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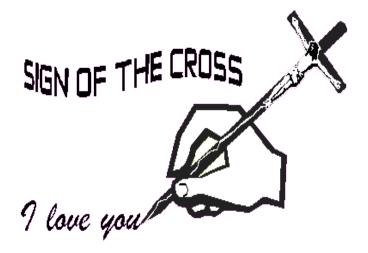
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Fourth Sunday of Easter - "B" Czwarta Niedziela Wielkanocna

April 26, 2015

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

EVENTS for the **WEEK**

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

Today, April 26th – IV Sunday of Easter

The Lord reveals His identity as the Good Shepherd, laying down His life for the sheep. We are the sheep being cared for and loved by the Lord.

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

- A Choir practice before First Holy Communion.
- A Blessed Sacrament Society meeting.

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**., 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14,

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

THURSDAY, April 30th – Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman

In the Gospel Jesus was called "the Son of the carpenter". This feast reminds us that honest work, no matter how seemingly menial, can be sanctified. Through work we can sanctify ourselves and others, making each of us participants in the work of redemption.

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

FRIDAY, May 1st – Feast – SS. Philip and James, Apostles

Like Peter and Andrew, St. Philip was from Bethsaida, in Galilee. According to the tradition, he was crucified at Hierapolis in Phrygia where he had preached the Gospel. He introduced St. Bartholomew (also known as Nathanael) to Christ. Christ declared to Philip, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father...I am in the Father and the Father is in me". (John 14:8,11).

St. James was a cousin of our Lord. He is often called James the Less, because of Mark's reference to him as "the younger James" (Mark 15:40). As Bishop of Jerusalem, he wrote one of the epistles of the New Testament. St. James was thrown down from the terrace of the Temple and then stoned to death.

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention:

5:00PM-6:55PM – Private adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

7:00PM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, intention: God's blessing for family.

SATURDAY, May 2nd - Easter Weekday 10:00-11:00AM - Confirmation Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 3rd - V Sunday of Easter

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

- ▲ Confession.
- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ▲ Collection for missions.
- A Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – I saw the water – (recite) 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 (Ezekiel 34:31; Psalm 79:13)

V. You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

R. Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. 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 4:8-12

It is in the name of Jesus Christ that we can be saved.

Responsorial Psalm: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

II Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

The Father has lavished His love upon us, by letting us be called God's children.

ALLELUIA (John 10:14)

- V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
- V. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know My sheep, and mine know Me.
- R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep.

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: With utter confidence let us bring to our heavenly Father all our concerns and prayers.

- We pray for the Prime Bishop Anthony and our Diocesan Bishop: that their ministry may be fruitful and may strengthen us in our faith. *R. Lord, hear our prayer*.
- Let us pray for all priests and deacons who have already said "yes" to the Lord: may they continue to work generously and selflessly. *R. Lord, hear our prayer*.
- Let us pray for those discerning their vocation: may they recognize the true voice of the Lord calling. *R. Lord*, *hear our prayer*.
- Let us pray for our loved ones who have been called home **James Dean** may they enjoy eternal rest and peace. *R. Lord, hear our prayer*.

Celebrant: Eternal God, we ask You to hear and answer these prayers made in faith and in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is our Good Shepherd for ever and ever. **R. Amen**.

May the Father, source of life, fill you with purpose. May the Son, who died for love, fill you with love this day. May the Spirit, the giver of gifts and graces, fill you completely.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Apr. 28-29 Supreme Council Meeting – Scranton, PA.

May 29-30 70th Annual YMSofR Bowling Tournament.

July 21 National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop – Dupont, PA (through Friday)

Oct. 2-4 72nd United YMSofR Convention – South Deerfield, MA.

CENTRAL DIOCESE

May 16 Diocesan Council Meeting.

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

June 4 Corpus Christi Service – Plymouth, PA at 7:00PM.

<u>FRACKVILLE</u> – 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 last Sunday;
- to the Sunday greeters.

LAST WEEK STATISTIC: April 19 – 23.

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

<u>PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY</u> - ...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.

<u>THIS WEEK PRAYER</u>: for Father Felix Pyzowski, his family and parishioners of St. Joseph's Mission in Belle Vernon, PA.

<u>CONFIRMATION</u> – 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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: April 27 – Kenneth Payne Jr.; May 1 – Joseph Edmondson.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski - Sarah
Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage – John Etcho - Flossy Bulcavage – Sharon Chiao – Carolyn

Boychak – John Kruk – Charles Chiao Jr. - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Joseph Petrusky. At <u>Nursing Homes</u>: – *Frackville Nursing Homes*: John Etcho (310) - 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.

<u>UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS</u>: 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.

Future First Holy Communion and Confirmation Classes – Parents or <u>legal</u> guardians only, <u>are responsible</u> <u>to enroll</u> their children for classes. If you have any questions, please contact the Pastor.

<u>ATTENTION PARISHIONERS</u> – 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.