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O Lord I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and this parish will grow in number of really holy and dedicated people to God and to the Church.

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, April 3rd – II Sunday of Easter

Our Lord is not put off by the weakness of the Twelve. As we shall see today, after His resurrection He comes to find them and makes them true apostles.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsavage**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. William Cabulis.

- ✧ Collection for Mission.
- ✧ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38; **Tue.**, Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15; **Wed.**, Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21; **Thu.**, Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36; **Fri.**, Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15; **Sat.**, Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

MONDAY, April 4th – Solemnity – Annunciation of the BVM

6:00PM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Helen Pastue**, of. by Children.

TUESDAY, April 5th - *Easter Weekday*

10:00AM – Funeral Mass – Sp. William Cabulis

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

WEDNESDAY, April 6th – *Easter Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass for Health.

FRIDAY, April 8th - *Easter Weekday*

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

SATURDAY, April 9th – *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **John David**, of. by Ms. Barbara David.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 10th – III Sunday of Easter

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Paul Elsavage, of. by John & Geri Seitzinger.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – I saw the water - proceeding from the temple, from the right side. 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 be 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 (Psalm 40:1-3)

V. I waited, waited for the Lord; who bent down and heard my cry, drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.

R. And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. 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 5:12-16

The apostles, filled with the Spirit, are full of courage.

GRADUAL (Psalm 116:15-16)

V. Too costly in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful. Alleluia.

R. Lord, I am Your servant, the child of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds. Alleluia.

II Reading: Revelation 1:9-13.17-19

A vision of the risen Lord who has the keys of death and of the underworld.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 30:1,4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

V. I praise You, Lord, for You raised me up and did not let my enemies rejoice over me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus gives the power to forgive sin, and convinces doubting Thomas.

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 you recognize the presence of the risen Lord in your life this week.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Apr. 22-24 – Mission & Evangelism Workshop – Milwaukee, WI
June 3-4 - 71st Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament – Dearborn Hts., MI
July 2-9 – Youth CURS in Waymart, PA
July 25-29 – Youth Convo – St. Anselm College, Manchester, NH

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Apr. 16 – Diocesan Council meeting – Scranton, PA
Aug. 16-18 – Clergy Retreat & Conference – Mt. Pocono, PA
Oct. 6-8 – Diocesan Synod in Wallington, NJ

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

May 26 – Corpus Christi Service – 7:00PM in Edwardsville, PA
May 28 – Seniorate Council meeting – 1:00PM – Frackville, PA

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

May 8 – Mothers' Day celebration
May 29 – Memorial Day Service
June 19 – Fathers' Day Celebration
July 24- Automobiles Blessing (after the Mass)
October 1 - Animals Blessing (1:00PM at the parking)
Nov. 13 - Veteran's Day Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** preparing the altars, and the church for services;
- to **Mrs. Cindy Eickhoff** 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 last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, March 27 – **60**.

THANK YOU very much to members of the Blessed Sacrament Society for purchasing flowers for Easter and to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** for decorating the church for the Holy Week and Resurrection of the Lord celebration! Thank you to **Michael Russell Jr., Mr. Michael Russell, Mr. Julian Bednarek, Mr. James Abicunas** and Blessed Sacrament Society Members for your help during the Resurrection procession.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Paul Dudek**, his family and parishioners of Church of the Transfiguration in New Britain, CT and Holy Savior Parish in Union City, CT.




HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: April 6 – Rose Kolos; April 8 – Marjorie Dean.




PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – John Etcho - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill – Joseph Demnitski. At **Nursing Homes:** – NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. ***H & R Center Tremont:*** Dolores Halaburda. ***Ridgeview (Shen. Hts.)*** - Margaret

Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221); *Shenandoah Community Living Center* – Eugenia Tyrrell (A6).

 **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: **Apr. 10:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Apr. 17:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **Apr. 24:** Sp. Helen Seamon; **May 1:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **May 8:** Mother's Day; **May 15:** Sp. Paul Elsavage; **May 22:** Sp. James Dean; **May 29:** Sp. Paul Elsavage. *Daily Masses are available at any time.*

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! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME! You are always welcome to join us in worship. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend.**

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Prayer for Bishop Francis Hodur

from the Mass for Departed Bishops (2006 PNCC Missal):

Let us pray.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Who did assure Your holy Apostles that the highest reward awaits those who strive zealously for the continuance of the Kingdom of God on earth, receive into Your glory the soul our Your servant, Francis Hodur, Bishop of Your Holy Church.

Have compassion on him as You had compassion on the erring Apostles. Mindful of his desire to bring souls to You, reward him with eternal happiness. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.