

## St. John the Baptist Parish

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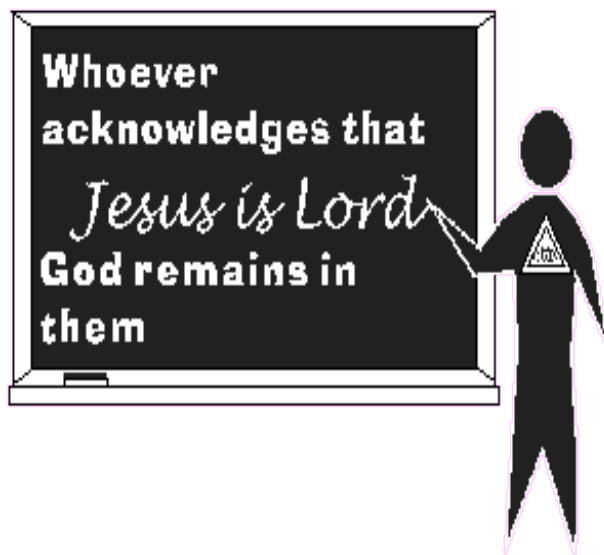
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### Seventh Sunday of Easter - "B"

Siódma Niedziela Zwykła

May 17, 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 17<sup>th</sup>** – VII Sunday of Easter

By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, given to us by Jesus, we are built into the structure of the Body of Christ.

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

- ⋈ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ⋈ Blessed Sacrament Society meeting after the Mass.

#### **WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33; **Tue.**, Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a; **Wed.**, Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19;  
**Thu.**, Acts 22:30. 23:6-11; John 17:20-26; **Fri.**, Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19; **Sat.**, Acts 28:16-20.30-31;

## John 21:20-25

The Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary is said after each Mass during the week.

**TUESDAY, May 19<sup>th</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*

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

**WEDNESDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass** to the Holy Spirit.

**THURSDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*

**8:30AM – Holy Mass**

**SATURDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10:00 – 11:00AM** – Confirmation Class.

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 24<sup>th</sup>** – *Solemnity of Pentecost*

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Patricia Abicunas, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky.

^ 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 (John 20:21; 2 Corinthians 5:20a)**

V. Jesus said to the disciples again: “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Alleluia.

**R. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through 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 1:15-17.20-26**

*St. Luke gives a clear account of the apostolic Church choosing a replacement apostle for Judas.*

### **GRADUAL (Jeremiah 1:7b)**

V. To whomever I send you, you shall go. Alleluia.

**R. Whatever I command you, you shall speak. Alleluia.**

### **II Reading: 1 John 4:11-16**

*St. John teaches us that through being given a share in Christ's Spirit, we live in the knowledge of the love and truth of the Trinity.*

### **ALLELUIA (Acts 1:8b)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: John 17:11-19**

*Jesus prays for His disciples, who will continue to be His witnesses in the world after His ascension to the Father.*

### **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.

We have been made living stones in the temple of God; may we bear witness to the divine presence in the world.

### COMING EVENTS

#### GENERAL CHURCH

May 29-30 70<sup>th</sup> Annual YMSofR Bowling Tournament.  
July 21 National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop – Dupont, PA (through Friday)  
Oct. 2-4 72<sup>nd</sup> United YMSofR Convention – South Deerfield, MA.

#### 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)

June 2 Practice before Confirmation (6:30PM)  
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, May 10 – 38.

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.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Giuseppe Bianchotti**, his family and parishioners of Parish of Merciful Jesus in Torino, Italy.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 21 – John Etcho; May 22- John Plaxa.



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 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. 13:** Sp. Mary Hoffner; **Sep. 20:** Sp. James Dean; **Sep. 27:** PNU Members; **Oct. 4:** Sp. Regina David; **Oct. 18:** Sp. James Dean; **Nov. 1:** Sp. William and Josephine Zamonas; **Nov. 8:** Sp. John David; **Nov. 15:** Sp. James Dean; **Nov. 22:** Sp. Bernard Jr. and Dorothy Halaburda; **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.**

**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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