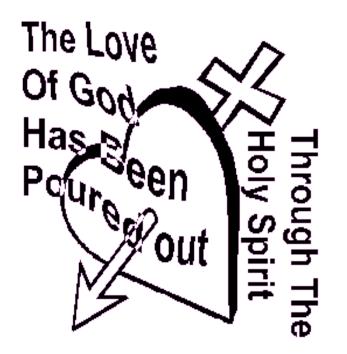
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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity - "C" Uroczystość Trójcy Przenajświętszej

May 22, 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 22nd – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Jesus speaks of His Father and of the Spirit, and so introduces us to the mysterious intimacy of God, the three in one. **10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. **James Dean**, of. by wife, Marjorie.

▲ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., 1 Peter 1:3-9; Mark 10:17-27; Tue., 1 Peter 1:10-16; Mark 10:28-31; Wed., 1 Peter 1:18-25; Mark 10:32-45; Thu., Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17; Fri., 1 Peter 4:7-13; Mark 11:11-26; Sat., Jude 17.20b-25; Mark 11:27-33

MONDAY, May 23rd – *Weekday* **9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass** for Sp. **Mary Ann Etcho**, of. by husband John.

<u>TUESDAY, May 24th</u> – *Weekday* 8:30AM – Requiem Holy Mass – intention for: Sp. Sophia Stetts, of. by Ms. Carol Blackwell.

THURSDAY, May 26th - Solemnity – Corpus Christi – Holy day of obligation

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**. **7:00PM –** Seniorate Corpus Christi Service – Edwardsville, PA.

FRIDAY, May 27th - Within the Octave of Corpus Christi

8:30AM – Requiem Anniversary Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Krystyna Plichta (53rd anniversary), of. by Fr. Robert & family.

SATURDAY, May 28th - *Within the Octave of Corpus Christi* 1:00PM – Plymouth Seniorate Council meeting.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 29th – Within the Octave of Corpus Christi

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Paul Elsavage, of. by ANS. Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Today's liturgy

<u>ASPERGES</u> – 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: Proverbs 8:22-31

The wonder of the world reveals the wisdom of God.

GRADUAL (Daniel 3:55)

V. Blessed are You Who look into the depths from Your throne upon the cherubim. **R. Praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. II Reading: Romans 5:1-5** Through Christene and the cheru of Cod and our home of conducting life

Through Christ we see the glory of God and our hope of everlasting life.

ALLELUIA (Daniel 3:52)

V. Alleluia, alleluia. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**V. Blessed are You, o Lord, the God of our fathers, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

The grace to understand many things will be given in the Spirit.

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.

May the Lord continue to lead you into the complete truth and fill you with God's love.

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

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 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: ascpncc.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.





BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 22 - John Plaxa; May 23 - Andrew PER

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 29: Sp. Paul Elsavage; June 5 – Sp. Helen Seamon;

June 12 – Sp. Helen Seamon; June 19 – Sp. Helen Seamon; June 26 – Helen Seamon. Now - <u>Only</u> Daily Masses are available.

<u>ATTENTION PARISHIONERS</u> – 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.

WHEN HE COMES, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

When we speak of God as "He" or "Him" we must remember that, strictly speaking, God does not have a gender. Animals and even some plants have gender differences. God is a spirit. God allows us to use gender-specific words-when referring to the Trinity-only for our convenience. Most human languages are rooted in gender-related words. Originally this probably came from the fact that certain items were used more by one gender than another. For example, "table" in French is feminine probably because dining tables were traditionally set and tended by women. Today such gender terms are becoming meaningless as traditional roles are breaking down. Still, it is difficult to refer to a person without some gender language. In Hebrew and Greek the word for "Spirit" is feminine. It was only when the Bible was translated into Latin that it took upon a masculine gender. The point is that God is people--grammatically incorrect, perhaps-but true.

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 WISDOM OF GOD

Ancient Greek philosophers taught that true wisdom could be reached by unaided human mind power. To the people of the Old Testament, this was nonsense. They believed that the only real wisdom lay in the will of God. Human beings could only understand this wisdom by contemplating God's actions in history. Eventually they came to respect God's wisdom so much that they personified as a beautiful woman. Early Christians realized that this personification perfectly matched the qualities of the Holy Spirit, as revealed by Jesus. They treasured the Wisdom books of the Old Testament for this reason.

God granting miracles

A religious man is on top of a roof during a great flood. A man comes by in a boat and says "get in, get in!" The religious man replies, " no I have faith in God, he will grant me a miracle."

Later the water is up to his waist and another boat comes by and the guy tells him to get in again. He responds that he has faith in god and god will give him a miracle. With the water at about chest high, another boat comes to rescue him, but he turns down the offer again cause "God will grant him a miracle."

With the water at chin high, a helicopter throws down a ladder and they tell him to get in, mumbling with the water in his mouth, he again turns down the request for help for the faith of God. He arrives at the gates of heaven with broken faith and says to Peter, I thought God would grand me a miracle and I have been let down." St. Peter chuckles and responds, "I don't know what you're complaining about, we sent you three boats and a helicopter."