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Polish National Catholic Church**

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter - "A"**

Szósta Niedziela Wielkanocna

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

The Spirit of God is the life force of the Church and of every Christian person. It is by God's grace we live good lives and love one another.

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for **Jourdin Karvois** and **her family** (God's Blessing).

^ Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**WEEKDAY READINGS:**

**Mon.**, Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26 – 16:4a; **Tue.**, Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11; **Wed.**, Acts 17:15.22 – 18:1; John 16:12-15; **Thu.**, Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20; **Fri.**, Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23; **Sat.**, Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28

**THURSDAY, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity – Ascension of the Lord**

**7:00PM - Holy Mass** with the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary, intention: for all **Parishioners**.

**SATURDAY, May 27<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Weekday***

**Requiem Holy Mass** with the Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary, intention: for Sp. Krystyna Plichta (54<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death).

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 28<sup>th</sup> – VII Sunday of Easter**

**10:00AM – Holy Mass**, intention: for Sp. Dorothy Halaburda, of. by the Elsavege 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 (Acts 1:3; Psalms 68:20)**

V. He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

**R. Blessed be the Lord day by day, God, our salvation, Who carries us. 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 8:5-8. 14-17**

*A Samaritan town responds to the healing power of the Gospel.*

### **GRADUAL (Acts 2:38)**

V. Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; Alleluia.

**R. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.**

### **II Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18**

*St. Peter urges us to give faithful witness to the Lord.*

### **ALLELUIA (Matthew 5:10)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

V. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

### **GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

*We are not orphans. The Spirit lives in 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 Lord strengthen you and in holiness and love for one another.**

### **COMING EVENTS**

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

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 **Joe** for his help at the altar last Sunday;
- 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.


**HONOR A FATHER ON FATHER'S DAY** – Acknowledge or remember our FATHERS, LAY OR CLERGY, for their dedication to us and at the same time provide some much needed support to the PNCC Clergy Pension Fund. Please, send a minimum donation of \$25.00 to the Clergy Pension Fund Committee, c/o Western Diocese Chancery, 920 N. Northwest Highway, Park Ridge, IL 60068, and include your name and the name of the FATHER you wish to honor. Donations received by June 12<sup>th</sup> will be included in a listing to be published in an upcoming issue of God's Field. All donations received benefit the Clergy Pension Fund of the PNCC.

**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 Senior Zbigniew Dawid**, his son and parishioners of Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish [web: [hmcpncc.org](http://hmcpncc.org); FB: Holy-Mother-of-Sorrows -PNCC].



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 22 – John Plaxa; May 23 – Andrew 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.**

**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.

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