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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - "A"

Piąta Niedziela Zwyczajna

February 5, 2017

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, February 5th – V Sunday in Ordinary Time

We gather once more to be enlightened by Christ who, by His resurrection from the dead, overcame all the darkness of this world. He now empower us to be a light of hope for all our brothers and sisters.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Loretta** and **Stanley Kovalewski**, of. by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

- ⋈ Confession.
- ⋈ Collection for missions.
- ⋈ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Genesis 1:1-19; Mark 6:53-56; **Tue.**, Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Mark 7:1-13; **Wed.**, Genesis 2:4b-9.15-17;

Thu., Genesis 2:18-25; Mark 7:24-30; **Fri.**, Genesis 3:1-8; Mark 7:31-37; **Sat.**, Genesis 3:9-24; Mark 8:1-10

MONDAY, February 6th – *Weekday*

Holy Mass for successful surgery for **Maria Herdzin**.

Holy Mass for **Victoria Plichta** (God's blessing on her birthday).

TUESDAY, February 7th – *Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

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

WEDNESDAY, February 8th - *Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass for all **Deceased**.

THURSDAY, February 9th – *Weekday*

9:00AM – **Requiem Holy Mass** for Sp. **Veronica Flannery**, of. by Mrs. Sandra Elsavage.

NEXT SUNDAY, February 12th – VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Lauren Feudale, of, by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – **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 RITE (Isaiah 58:3-4)

V. Why do we fast, and you do not see it? Afflict ourselves, and you take no note of it?

R. Yes, your fast ends in quarreling and fighting, striking with wicked claw. Would that today you might fast so as to make your voice heard on high!

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: Isaiah 58:7-10

Kindness towards others brings light to a darkened world.

GRADUAL (Psalms 102:2-3)

V. Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to You.

R. Hide not your face from me in the day of my distress. Incline Your ear to me; in the day when I call, answer me speedily.

II Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

St. Paul relies on the power of God rather than any show of oratory or philosophy in order to convey his knowledge of the crucified Christ.

ALLELUIA (Ephesians 5:8)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:13-16

The disciples of Jesus are to be salt and light to the earth, so that their good works may bring praise to our heavenly Father.

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 God enlighten your hearts with love. May God take away the darkness of your fears and give you courage to be a light that gives hope in our world.

COMING EVENTS

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** on the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 6:00PM).

March 1 – Ash Wednesday.

March 5 – Annual Parish meeting.

March 12 – The Oath of the Parish Committee Officers.

March 19 & 26 – Lenten Spiritual Retreat.

April 9 – Palm Sunday.

April 16 – Easter Sunday.

May 14 – Mother's Day Celebration.

May 21 – First Holy Communion Day Celebration.

June 18 – Father'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 Parishioners for help to sing;
- to **Mr. James Abicunas** for being a lector;
- to **Mr. Julian Bednarek** for his help with candles and taking collection;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

DIOCESAN CHURCH DUES – has been increased to **\$25.00**; therefore beginning **January 2017**, our church dues will be **\$137.00** per adult member.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior John Rencewicz, II**, his family and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in New Castle, PA [FB: Holy Trinity Parish].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: Feb. 5 – Victoria Plichta (13th); Feb. 10 – Flossy Bulcavage; Feb. 11 – Jesse Keim.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Raymond Drada - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Carolyn Boychak – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Joanne Plaxa – Frank Savitsky. At **Nursing Homes:** NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda.



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.

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.**

PNCC Future Direction Message - If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

P.N.C.C. Future Direction - Action Plan for P.N.C.C. Parishes in 2017: Year of Commitment

February – Our Financial Commitment and Stewardship

▲ **Members of the PNCC have some material duties to support the Church:**

Material duties – **a)** to society: members should: practice Christ’s ideals in their everyday lives, be tolerant of others’ faith, recognize everyone’s right to equality and opportunity, be loyal to their country, work for the good of all human society, rear children in the name of God and set a Christian example for them; **b)** to the Church: members should: follow the principles of the PNCC, give their time and talents to further church and parish goals, contribute financially to the support of the Church. *Members should participate actively in church affairs, vote on parish matters, serve on committees, etc.*

I. Growth and Membership II. Increase Spirituality
III. Lifelong Learning IV. Sacred Vocations
V. Community Involvement

Complete at least four community service projects: One service project could be in conjunction with the Institution of the P.N.C.C. in March 2017 and the others, selected by the local parish. It is important that these three projects be done in the local community of the parish so that these efforts will create a greater presence of the parish in the community.

Various options include but are not limited to: Food Drives, serving a free meal for the community, providing a community breakfast/meal for First Responders – for Veterans, prayer blanket ministry, clothing drive for the community, sponsoring a local family in need, responding to a particular need in the local community, etc.

Stewardship component: To increase our financial commitment to our parishes, diocese and national church components will be developed. A Pamphlet will be shared with all parishes. We then encourage parish committees to communicate this with the people and stress to them that stewardship is an integral part of a lived faith.

SALT OF THE EARTH

Salt was literally worth its weight in gold in ancient times. It was vital for preserving food before the invention of refrigeration. Also, people cooked food very quickly to preserve fuel. It did not acquire the taste that slow roasting would bring. Salt thus helped bring out the flavor of the meal. It was also used in the Kosher process, whereby excess blood was absorbed from meat. Once the salt had completely soaked up this fluid it was useless for anything except for drying icy or muddy roads. Jesus may have had several of these aspects in mind when