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Solemnity of Pentecost - "B"

Uroczystość Zesłania Ducha Świętego

May 24, 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 24th – Solemnity of Pentecost

Today the Holy Spirit gathers us to be Church, to praise the Lord's love for us in calling us to be the pilgrim people of God. We give thanks that same Holy Spirit who first came to the apostles is present here among us today.

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

✠ Memorial Day Prayers.

✠ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Sirach 17:20-24; Mark 10:17-27; **Tue.**, Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31; **Wed.**, Sirach 36:1.4-5a.10-17; Mark 10:32-45; **Thu.**, Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52; **Fri.**, Sirach 44:1.9-13; Mark 11:11-26; **Sat.**, Sirach

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

MONDAY, May 25th – Memorial Day

WEDNESDAY, May 27th – Pentecost Wednesday

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Krystyna Plichta** (52nd Anniversary), of. by Fr. Robert & family.

THURSDAY, May 28th – Pentecost Thursday

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

FRIDAY, May 29th - Pentecost Friday

8:30AM – Holy Mass

NEXT SUNDAY, May 31st – Solemnity – Holy Trinity

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Louise Gursky, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gursky.

^ 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 HYMN (Wisdom 1:7-8)

V. For the Spirit of the Lord fills the world, is all-embracing, and knows what man says. Alleluia!

R. Therefore no one who utters wicked things can go unnoticed, nor will chastising condemnation pass him by. 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 2:1-11

On the day of Pentecost the Gospel is preached to all nations.

GRADUAL (Zephaniah 3:8a-9)

V. Therefore, wait for me, says the Lord. For then I will change and purify the lips of the peoples. Alleluia!

R. That they all may call upon the Name of the Lord, to serve Him with one accord. Alleluia!

II Reading: Galatians 5:16-25

The Spirit is our guide and our life.

ALLELUIA (Joel 3:1)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. I will pour out My Spirit upon all humankind. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

The Spirit continues to lead us into the fullness of truth.

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 the Holy Spirit so fill your hearts with love, joy and peace that your lives may radiate the goodness of God to all.

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.

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 7 Blessed Sacrament Society meeting
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 17 – 22.

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 Zbigniew Kozar**, his family and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in Toronto, Canada.



CORPUS CHRISTI SERVICE – Our annual Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service will be celebrated **Thursday June 4 at 7:00pm** hosted by **Good Shepherd** PNCC, 278 East Main Street, **Plymouth, PA**. All members of our Seniorate are cordially invited and encouraged to attend and participate in this traditional service of Procession, Prayer and Word honoring the Body of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament. Following the Service there will be a reception with refreshments in the parish hall.

ANS NEXT MEETING – will be held on Sunday, **June 7, 2015** after the Mass.





CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **October 18, 2015** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event.

We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone's help is needed especially on the day of the auction. THANK YOU.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 23 – Andrew Tokarczyk.

 **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 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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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.

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Remember -
our fallen heroes.
They are the reason
that we are free.

hand.

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, Whose care and guidance brought our forefathers to this great land, and led them through faith, courage and self-sacrifice to build the foundations of a great democratic nation, dedicated to Your service and the rights of man, lead us, o God, as You did lead our forefathers, and help us to be faithful stewards of the heritage which You have entrusted to us.

Reverently, on this **Memorial Day**, in Your holy presence, we pay our tribute of respect to the memory of those who gave their lives in the service of our Country. We pray, that the souls of these, our heroic dead may have unfading life. O You, Eternal Lover of souls, cherish and bless them, we entreat You, and give unto us, the living, peace and hope as we think of them in this solemn hour.

Before You, o Lord God, we humbly acknowledge our debt to them, and humbly ask You to give us the strength to go on towards the ideals for which they fought and died. Take, o Lord, the veil from their hearts, and join us in one communion with all Your saints on earth, and in the

life beyond. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord God of hosts, in Whom our fathers trusted, we give You thanks for all Your servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Unite all the people of this nation, in a holy purpose, to defend the freedom and brotherhood for which they lived and died. Grant, we humbly ask You, that the liberty they bequeathed unto us may be continued to our children and our children's children, and that the power of the Gospel may here abound, to the blessing of all nations of the earth, and to Your eternal glory. To all the heroic dead we honor this day, grant in Your mercy, o God, the light of Your presence, and may the good work You have begun in them be perfected in us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.