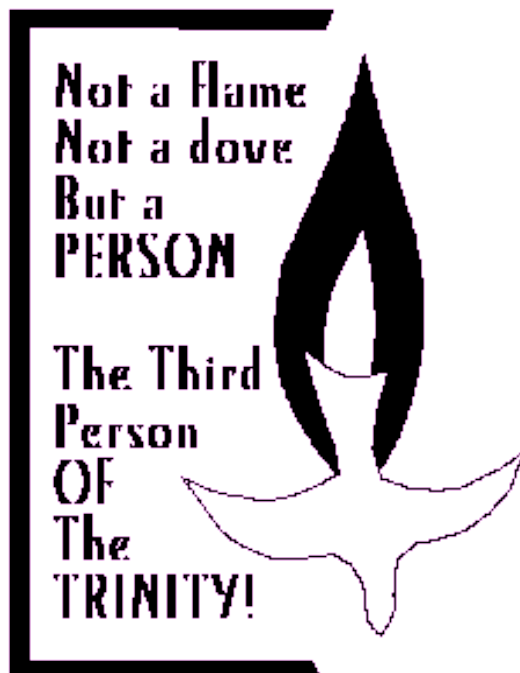


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Solemnity of Pentecost - "C"
Uroczystość Zesłania Ducha Świętego

May 15, 2016

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, May 15th – Solemnity of Pentecost

The coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost marked a new beginning for the Church. Filled with the Spirit, the apostles proclaimed the Good News without fear. The Holy Spirit dwells in us, and is our helper and guide.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Paul Elsavage**, of. by Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society.

- ⋈ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ⋈ Blessed Sacrament Society meeting after the Mass.
- ⋈ Short meeting regarding the Mother's/Father's Day Brunch held June 5.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., James 3:13-18; Mark 9:14-29; **Tue.**, James 4:1-10; Mark 9:30-37; **Wed.**, James 4:13-17; Mark 9:38-40;
Thu., James 5:1-6; Mark 9:41-50; **Fri.**, James 5:9-12; Mark 10:1-12; **Sat.**, James 5:13-20; Mark 10:13-16

MONDAY, May 16th – *Pentecost Monday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass for Sp. **Jan Grotnik**, of. by Mrs. Janina Plichta & family.

TUESDAY, May 17th – *Pentecost Tuesday*

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

THURSDAY, May 19th - *Pentecost Thursday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass for gifts of the Holy Spirit.

FRIDAY, May 20th - *Pentecost Friday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Edward Ryszka Jr.**

NEXT SUNDAY, May 22nd – *Solemnity of the Holy Trinity*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean, of. by wife, Marjorie.

▲ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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 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

This is the fulfillment of Jesus' promise in today's Gospel to ask the Father to give His disciples another Advocate to be with them for ever.

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: Romans 8:8-17

Our purpose is not to please ourselves but to please God. Because the Spirit of God has made His home in us we are to live spiritual lives.

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 14:15-16.23-26

Folowing the glorification of Jesus the Holy Spirit will reveal the full meaning of Jesus' words and deeds.

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 find joy in the Lord and in the life of the Spirit.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

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)

May 29 – Memorial Day Service
June 5 – Mother's & Father's Day Brunch
June 6 – Preparation of the shed for „bleenie” sale – 6:30PM
June 10 - „Bleenie” Sale.
June 19 – Fathers' Day Celebration
July 24- Automobiles Blessing (after the Mass)
Oct. 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 **Joe Karvois** for his help at the altar last Sunday;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Bishop Stanley Bilinski Jr.**, his family and parishioners of All Saints Cathedral in Chicago, IL; [web: aspcncc.org or ascncc.org; FB: All Saints Cathedral – Polish National Catholic Church].



CORPUS CHRISTI SERVICE – Our annual Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service will be celebrated **Thursday May 26 at 7:00PM** hosted by **Resurrection of the Lord** PNCC, 35 Zerby Ave., **Edwardsville, 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.

HAPPY




BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 15 – Shannon Keim; May 21 – John Etcho.




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); **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: **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. Now - **Only Daily Masses are available.**

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.**

NOT A DOVE, NOT A FLAME, BUT A PERSON!

If you were asked to draw a picture of God the Son, you might sketch a young man with long hair and a beard. If you were asked to draw a picture of God the Father, you might fashion an image of an older man with white hair. How would you draw a picture of the Holy Spirit? Most artists have been content with using images from the Bible - a dove or a flame. Is this adequate?

Jesus' description of the Holy Spirit is that of a person. "I will ask the Father and he will send you another defender. When he comes... he will guide you to all truth." (Jn 15:16; 16:13) The best image of the Holy Spirit might be that of the Russian Icon by Andrei Rublev, a 15th century artist. He portrays three visitors to Abraham mentioned in Genesis 18. They are identical in appearance, though their clothing differs.

The point is that God the Holy Spirit is a loving, caring and beautiful person. The Holy Spirit should be treated in the same way as God the Father and God the Son.