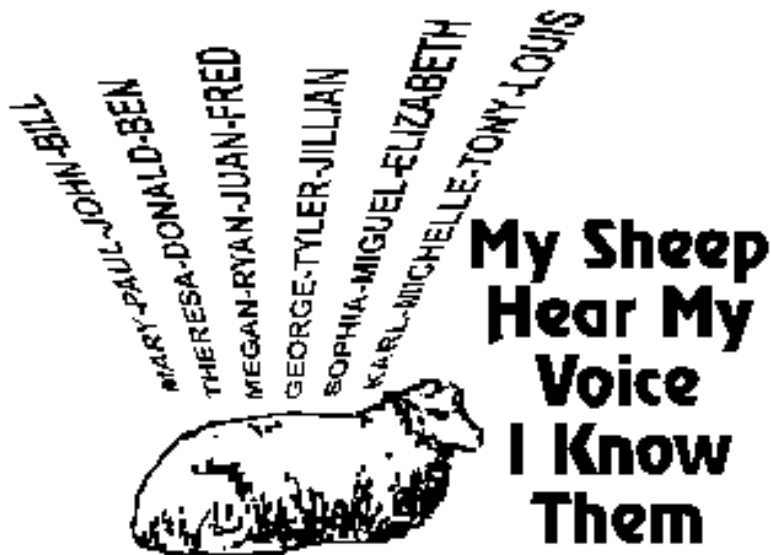


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**Fourth Sunday of Easter - "C"**  
**Mother's Day**  
Czwarta Niedziela Wielkanocna  
Dzień Matki

**May 12, 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 12<sup>th</sup> – IV Sunday of Easter**

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

- Litany to the BVM.

**TUESDAY, May 14<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Weekday***

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

**May 16-18 – Men's Spiritual Retreat in Waymart, PA**

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

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

**SATURDAY, May 18<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Weekday***

Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM on Saturday.

11:00AM – Plymouth Seniorate Council meeting in Hazleton, PA.

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 19<sup>th</sup> – V Sunday of Easter**

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Stanley and Loretta Kovalewski, of. by sister Theresa Petrusky.

- 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 (Ezekiel 34:31; Psalms 79:13)**

V. You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord.

**R. Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. 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 13:14.43-52**

**GRADUAL (Isaiah 40:11)**

V. Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs. Alleluia.

**R. Carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care. Alleluia.**

**II Reading: Revelation 7:9.14-17**

**ALLELUIA (1 Peter 5:4)**

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

V. And when the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. For He is our God, and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides.

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

**GOSPEL: John 10:27-30**

**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.

**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 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.**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 13 – Theodore Tokarczyk; May 15 – Shannon Keim.



**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.

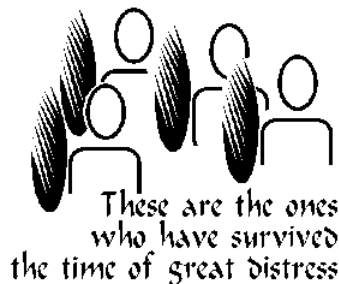


**WELCOME OUR VISITORS** – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! If you are new to our parish, please submit your name, address and telephone number to **Father Robert**. Father will contact you regarding parish membership and answer the questions you may have regarding 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:** “God is rich in mercy; because of His great love for us He brought us to life with Christ when we were dead in sin. By this favor you were saved. Both with and in Christ Jesus He raised us up and gave us a place in the heavens”. (Ephesians 2:4-6).

### THE SAINTS WITH PALMS

The author of the book of Revelation is trying to encourage Christians to hold on to their faith. He uses a great morale-booster. He imagines heaven to be like the emperor's court. Jesus--represented as a Lamb--sits on a throne. Around him are all of these who withstood the temptation to abandon their faith during trials on earth. The author recalls Palm Sunday and the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. This is one reason why the Church gives out Palms on the annual commemoration of this event. Where is your palm?



### THE IMPORTANCE OF PAUL

Saint Paul played a vital role in the development of our faith. It came about because of Jesus' handicap. Christ was not physically or mentally challenged. His problem lay in the people that he had to teach. Most of them had little or no education. They had little experience and probably traveled no more than a few miles from their birthplace. Jesus had to share his teachings from their limited knowledge. He used local illustrations in the form of stories, called parables. This was a handicap for Missionaries to other areas. They had two ways of doing this. They explain the examples that Jesus used. Or they could develop new parables based on other cultures and languages.

This was Paul's approach. He used illustrations from Greek life and culture, especially sports. So Paul became Jesus' first interpreter--what we now call a theologian.



### **A prayer for Mother's Day**

Lord, we remember the mothers  
Who have gone before us.  
For their love, sacrifice, struggle  
And joy, we thank you.

Lord, we remember the mothers of  
Scripture who are a part of our story  
As we are a part of Your story.  
For their courage, faith, love and  
Fierceness, we thank you.

Lord, we remember those who have not  
Given birth to us but are mothers to us.  
For their gift of themselves that they  
Have given, we thank you.

For the women who struggle with  
Fertility, for those women whom  
Society labels as less in their childlessness,  
For those women who have lost children.  
For their tears, for their strength,  
For their wisdom, for their lives,  
We thank you.  
In Your name we pray. Amen.

*By Claire Schoepp*