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Fourth 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, May 7th – IV Sunday of Easter

The Lord is a shepherd and He calls and cares for each one of us. We, too, are called to be shepherds and to have a care for one another.

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

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

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 or John 10:11-18 ("A"); **Tue.**, Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30; **Wed.**, Acts 12:24 – 13:5a; John 12:44-50; **Thu.**, Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20; **Fri.**, Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6; **Sat.**, Acts

13:44-52; John 14:7-14

MONDAY, May 8th – *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass, intention: Sp. **Helen Chistakoff**, of. by Joseph Skibiel.

WEDNESDAY, May 10th – *Easter Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. **Bishop Joseph Padewski** (66th anniversary of Martyrdom).

6:30PM - „Bleenie” Sale fundraiser meeting.

SATURDAY, May 13th – *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – Requiem Holy Mass for Sp. **Albert** and **Helen Smith**, of, by Children.

1:00PM – Seniorate Council meeting in McAdoo, PA.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 14th – V Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Mothers.

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 (Ezekiel 34:31; Psalms 79:13)

V. You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

R. Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. 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 2:14.36-41

In a loud voice Peter proclaims that the one who was crucified is the Christ.

GRADUAL (Isaiah 40:11)

V. Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs. Alleluia.

R. Carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care. Alleluia.

II Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Christ Jesus leaves an example. Through His wounds we are healed.

ALLELUIA (1 Peter 5:4; Psalms 95:7)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. And when the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. For He is our God, and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

Jesus uses the images of shepherd, sheep and sheepfold to show His love for us.

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 Christ, the Good Shepherd, guide you and keep you in His ways.

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 **Veronica** for her help at the altar last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters**.

NEWS – Stairs at the rectory's back porch were repaired. Thank you everyone who were involved in this work, especially the Parish Committee and Mr. Konopinski and his helpers.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Dennis Ruda**, his family and parishioners of All Saints Parish in Johnson City, NY [web: allsaintsncc.org].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 13 – Theodore Tokarczyk.

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 – Victoria Plichta. 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.

Our Chinese Auction will be held on **September 24, 2017** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event.

We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone's help is needed especially on the day of the auction.

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.



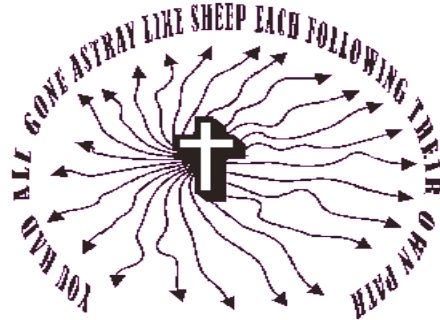
WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding our church. WELCOME! You are always welcome to join us in worship. **Come as a Guest – Leave as a Friend.**

REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED

When we hear the word "baptized" we usually think of the ritual involving water. Peter is referring to this, but

also to more. The word "baptism" literally means "immersion" or "soaking". Peter may be saying that we need to totally immerse ourselves in Jesus. We have to absorb Him and His life so completely that we become one person with him. A good example of this is the life shared by a wife and husband. The goal of marriage is to create one new person from two others. This unity should be so great that if one partner suffers, the other feels the same pain.

In Jesus we share not only His suffering, but also His triumph over death--and His entry into eternal life. We have to soak ourselves in Christness.



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 AM THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP

Jesus often used examples from daily life to explain his teachings. Away from the Middle East in the first century, his examples may not be as compelling. Today's parable is a good example. Shepherds would have been common sights in his day. They literally gave up large portions of their lives for their flocks. Sheep are near-sighted and eat constantly. The shepherd has to live out in the wild, following them and protecting them from harm and from predators. At night he herded them into stone enclosures that were open only one side. Since there was usually no gate for these pens, the