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Polish National Catholic Church**

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Fourth 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 17th – IV Sunday of Easter

Let us listen to the voice of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and hear how and where He is calling each one of us.
10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsavage**, of. by John & Geri Seitzinger.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 or John 10:11-18 ("A"); **Tue.**, Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30; **Wed.**, Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; John 12:44-50; **Thu.**, Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20; **Fri.**, Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6; **Sat.**, Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

MONDAY, April 18th – *Easter Weekday*

6:00PM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **William Cabulis Sr.**, of. by Sandra & Angela Elsavage.
6:30PM – We are going to prepare letters for 50/50 drawing in the hall.

TUESDAY, April 19th – *Easter Weekday*

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

Holy Mass – intention for: Sp. **Pawel** and **Antonina Jaskowiak**, of. by Janina Plichta.

THURSDAY, April 21st – *Easter Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Father Frederic Mechowski**

FRIDAY, April 22nd - *Easter Weekday*

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

NEXT SUNDAY, April 24th – *IV Sunday of Easter*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Helen Seamon, of. by.....

^ „Penny” Auction; doors open at 1:00PM; the auction begins at 2:00PM. Admission: **\$2.00 + inexpensive gift**. Welcome!

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 (Ezekiel 34:31; Psalms 79:13)

V. You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord.

R. Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. 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 13:14-43-52

The preaching of Paul and Barnabas is well received by the Jewish community in Antioch, but their leaders are so opposed to it that Paul directs his mission instead to the pagans.

GRADUAL (Isaiah 40:11)

V. Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs. Alleluia.

R. Carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care. Alleluia.

II Reading: Revelation 7:9-9.14-17

In his vision of heaven, John sees a huge crowd standing before the throne of God. These will have the Lamb as their shepherd who will lead them to living water.

ALLELUIA (1 Peter 5:4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

V. And when the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. For He is our God, and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 10:27-30

The sheep entrusted to Jesus by the Father listen to His voice and are kept safe for eternal life.

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.

The Lord has nourished us with His word and sacrament. He now sends us out in His name to share His love in all 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

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 5 – Mother's & Father's Day Brunch
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**.

CHURCH PROPERTY – On Thursday and Friday, the work was done in the front of the church by **Mrs. Janina Plichta**. The money were donated by our Parishioners on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. **Mr. George Wycheck** used his truck for transportation of purchased items. Thank you for everything!

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Joseph Krusienski**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT and St. Casimir Parish in Wallingford, 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 – Joseph Demnitski – Joseph Walukiewicz. 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. 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; **June 5** – Sp. Helen Seamon; **June 12** – Sp. Helen Seamon; **June 19** – Sp. Helen Seamon; **June 26** – Helen Seamon. *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.

A Parent's Prayer

Loving God and Father, You gave me my child (children) and I am committed to bring him (her, them) up in the Church in love of You. Assist me in this sacred duty. Teach me what to give him (her, them) and what to withhold; when to correct and when to refrain; when to be gentle and when to be firm. May my child (children) grow in Your grace and in piety. By word and example may I lead him (her, them) in the ways of faith, wisdom and love. I pray that I may fulfill my parental responsibilities that You have placed upon me, so that my child (children) may be faithful to You and Your Church. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

 **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 IMPORTANCE OF PAUL

Saint Paul played a vital role in the development of our faith. It came about because of Jesus' handicap. Christ was not physically or mentally challenged. His problem lay in the people that he had to teach. Most of them had little or no education. They had little experience and probably traveled no more than a few miles from their birthplace. Jesus had to share his teachings from their limited knowledge. He used local illustrations in the form of stories, called parables.

This was a handicap for Missionaries to other areas. They had two ways of doing this. They explain the examples that Jesus used. Or they could develop new parables based on other cultures and languages.

This was Paul's approach. He used illustrations from Greek life and culture, especially sports. So Paul became Jesus' first interpreter-what we now call a theologian.