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Third Sunday of Easter - "C"

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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 10th – III Sunday of Easter

In this Easter season we celebrate that Jesus rose from the dead and is Lord of all humanity and all creation. And we hear how His first followers became inspirational witnesses to the blessing of God's presence in the world.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29; **Tue.**, Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35; **Wed.**, Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40; **Thu.**, Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51; **Fri.**, Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59; **Sat.**, Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

MONDAY, April 11th – *Easter Weekday*

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

WEDNESDAY, April 13th – *Easter Weekday*

6:00PM – Holy Mass for all Deceased.

THURSDAY, April 14th – *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **William Cabulis Sr.**, of. by Mr. & Mrs. George Wycheck.

6:00PM – Holy Mass, intention: God's blessing to Prime Bishop Emeritus Robert Nemkovich at his 50th Anniversary of Ordination.

FRIDAY, April 15th - *Easter Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: God's blessing to Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski at his 50th Anniversary of Ordination.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 17th – *IV 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 (Philippians 2:7-9)

V. He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Alleluia.

R. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. 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 5:27-32.40-41

The apostles obeyed God by continuing to teach and preach in the name of Jesus in spite of a warning from the Sanhedrin.

GRADUAL

V. The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, His mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness. Alleluia.

R. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore, will I hope in Him. Alleluia.

II Reading: Revelation 5:11-14

The Lamb that was sacrificed is given glory by heavenly hosts, by humanity and by the whole of creation.

ALLELUIA (Jude v. 25)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

V. To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority from ages past, now, and for ages to come. Amen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

Jesus appears to the disciples while they are fishing, and the catch is bountiful after He instructs them. They are recommissioned to be His witness in the world.

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.

Let us be inspired by the risen Christ and the Holy Spirit to be energetic and hopeful witnesses in the world.

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)

Apr. 24 – Penny Auction

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** for her help at the altar last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE STATISTIC – Sunday, April 3 – 14.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Christopher Rogalski**, his family and parishioners of Divine Providence Parish in Norwich, CT.

THE NOTE TO OUR PARISHIONERS – On **Monday, Apr. 25 at 6:30PM** the special meeting will be held regarding our future “bleenie” sale project. If you really care of our parish, please show your positive attitude. Thank you.

- ^ If our Parishioners would like to put a tombstone at the purchased cemetery lot, please contact first **Mr. George Wycheck**. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



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 – Joseph Walukiewicz. **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. 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.**

THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN

The book of Revelation, or Apocalypse, is overwhelming for most casual readers of the Bible. It has bizarre visions and mysterious creatures. It was probably written in a style meant to confuse non-Christians and protect its message for believers. In the 1st and 2nd centuries, the Roman government saw Christians as a great threat. The government partially based its authority on the claim that the emperor was a god. Since Christians refused this worship, they endangered imperial power. Examples had to be made to prevent erosion of authority. Followers of Jesus were arrested and executed with the flimsiest excuses. One answer came from John, a Christian author. He was held on Patmos, a prison island off the coast of Turkey. He wrote a message of hope for believers, but couched it in symbolic terms drawn from the Old Testament. He could not openly write the Sacred Name of Jesus, so he referred to the Lord as the "Lamb [of God] who was slain [on the cross]". He describes a victory celebration for the faithful saints in heaven. The "four living creatures" may represent the writers of the four Gospels.

