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Second Sunday of Easter - "C"
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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 – Contemporary liturgy in English.

Today, April 28th – II Sunday of Easter

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

MONDAY, April 29th – Feast – St. Mark, Evangelist

Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

TUESDAY, April 30th – Solemnity – St. Joseph, the Workman

6:00PM - Holy Mass

WEDNESDAY, May 1st – Feast – SS. Philip & James, Apostles

Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM.

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

FRIDAY, May 3rd – Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross

4:15PM - Holy Mass, intention for: all **Deceased** of **Zaborowski & Plichta** families, and Litany to the BVM.

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

SATURDAY, May 4th – *Easter Weekday*

Holy Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday, and Litany.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 5th – **III Sunday of Easter**

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

- Confession.
- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
- 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 78:21a,23-24)

V. The Lord commanded the skies above; and the doors of heaven He opened;

R. God rained manna upon them for food; bread from heaven He gave them.

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 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.

Responsorial Psalm: **Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love is everlasting.**

II Reading: Revelation 1:9-13.17-19

St. John's vision of the risen Lord: the Living One, who was dead and is now to live forever.

ALLELUIA (John 20:27)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. You believe in Me, Thomas, because you have seen Me, says the Lord; blessed are they who have not seen Me, but still believe!

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

St. Thomas wasn't with the disciples the first time the risen Lord appeared; eight days later, he sees, he touches, and he believes.

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.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant: Thomas believed when he saw and touched the wounds still visible in the body of the risen Lord. Let us open our eyes to the sufferings of Jesus in our world, and, in our prayers, seek to touch His wounds and bring healing.

- We pray for all those who are suffering violence and displacement through war: that they and their families may be able to live in peace. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For our Christian brothers and sisters who are being persecuted on account of their faith: that they may experience freedom of worship. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the members of our secularized society: that they may come to experience spiritual values which move them to care for their brothers and sisters. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are poor, sick and dying, and all those who are excluded from the good things that our world has to offer. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all deceased members of our families – especially for **James Dean** – and whose good deeds go with them: may they experience the fullness of life in Christ. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For all of our needs ...(PLEASE, NAME THEM NOW...) **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving God, we thank You for the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Through our faith in His living presence among us, may we continue to bring His healing and peace to the world, through the same Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Church cleaner, Organist, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

- **Hall for Rent** is available...**\$100.00 for 2 hours**+/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and **\$50.00** returnable deposit.
- **May 16-18** – Men’s Spiritual Retreat in Waymart, PA (for details, please ask the pastor).
- **May 18** – Seniorate Council meeting in Hazleton, PA at 11:00AM.
- **June 9** – Mother’s/Father’s Day brunch.
- **June 20 at 7:00PM** – Seniorate Corpus Christi Service in our church.
- **October 25** – Special Synod in Scranton, PA.

Many **THANKS** to **Members of the Blessed Sacrament Society, Mr. George Wycheck, Mr. George Tokarczyk, Mr. James Abicunas, Mr. Julian Bednarek, Dylan** for their help during Easter procession! Thank you to **the pastor’s family** for all kind of help during Holy Triduum and Easter celebration.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Father Janusz Lucarz - Sarah Powanda - Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Frank Savitsky – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Edward Jurewicz. **H & R Center Tremont:** Dolores Halaburda (309); **Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA** – Marie Demnitski; **Shenandoah Manor:** Helen Menzyk (D14).



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**.

FUTURE SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: - May 5 – Sp. James Dean; May 12 – All mothers; May 19 – Sp. Stanley & Loretta Kovalewski; May 26 – Sp. Lauren Feudale.
Father Robert will be not available on following Sundays: **June 30, July 7 and 14. Masses on these days will be at 10:30AM.**

Scripture verse of the week: “None of us lives as his own master and none of us dies as his own master. While we live we are responsible to the Lord, and when we die we die as His servants. Both in life and in death we are the Lord’s That is why Christ died and came to life again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living”. (Romans 14:7-9).

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 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.

PNCC 2019 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods

Develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Getting back to basics. Discipleship is who we are – all this flows from being a disciple of Jesus.*

May – The Disciple: Living the example of our Blessed Mother – Saying “Yes” to God. Projected outcome: Church members will be inspired to say “Yes” to God by a choice they make each week during this month choosing God's Will for them and not their own.

Everything In Common

The book of Acts suggests that the first Christians practiced a form of pure communism. The followers of Jesus shared their wealth in a religious commune. We cannot be sure whether this was widespread or simply an ideal only practiced in Jerusalem. It differed from Marxism by basing itself on spiritual kinship rather than materialism.

The followers of Jesus may not have continued the custom for long because there were abuses of the system almost immediately. Also, it required a bureaucracy to sustain the practice and the apostles felt that this distracted them from their spiritual mission.

This spiritual communism survives today in Religious Orders where the community owns all physical property.

Where Was Thomas?

John's version of the Easter event includes a story not mentioned in the other gospels. Only ten apostles are present. Judas is dead and Thomas is absent. If John's version is correct we must ask why Thomas did not join the group?

We cannot fathom his motives, but John may give a clue. He says that Thomas was called "Didymus," which is the Greek word for "twin". Some have suggested that he was often divided or "of two minds" in making decisions. Actually, the name "Thomas" itself means "twin", so to call him "Thomas Didymus", means "Twin twin," or really dubious.

