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Polish National Catholic Church

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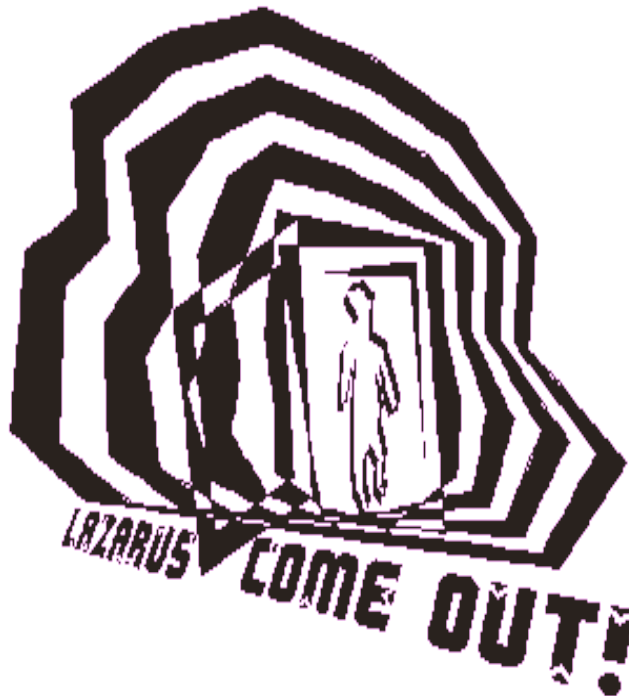
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Fifth (Passion) Sunday of Lent - "A"

Piąta Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

April 2, 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, April 2nd – Passion V Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. This great sign points us forward to Easter when, in the resurrection, Jesus will defeat death for all of us.

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Robert** and **William Zamonas**, of. by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

- ⋈ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⋈ Collection for missions.
- ⋈ ANS meeting after the Mass.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 13:1-9.15-17.19-30.33-62 or Daniel 13:41c-62; John 8:1-11; **Tue.**, Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30; **Wed.**, Daniel 3:14-20.91-92.95; John 8:31-42; **Thu.**, Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59; **Fri.**, Jeremiah 20:10-

13; John 10:31-42; **Sat.**, Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

MONDAY, April 3rd – *Lenten Weekday*

6:00PM – Requiem Anniversary Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Helen Pastue**, of. by Children.

WEDNESDAY, April 5th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass for health.

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

6:30PM – Lenten Ecumenical Service – Methodist Church.

THURSDAY, April 6th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese

FRIDAY, April 7th – *Lenten Weekday*

Holy Mass to the **Sacred Heart of Jesus**, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

5-6:00PM – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

6:00PM – Stations of the Cross.

SATURDAY, April 8th – *Lenten Weekday*

10:00AM – First Holy Communion Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 9th – *Palm Sunday – Blessing and distribution of palms*

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Sophie Boyer, of. by Mrs. Michelle Shinn.

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 (Daniel 12:2-3)

V. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

R. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

V. Lord for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

I Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord promises to open His people's graves and give them His life-giving spirit.

GRADUAL (Hosea 6:1-2)

V. Come, let us return to the Lord, for it is He Who has torn and He will heal us; He has struck down, and He will bind us up.

R. After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him.

II Reading: Romans 8:8-11

The Spirit which raised Jesus from the dead will raise our mortal bodies too.

TRACT (Romans 6:8-9)

V. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him.

R. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over Him.

GOSPEL: John 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and challenges our belief in His resurrection.

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 God the Father, who raised His Son, Jesus, from the dead through the power of the Holy Spirit, strengthen your faith in His promise of eternal life.

COMING EVENTS

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

April 9 – Palm Sunday.

April 16 – Easter Sunday.

May 14 – Mother's Day Celebration.

May 21 – First Holy Communion Day Celebration.

June 11 – Mother's & Father's Day Brunch.

June 15 – Corpus Christi Service in Middleport, PA.

June 16 – Bleenie Sale.

June 18 – Father's Day Celebration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to:

- to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** for preparing the altars, and the church for services, especially for Lent.
- 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 **Joe** for his help at the altar last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

GORZKIE ŻALE (Bitter Lamentations) – all three parts, we will sing in Polish (English translation) on **Holy Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00PM**. Everyone is welcome to participate.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Andrzej Jezak**, his family and parishioners of Divine Mercy Parish in Mississauga, Ontario [web: divinemercy.pnccofcanada.com; FB: Divine Mercy Catholic Parish PNCC], Holy Trinity Parish in Hamilton, Ontario and St. Casimir Parish in Welland, Ontario, Canada.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: April 6 – Rose Kolos; April 8 – Marjorie Dean.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Flossy Bulcavage – Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Marcia Hessert – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim. 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.

I WILL OPEN YOUR GRAVES

The people of the Old Testament did not believe in life after death in the same way that we do. They thought that all who died ended up in a vague sort of existence called "Sheol" or "Shadow Land". The idea of posthumous reward or punishment only came in the last few centuries before Christ. When Ezekiel speaks of "opening graves" he is probably referring to the symbolic burial of those living in exile. The people of Israel were living as slaves in Babylon (Iraq). The prophet uses a poetic view of exile as a form of living death. He believes that the people will be returned to Jerusalem in a symbolic "resurrection". He also uses this image in his depiction of the dry bones returning to life. (Ezekiel 37:1-14) It is a masterpiece of imaginative poetry.



A Gift of Love

As many of you throughout the P.N.C.C. know, the Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski, Diocesan Bishop of the Western Diocese has been waiting for some time for a kidney transplant. Through the pages of ***God's Field*** we ask for your continued prayers for Bishop Stanley as he awaits this procedure. We also wish to find those who may be interested in giving the selfless gift of serving as a transplant donor in this case. After much prayer, if you are interested in helping Bishop Stanley, please reach out to him at (847) 698-0578 to discuss this matter.

MARTHA'S GROWTH

The story of Lazarus' resurrection is beautiful preparation for Easter. Lazarus is brought to life by Jesus, who will restore his own body. One of the less noticed, but still important aspects of the story, though, is the growth of Lazarus' sister Martha. We first saw her as the fussy, ever-busy hostess at a party for Christ. She is indignant that her sister Mary is dreamily lost in contemplation of Jesus. She demands that the Lord chasten Mary for her indifference to the cares of hospitality. Jesus chides her for being concerned about "too many things". Now, some time later, Martha has "come to believe" that Jesus is the messiah, the promised one. It is interesting to note that the Church does not observe a separate feast for Mary or Lazarus, but does hold a holy day for Martha. Her growth is a vital