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Polish National Catholic Church**

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter - "A"**

*Mother's Day*

Piąta Niedziela Wielkanocna – Dzień Matki

**May 14, 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, May 14<sup>th</sup>** – V Sunday of Easter

God builds the Church today with us as the living stones and with Jesus Christ as the keystone. In us and through us, God reaches out to our world with compassion and love.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for all **Mothers**: God's Blessing for Mothers who are among us, and for Eternal Rest for Those Who Passed Away.

^ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26; **Tue.**, Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a; **Wed.**, Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8;

**Thu.**, Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11; **Fri.**, Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17; **Sat.**, Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

**MONDAY, May 15<sup>th</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*

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

**WEDNESDAY, May 17<sup>th</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*

Holy Mass with the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**SATURDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*

**12:00Noon** – Confession and practice before First Holy Communion Day.

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup>** – *VI Sunday of Easter – First Holy Communion Day*

**10:00AM** – **Holy Mass**, intention: for Jourdin Karvois and her family.

▲ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### 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 27:7-9)**

V. Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. “Come,” says my heart, “seek God’s face”; Your face, Lord, do I seek! Alleluia.

**R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior. 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 6:1-7**

*The ministry of deacons is established for the care of those who are poor in order to free the apostles for the ministry of the word.*

### **GRADUAL (Numbers 6:25-26)**

V. The Lord let bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! Alleluia.

**R. The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! Alleluia.**

### **II Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9**

*Close to Jesus, we are a holy priesthood, offering with Jesus the spiritual sacrifices He has made acceptable to God.*

### **ALLELUIA (John 6:45b-46)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

V. It is written in the prophets: “They shall all be taught by God”. Everyone who listens to My Father and learns from Him comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: John 14:1-12**

*Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He leads us to the Father's house, where there is a place for all of us.*

### **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 the power and love of God fill you with courage and make you witnesses of that love to your family, friends and neighbors.**

### **COMING EVENTS**

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

May 21 – First Holy Communion Day Celebration.  
June 11 – Mother's & Father's Day Brunch.  
June 15 – Corpus Christi Service in Middleport, PA (7:00PM).  
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 the **Sunday greeters**.

**Potato pancake (Bleenie)** sale scheduled for June 16 is  **canceled**, due the lack of interest.

The "bleenie" sale organizing meeting was held on May 10 at 6:30PM and only **TWO** ladies attended: Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck and Mrs. Marjorie Dean.

If any of Parishioners has some proposition to keep this date (June 16), please contact our Chairperson, Mrs. Ann Marie within no more than two weeks.

**FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS** – Boscov's Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 25% off Shopping pass. Cost of pass is only \$5.00 and all money collected stays in the church. Please, see Mrs. Marjorie Dean to get your passes. Thank you!

**THIS WEEK PRAYER:** for **Father Andrew Machowski**, his wife and parishioners of Guardian Angel Parish in Los Angeles, CA [web: gapnc.com].



**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.**

#### **WHOEVER HAS SEEN ME HAS SEEN THE FATHER**

Philip plays only a small role in the Gospels, but here his role is pivotal. Jesus has warned his apostles that he is leaving - probably a reference to his death and ascension. Philip responds to Jesus' claim that they "have seen the Father". Like the other apostles, he has not comprehended the depth of Christ's identity. He can see only the man and not the God. Our Lord expresses the nature of his person and his unity with the Father. It is a clear statement that he is God. In the beauty of Jesus we see the qualities of God because Jesus is divine. What do we see in Jesus? Surely among his attributes are love, mercy, compassion, strength, humility, self-sacrifice...in short all that is good and nothing that is wrong.

**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](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

#### **Unconditional Mom**

Mom, you're everything a mom should be;  
Your love shines bright in everything I see.  
You're parent, friend, supporter, all for me.  
You give your sweet love unconditionally.  
You always do what's best for me, I know;  
You mentored me to help me learn and grow.  
Your kindness, caring, nurturing always show;  
That's why I love, respect and admire you so.  
There aren't enough words to say what I should say,  
So now I'll wish you Happy Mother's Day!