

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
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**Third Sunday of Easter - "C"**  
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**May 5, 2019**

*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 5<sup>th</sup> – III Sunday of Easter**

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

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

**TUESDAY, May 7<sup>th</sup> – St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr**

**Holy Mass** and Litany to the BVM, intention for: all **Parishioners**.

**FRIDAY, May 10<sup>th</sup> – 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bishop Padewski's martyrdom**

**Holy Mass** and Litany to the BVM.

**SATURDAY, May 11<sup>th</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM on Saturday.

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 12<sup>th</sup>** – *IV Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day*

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

- Litany to the BVM.

### 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 (Philippians 2:7-9)

V. He emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross. Alleluia.

**R. Because of this, God greatly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name. 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 5:27-32.40-41**

### GRADUAL

V. The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, His mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness. Alleluia.

**R. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore, will I hope in Him. Alleluia.**

**II Reading: Revelation 5:11-14**

### ALLELUIA (Jude v. 25)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

V. To the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority from ages past, now, and for ages to come. Amen.

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

**GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

### 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.

### 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.

**ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE** – by the U.S. Postal Service and the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will be held on Saturday, May 11. Please place non-perishable food products by your mail box for pick-up by your carrier. All food collected will stay in the community food bank. Help us stamp out hunger in our community.



**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**.

**Scripture verse of the week:** “But understand this: there will be terrifying times in the last days. People will be self-centered and lovers of money, proud, haughty, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, irreligious, callous, implacable, slanderous, licentious, brutal, hating what is good, traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, as they make a pretense of religion but deny its power. Reject them”. (2 Timothy 3:1-6).

**FUTURE SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS:** - 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.**

### THE LAMB THAT WAS SLAIN

The book of Revelation, or Apocalypse, is overwhelming for most casual readers of the Bible. It has bizarre visions and mysterious creatures. It was probably written in a style meant to confuse non-Christians and protect its message for believers.

In the 1st and 2nd centuries, the Roman government saw Christians as a great threat. The government partially based its authority on the claim that the emperor was a god. Since Christians refused this worship, they endangered imperial power. Examples had to be made to prevent erosion of authority. Followers of Jesus were arrested and executed with the flimsiest excuses.

One answer came from John, a Christian author. He was held on Patmos, a prison island off the coast of Turkey. He wrote a message of hope for believers, but couched it in symbolic terms drawn from the Old Testament. He could not openly write the Sacred Name of Jesus, so he referred to the Lord as the "Lamb [of God] who was slain [on the cross]". He describes a victory celebration for the faithful saints in heaven. The "four living creatures" may represent the writers of the four Gospels.



### ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-THREE FISH!

One of the appearances of the risen Jesus happened at the lake of Galilee--also called the lake of Tiberias, from the largest city on its shores. Peter and some of the others had gone home, possibly waiting for instructions from Christ. Meanwhile they must feed their families, so they have returned to their old jobs as fishermen. Jesus repeats the sign that he had first shown to the Apostles: the miraculous catch of fish.

John mentions that there were 153 fish caught. This number is probably a symbol meaning a complete number. Aristotle had taught that there were 153 different species of fish in the Mediterranean Sea. Thus Peter was given a commission to bring all people into the hands of Christ.

