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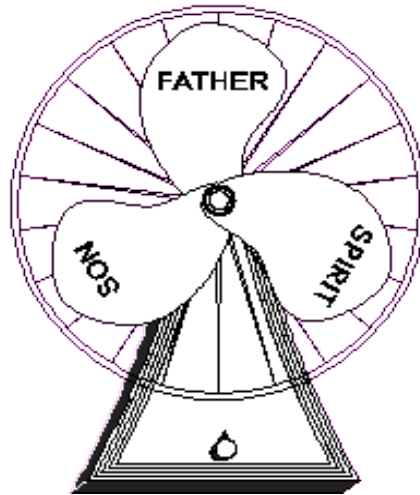
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**Solemnity – The Most Holy Trinity - “B”**

Uroczystość Trójcy Przenajświętszej

**May 31, 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, May 31<sup>st</sup> – The Most Holy Trinity**

We are a people named by the Most Holy Trinity. Baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we share in God's own life and mission.

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

- ^ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ^ Choir practice before Confirmation.

**June is the Sacred Vocation Month, so please pray for vocations to the Priesthood.  
The Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is said after each Mass during the week.**

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Tobit 1:3, 2:1a-8; Mark 12:1-12; **Tue.**, Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17; **Wed.**, Tobit 3:1-11a.16-17a; Mark 12:18-27; **Thu.**, Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16.22-26; **Fri.**, Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37; **Sat.**, Tobit 12:1.5-15.20; Mark 12:38-44

**MONDAY, June 1<sup>st</sup> - Weekday**

**6:30PM** – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

**TUESDAY, June 2<sup>nd</sup> - Weekday**

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

**6:30PM** – Practice before Confirmation.

**WEDNESDAY, June 3<sup>rd</sup> - Weekday**

**8:30AM** – Holy Mass for Health.

**THURSDAY, June 4<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity – Corpus Christi**

*In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord. The Catholic Church has always offered and still offers to the sacrament of the Eucharist the cult of adoration, not only during Mass, but also outside of it, reserving the consecrated hosts with the utmost care, exposing them to the solemn veneration of the faithful, and carrying them in procession.*

**9:00AM** – Holy Mass - 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr. Robert's ordination.

**7:00PM** – Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service in Plymouth, PA.

**FRIDAY, June 5<sup>th</sup> – First Friday of the month**

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

**5:00PM-7:00PM** – Private adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**NEXT SUNDAY, June 7<sup>th</sup> - Within the Octave of Corpus Christi.**

**10:00AM** – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Josephine Studlick, of. by daughter Barbara Davis & family.

- ⋈ Confession.
- ⋈ Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- ⋈ Collection for missions.
- ⋈ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⋈ Choir practice before Confirmation.
- ⋈ Ladies Blessed Sacrament Society meeting.

**Today's liturgy**

**ASPERGES** – **Pokropisz mnie** Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

**ENTRANCE HYMN (Titus 3:4-6)**

V. But when the kindness and generous love of God our Savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of His mercy.

**R. He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

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: Deuteronomy 4:32-34.39-40**

*Moses challenges God's people to reflect on the greatest mystery of all: that God, who is beyond all understanding and all human reach, seeks to be close to men and women in their own place.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.**

**II Reading: Romans 8:14-17**

*As children of God, St. Paul teaches, we are people intimately involved in the life of the Trinity.*

**ALLELUIA (Revelation 1:8)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

V. Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

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

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

*As the Lord reveals the mystery of God's love more clearly, He sends His followers out to share in His mission. Through Jesus, and in the Spirit, we are never alone, but always held in God's power and love.*

**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.

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**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**Celebrant:** As we remember God's great love for us, we are assured of God's powerful and living presence among us. Let us ask God's help and healing in all that concerns us.

