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Jesus was made known in the breaking of bread

Third Sunday of Easter - "B"

Trzecia Niedziela Wielkanocna

April 19, 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 19th – III Sunday of Easter

Today's readings show that the outpouring of God's mercy flow from the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

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

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

TUESDAY, April 20th – *Easter Weekday*

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

WEDNESDAY, April 21st – *Easter Weekday*

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Pawel and Antonina Jaskowiak**, of. by Janina Plichta.

THURSDAY, April 22nd – *Easter Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass

SATURDAY, April 25th – *Feast – St. Mark, Evangelist*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: God's blessing for Parishioners.

11:00-12:00 – First Holy Communion Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 26th – *IV Sunday of Easter*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean, of. by wife Marjorie.

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 66:2-3)

V. Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name; proclaim His glorious praise. Alleluia.

R. Say to God, “How tremendous are Your deeds! For Your great strength Your enemies fawn upon You. 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 3:13-15, 17-19

The words of the prophets have been fulfilled: despite the ignorance of the people and their leaders, the Lord's saving work has been accomplished.

GRADUAL (Psalm 4:3, 7b08a)

V. Men of rank, how long will you be dull of heart? Why do you love what is vain and seek after falsehood? Alleluia.

R. O Lord, let the light of Your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart. Alleluia.

II Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

Jesus is the advocate who interceded for us sinners through His sacrifice; and now by our obedience God's love “comes to perfection” in us.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 111:9)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. He has sent deliverance to His people; He has ratified His covenant forever; holy and awesome is His name.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

On Easter Sunday Jesus appears to His friends, showing them His wounded hands and feet and explaining that as the Messiah He had to die and rise again.

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 the Father, who raised Jesus from the tomb, deepen your faith. May the risen Jesus, who brought joy to His friends, fill you also with joy. May the Holy Spirit, gift of the risen Jesus build you up in hope and love.

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 and Dylan** for their help at the altar.
- to **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, April 12 – 29.

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 Mark Swoger**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Washington, PA [holytrinitypnccpa.org].

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 and one adult.



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. 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 14:** Sp. Louise Gursky; **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. 2:** Sp. Louise Gursky; **Aug. 9:** Sp. Patricia Abicunas; **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.**

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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.

Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing things is often more important than the outcome.

(Arthur Ashe)