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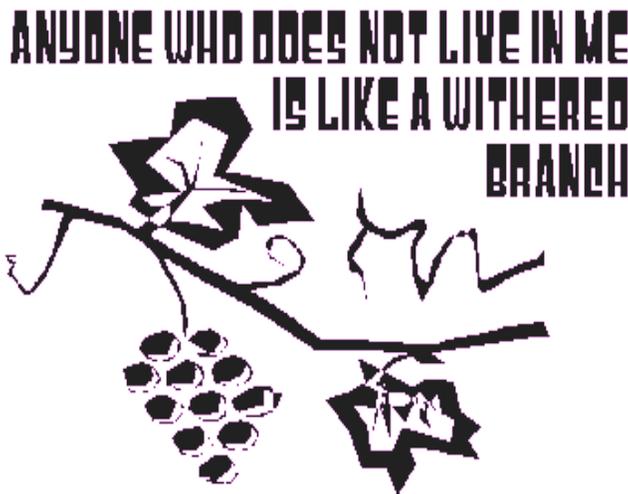
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Fifth Sunday of Easter - "B"

Piąta Niedziela Wielkanocna

May 3, 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, May 3rd – V Sunday of Easter – Polish Constitution Day

What is the very heart of our faith? Today we are told that it is a close personal relationship with Jesus, for He is the vine and we are the branches.

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

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

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 15:18-21

MONDAY, May 4th – Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross
6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.
6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

TUESDAY, May 5th – *Easter Weekday*
6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Michal** and **Maria Zaborowscy**, of. by Janina Plichta.

WEDNESDAY, May 6th – *Easter Weekday*
8:30AM – Holy Mass for **Health**.

THURSDAY, May 7th – *Easter Weekday*
8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: God's blessing for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, May 8th – *Easter Weekday*
8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Deceased Victims of the earthquake in Nepal.

SATURDAY, May 9th
11:00-12:00 – First Holy Communion Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 10th – VI Sunday of Easter – Mothers' Day
10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Mothers.
^ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 (Romans 7:4; Galatians 5:22-23)

V. In the same way, my brothers, you also were put to death to the law through the body of Christ so that you may belong to another, to the One Who was raised from the dead in order that we might bear fruit for God. Alleluia.

R. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such there is no law. 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 9:26-31

St. Paul begins to preach but arouses hostility and has to leave Jerusalem.

GRADUAL (Jeremiah 17:10)

V. I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart. Alleluia.

R. To reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds. Alleluia!

II Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

St. John says that if we keep His commandments the Lord will answer our prayers.

ALLELUIA (John 15:16a)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. It was not you who chose Me, but I Who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Jesus calls us to remain in Him, for He is the vine and we are the branches.

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 you always remain united as branches of the true vine.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

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.

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)
Sep. 17 Spaghetti Dinner
Oct. 3 Animals Blessing (1:00PM at the parking)
Oct. 18 Chinese Auction
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 26 – 26.

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.

St. John's Women Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament Society (ANS) news: The election meeting took place last Sunday after the Holy Mass and officers were elected:

President: Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck

Vice President: Mrs. Sandra Elsavege

Recording Secretary: Mrs. Elaine Antalosky

Treasurer: Ms. Angela Elsavege.

Congratulations to all of you! Thank you to the former President – Ms. Elizabeth Greenman and Vice President – Mrs. Sharon Chiao for your work! The next ANS meeting – **Sunday, May 17** after the Mass. The

membership dues - \$10.00 is due now.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Claudio Bocca**, his family and parishioners of St. Stanislao Kostka parish in Lucca, Italy.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 1 – Joseph Edmondson; May 3 – Sharon Chiao.

PLEASE



PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski - Sarah

Powanda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavage - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – John Kruk – 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 or **legal** guardians only, **are responsible to enroll** their children for classes. If you have any questions, please contact the Pastor.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **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. 16:** Sp. Kurt Elsavage; **Aug. 23:** Sp. James Dean; **Aug. 30:** Sp. Kurt Elsavage; **Sep. 6:** Sp. John David; **Sep. 20:** Sp. James Dean; **Sep. 27:** PNU Members; **Oct. 4:** Sp. Regina David; **Oct. 18:** Sp. James Dean; **Nov. 8:** Sp. John David; **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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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.