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Second Sunday of Easter - "A"

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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 23rd – II Sunday of Easter

The apostle Thomas addresses the risen Jesus as „My Lord and my God!” It is the fullness expression of faith anywhere in the Gospels and comes like dawn following night after a period of doubt and difficulty in Thomas' life.

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

^ ANS meeting after the Mass.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8; **Tue.**, 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20; **Wed.**, Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21;

Thu., Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36; **Fri.**, Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15; **Sat.**, Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21

TUESDAY, April 25th – Feast – St. Mark, Evangelist

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

THURSDAY, April 27th – *Easter Weekday*

Holy Mass for God's blessing.

SATURDAY, April 29th – *Easter Weekday*

11:00AM – Diocesan Council meeting in Scranton, PA.

NEXT SUNDAY, April 30th – *III Sunday of Easter*

10:00AM – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Patricia Abicunas, of. by Son, James & Ms. Elizabeth Greenman.

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 (Psalm 40:2-4)

V. I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry, drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.

R. And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. 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 2:42-47

An insight into how the early followers of Christ lived in community, continued to worship in the Temple and shared all they had.

GRADUAL (Psalm 116:15-16)

V. Too costly in the eyes of the Lord is the death of His faithful. Alleluia.

R. Lord, I am Your servant, the child of Your maidservant; You have loosed my bonds. Alleluia.

II Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

St. Peter uses the form of a Jewish blessing to praise God for the new life of baptism given through the resurrection of Christ.

ALLELUIA (Psalm 30:2,4)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

V. I praise You, for You raised me up and did not let me enemies rejoice over me. Lord, You brought me up from Sheol; You kept me from going down to the pit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

St. Thomas is not present when the risen Lord appears to the disciples and cannot accept their testimony unless he sees for himself. The Lord then appears to him and he believes. Jesus declares blessed those who have not seen and yet believed.

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 this Easter fill our hearts with faith.

COMING EVENTS

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

May 13 – Seniorate Council meeting in McAdoo, PA (1:00PM).
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.
- 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 and Veronica** for their help at the altar last Sunday;
- to **Everyone** who actively participated at the Easter Procession;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Tadeusz Czelen**, his family and parishioners of St. Joseph's Mission in Libau, St. Mary's Parish in Winnipeg and St. Joseph's Mission in Beausejour, Canada.



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.

DEDICATED TO THE BREAKING OF BREAD

The book of Acts describes the lifestyle of early Christians. They form a pure communist (communal) society. Each person contributes the common pool and receives an allotment of food. Of special note is the "breaking of bread".

It was common to use large sheets of flat bread as utensils at a meal. Pieces of bread would be broken off to pick up greasy food. Normally the host would break his portion first. Jesus established a precedent of not taking his section first, thus making himself the last to get bread. This was a wonderful lesson in charity-thinking of others first.



BEHIND LOCKED DOORS

The first Christians were victims of state terrorism. The sudden arrest and death of Jesus provoked a climate of fear and apprehension among the apostles. They assemble inside a locked room--probably that of the Last Supper. The terror is so great that one apostle, Thomas, is reluctant to approach them even in seclusion. The locks are not only on the doors but on their minds and faith. Jesus breaks through with a powerful witness of love. He gives them power to unlock souls as well as portals.



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.