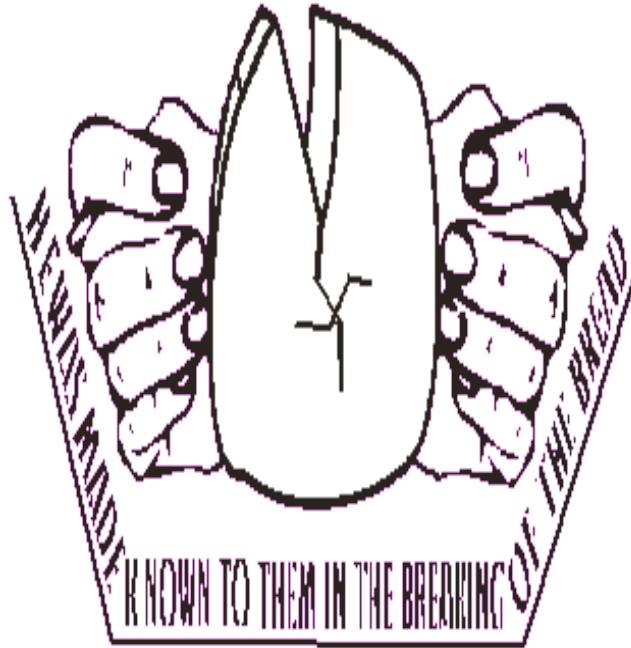


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Third Sunday of Easter - "A"
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April 30, 2017

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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.

Today, April 30th – III Sunday of Easter

Jesus walks with each of us on our journey through life. We do not always recognize Him, but He is always there, supporting us and challenging us as He thinks best for us. During our Mass together we reflect on this great gift of His steadfast presence.

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29; **Tue.**, Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35; **Wed.**, Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40; **Thu.**, Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51; **Fri.**, Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59; **Sat.**, Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

MONDAY, May 1st – Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman

Holy Mass, intention: for all **Parishioners**, with the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

TUESDAY, May 2nd – Feast – SS. Philip and James, Apostles
Holy Mass, with the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

WEDNESDAY, May 3rd – Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross
Holy Mass for health, with the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

THURSDAY, May 4th – *Easter Weekday*
Holy Mass, intention: for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese, with the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

FRIDAY, May 5th – First Friday of the month
Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
6:00PM – First Holy Communion Class.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 7th – IV Sunday of Easter

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

- ⋈ Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- ⋈ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ⋈ Collection for missions.

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 (Psalms 25:15-16)

V. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, Who frees my feet from the snare. Alleluia.

R. Look upon me, have pity on me, for I am alone and afflicted. 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 2:14.22-33

God raised Jesus to life, and all His disciples are witnesses to that.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, You will show us the path of life.

II Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

It is through Christ that we have faith in God, who raised Him from the dead.

ALLELUIA (Luke 24:32)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while You speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

The risen Lord walks with His disciples and talks to them on the road.

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.

Celebrant: As we journey along our road through life we bring all our needs to God.

- For the Church. We pray that She may always be a beacon of hope and encouragement both to Christians and to others as they journey through life. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for our world. May those who have nowhere to lay their heads find refuge and may those who are hungry and thirsty find sustenance. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for all who have no work or means to survive. May they find support and the strength they need to continue on their journey through life. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for all who are sick or suffering in any way. May they find Christ in the support and friendship of those who help them. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the **President** of the **U.S.** and for the entire **Government:** may they succeed in their mission to lead our nation wisely. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all deceased members of our families, especially **Patricia Abicunas** that they may rise to the eternal presence of Christ who is the light of the world. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving Father, we bring all our prayers to You as we travel through life. Be with us now and always. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

May God be with you to guide and support you at every moment of your life.

COMING EVENTS

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

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** 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.**

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Bishop Bernard Nowicki**, his family, **Father Janusz Lucarz**, and parishioners of St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 1 – Joseph Edmondson.



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.



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**.

RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

DID NOT THE CHRIST HAVE TO SUFFER?

Jesus puts his finger on one of the critical questions of the Old Testament. The common belief was that the Messiah or Christ would be a conquering hero. He would triumph over all his enemies, like a knight in shining armor. This explains the quandary of the two disciples. They had expected a magnificent fate for Jesus. He would defeat his foes in a spectacular manner. Instead he died in an ignominious execution like a criminal. Jesus solves this by reinterpreting the messianic prophecies. He illustrates that suffering was an inevitable factor in the prophets' expectations. Gradually he wins over the two disciples and they become excited with this new vision of events.

PARISH INFORMATION. **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

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