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RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Niedziela Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego

April 1, 2018

Lord, I am not worthy to ask You, but only say a word and Your Church will grow in number of holy, respectful and dedicated people.

9:00 AM – Easter Procession and Holy Mass – intention: for **All Parishioners.**

- Collection for missions.



Order of Procession: Processional Cross, Paschal Candle, Resurrection Statue, Resurrection Cross, Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society with candles, Altar Servers (if any), Celebrant with Monstrance, Choir, Parishioners.

Like Peter and the apostles, we are called to be witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 2:14.22-23; Matthew 28:8-15; **Tue.**, Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18; **Wed.**, Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35; **Thu.**, Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48; **Fri.**, Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14; **Sat.**, Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15

MONDAY, April 2nd – Easter Monday

9:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Jan Zaborowski**, of. by Mrs. Janina Plichta & family.

TUESDAY, April 3rd – Easter Tuesday

6:00PM - Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. **Helen Pastue**, of. by Children

WEDNESDAY, April 4th – Easter Wednesday

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

THURSDAY, April 5th – Easter Wednesday

Holy Mass, intention: for **Bishop, Priests and Deacons** of the **Central Diocese**.

FRIDAY, April 6th – Easter Friday

Holy Mass

5-6:00PM – Monthly Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Next Sunday, April 8th – Second Sunday of Easter

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Robert and William Zamonas, of. by Mrs. Theresa Petrusky.

Today's liturgy

Priest: Chwała Tobie Trójco -

H O L Y M A S S

ENTRANCE

(Psalm 139:18,5b-6a; 118:1-2)

V. I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom. Alleluia.

R.O Lord, You have probed me and You know me; You know when I sit and when I stand. 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 10:34.37-43

St. Peter explains why he and the apostles were entrusted with Christ's mission.

THE GRADUAL

(Psalms 118:22-23.24,1-2.16-17 – R.118:24)

V. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. Alleluia.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.

V. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel say, "His

mercy endures forever.” Alleluia.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.

V. “The right hand of the Lord has struck with power; the right hand of the Lord is exalted. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.” Alleluia.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.

V. The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. Alleluia.

R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia.

II Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Christ is our life and now this is all that matters.

THE ALLELUIA

(1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. For our paschal Lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed. Therefore let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

St. John tells us that he saw the empty tomb and he believed.

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.

OFFERTORY VERSE

(Psalm 76:9b-10a)

V. The earth feared and was silent when God arose in judgment. Alleluia.

COMMUNION VERSE

(Romans 6:9)

V. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more, death no longer has power over Him. Alleluia.

May the Lord fill your hearts with joy and peace on this Easter Day.

Coming events

GENERAL CHURCH

April 27-29 – Mission & Evangelism Workshop – Carnegie, PA

May 18-19 - 73rd YMSofR Bowling Tournament – Carbondale, PA

June 30-July 7 – Youth CURS in Waymart, PA

July 23-27 – Youth CONVO – University of Scranton, PA

Oct. 1-3 - 25th General Synod in Belleville, IL

CENTRAL DIOCESE

Aug. 21-23 – Clergy Retreat & Conference – Mt. Pocono, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

May 31 – Corpus Christi Service – 7:00PM in Hazleton, PA

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

April 15 – Victoria's Confirmation in Dupont, PA (10:30AM).

May 13 – Mother's Day Celebration.

June 4 – Father Robert's 30th Anniversary of Ordination – 10:00AM.

June 17 – Father's Day Celebration.

July 22 – Automobiles blessing after the Mass.

Sep. 16 - 95th Anniversary of our parish.

Oct. 6 – Animals blessing (1:00PM at the parking).

Nov. 11 – Veteran'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** for musical preparations, and to parishioners who helped 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 Dylan** for their help at the altar last Sunday;
- to the **Sunday greeters**, the people working on fundraisers.

THANK YOU very much to members of the Blessed Sacrament Society for purchasing flowers for Easter and to **Mrs. Janina Plichta**, and to **Victoria** and **Veronica** for decorating the church for the Holy Week and Resurrection of the Lord celebration!

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners for sending Easter wishes and all gifts to the Rectory! May God Bless You All!

Many THANKS to **Mr. Julian, Veronica, Victoria, Dylan** and **Joe** for their help during Holy Triduum celebration!

LAST WEEK STATISTIC – Palm Sunday – 43; Holy Thursday – 10; Good Friday – 11; Holy Saturday – 20.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY - ..if you or a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home;..if your phone number or address change;..if you have a prayer concern.

GENERAL CHURCH DUES – our current church dues is **\$137.00** per adult member.


THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Senior Jarosław Rafalko**, his wife and parishioners of Holy Trinity Parish in Kewanee, IL [Web: kewanee.pncc.com; FB: Holy Trinity Parish Polish National Catholic Church].



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: April 6 – Rose Kolos.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - Helen Menzyk - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim. At **Nursing Homes:** NY – Cecelia Pyzowski. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda.

 **CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH** – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child's religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **9:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.



Sacrament of Anointing

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.

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**.

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.

PNCC 2018 Future Direction Plan Committee

Complete at least five community service projects: One service project could be in conjunction with the Solemnity of Humble Shepherds and the other, selected by the local parish. It is important that the five projects be done in the local community of the parish so that these efforts will create a greater presence of the parish in the community.

Various options include but are not limited to: A project to aid an assisted living facility, or other care facility i.e. nursing home, group home; volunteering for a special needs event; having a Mass or event for your local widow's group; aiding a family crisis center, Food Drives, serving a free meal for the community, providing a community breakfast/meal for First Responders – for Veterans; prayer blanket ministry, clothing drive for the community, sponsoring a local family in need, and/or responding to a particular need in the local community, etc.

April – Living out our Easter joy in the family and the parish – the importance of regular attendance at Holy Mass.

The Rejected Stone

The response to today's first reading is taken from Psalm 118. It reads "The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

The psalmist was probably referring to the faithful of Israel. They seemed to be ignored by the world, but were the cornerstone of religious life.

The words became literally true for Jesus. Here's the story:

In the time of Christ, there was a stone quarry just outside the western wall of the city. The workers had cut a large block of stone for building purposes. Unfortunately they found a large crack in it, caused by an earthquake. So they left it in place and ignored it.

The Romans decided that it would be an ideal stage for executions. It was near a public gate and would be seen by all as a warning against crimes such as treason. They accused Jesus of this because he claimed to be a king. For Christians, the stone of Calvary literally became the cornerstone of our religion.



WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship!

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