- We pray for the courage to respond God's call in our lives: may each one of us learn to take our place in God's loving mission for the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for those in the Church called in particular ways to missionary work, in their own places, and in lands strange to them: may they always experience the presence of the Lord. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We remember all those situations in our world where God's love is not easy to see or know – places of suffering, cruelty, sickness and war: may the power of God's love become more vividly known through works of healing, peacemaking and kindness. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for all who long to know the Father's love: may they come to meet Jesus in their own lives, and know the joy of living in the Spirit. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Gracious God, giver of all that is good, we as members of the Polish National Catholic Church stand in awe before You, the Most Holy Trinity, ask that you send us more vocations to the holy priesthood in the name of Jesus the risen Lord. Let us pray to the Lord... **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- Let us pray for our loved ones who have been called home – **Louise Gursky** – may they enjoy eternal rest and peace. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Celebrant:** Father, You have called us to fullness of life in You, and to share in Your mission of hope and salvation for the world. Filled with Your Spirit, we bring the burdens of our world before You. We ask You to receive these prayers, through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

**As sisters and brothers of Christ, we have been filled with the life and joy of God's Spirit, and can call God as „Abba! Father!” May the life and power of this great mystery fill you, and send you out to share God's love with all you meet.**

**COMING EVENTS**

**GENERAL CHURCH**

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.

**FRACKVILLE** – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

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 last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK STATISTIC: May 24 – 28.

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 Andrzej Jezak**, his family and parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish in Missisauga, Holy Trinity Parish in Hamilton, and St. Casimir's Parish in Welland – all in Canada.

POTATOPANCAKE (Bleenie) SALES – If any of our Parishioners would like to help to run and continue this project during all sales in June, July and August, please contact **Mr. Lance Nelson**. Thank you.



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.



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: June 4 – Michael W. Russell; June 5 – Tammie Whitecavage.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: June 4 – Michael and Sarah Tokarczyk.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko – Paul Elsavege – John Etcho - 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.



**UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS:** **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.

**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.

#### A Trinity Thought Experiment

No one except God can understand how there are three distinct persons in one God. We can, however, understand why it is important to us. Here is a theological thought experiment or analogy to explain the meaning of the Holy Trinity.

Imagine a fan with three blades. On each of the blades picture signs labeled "Father", "Son" and "Spirit." Suppose that the "Father" blade is on top. It represents the one life of God. The Father knows about the Son and loves him, so he gives his entire life to his Son. He does not divide his life, he gives it all. Imagine the "Son" blade turning to the top. When the life is not in the Father and not yet in the Son, it has to be somewhere. It is in the Holy Spirit. (Remember that this is only an illustration of something far more complicated.) So the "Spirit" blade comes to the top of the fan.

Now how can the one life of God be in all three persons at the same time? Imagine turning on the fan. The blades spin so fast that it is impossible to see which is on top. You might say, from this example, that God is a dynamo of love, constantly sharing one life.

If the Father can give his life to two other persons, why not four or ten or a billion? If the Father wants to do this he can. The message of the Trinity is that he wants to do it. The Father wants to include you.

**PARISH INFORMATION.** **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

**Holy Day Masses** are held as announced in the bulletin.

**Sacrament of Baptism** – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

**Sacrament of Matrimony** – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

**Emergencies, Sickness and deaths** – please contact to the rectory immediately.

**The parish bulletin** - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be

submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM.**

**JUNE IS SACRED VOCATIONS MONTH** – “Each year during the month of June, the PNCC observes Sacred Vocations month. During this month, the Church reminds all of her faithful of the urgent need to pray for the gift of vocations to the Holy Orders. The Church asks all of us to offer special prayers to bless our Church with new vocations. (...) The purpose of this month of Sacred Vocations is to petition God, the Author of every vocation to bless our Church with new priests and deacons who are blessed with strong faith, broad vision and solid academic background. **PLEASE, PRAY FOR AN INCREASE VOCATIONS TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD.**” (from “*Teachers Manual – Feasts, Solemnities and observances of the PNCC Customs and Traditions, Scranton, PA 2003*)

**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.