRAL DIOCESE

May 16 Diocesan Council Meeting

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

May 16 First Holy Communion Day (Saturday – 11:00AM)

June 14 Confirmation (3:00PM)

July 26 Automobiles Blessing (after the Mass)

Oct. 3 Animals Blessing (1:00PM at the parking)

Nov. 8 Veteran's Day Celebration

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** for being a lector;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to **Veronica, Dylan and Joe** for their help at the altar.
- to **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, April 5 – 64.

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.

GENERAL CHURCH DUES – beginning January 2015, our church dues is **\$124.00** per adult member.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Michael Selep**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in McKees Rocks, PA.

CONFIRMATION – Our Diocesan Bishop – the Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki will impart the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday, June 14, 2015 at 3:00PM**. We have two students-candidates; if any adult members didn't receive Confirmation yet – please contact Fr. Robert ASAP.

Father Robert took his oath as the new U.S citizen on Friday, April 10 in Philadelphia, PA. Thank you to our Parishioners and Friends for you financial and verbal support!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Joseph Petrusky. At Nursing Homes: – **Frackville Nursing Home**: John Etcho (302) - 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).



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.


Future First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes – Parents and guardians must bring their children to the church for Sunday Mass – at least 1 year before the class begins. It does apply to children who presently don't come to the church at all or once/twice a year. Holy Communion is to receiving the Body and Blood of

Christ so children **must** be familiar with church services.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **Apr. 19:** Sp. Michael & Sophia Stetts; **Apr. 26:** Sp. James Dean; **May 3:** Sp. Anna Folta; **May 10:** for all Mothers; **May 17:** Sp. James Dean; **May 24:** Sp. Patricia Abicunas; **May 31:** Sp. Louise Gursky; **June 7:** Sp. Josephine Studlick; **June 21:** for all Fathers; **June 28:** Sp. James Dean; **July 5:** Sp. Louise Gursky; **July 12:** Sp. Louise Gursky; **July 19:** Sp. James Dean; **July 26:** Sp. Louise Gursky; **Aug. 23:** Sp. James Dean; **Sep. 20:** Sp. James Dean; **Sep. 27:** PNU Members; **Oct. 18:** Sp. James Dean; **Nov. 15:** Sp. James Dean; **Dec. 20:** Sp. James Dean.

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. **Remember** that penance during the Confession **MUST BE FULFILLED**, if not – the Sacrament is not **VALID**.

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.**

HOLY MASS - The Eucharistic Sacrifice is also offered for the *faithful departed* who “have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified,” so that they may be able to enter into the light and peace of Christ.

April/May Promotion - A Time for Growth and Renewal with the PNU

Spring is a time when sunny days lead to blooming trees, flowers, and new growth. This is a good time to find out how the PNU can help add new growth to your financial portfolio. Endowments, insurance policies, and annuities are just some of the things the PNU can offer to help you and your family grow financially. Contact the PNU Home Office at **1-800-724-6352** for more information on ways to grow financially.

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.

Where Was Thomas?

John's version of the Easter event includes a story not mentioned in the other gospels. Only ten apostles are present. Judas is dead and Thomas is absent. If John's version is correct we must ask why Thomas did not join the group?

We cannot fathom his motives, but John may give a clue. He says that Thomas was called "Didymus," which is the Greek word for "twin". Some have suggested that he was often divided or "of two minds" in making decisions. Actually, the name "Thomas" itself means "twin", so to call him "Thomas Didymus", means "Twin twin," or really dubious.

Things do not happen. Things are made to happen. (John F. Kennedy)