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Third Sunday of Easter - "A"
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April 26, 2020

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, p. 63

Following the rules – the Country and the Church – faithful attend services on their own responsibility. 10 people (no more!) could be in the church, keep at least 6 feet social distance, you may even wear the face mask, use sanitizers; no Holy Communion at this time.

Today, April 26th – III Sunday of Easter

Holy Mass, intention: for all Parishioners.

MONDAY, April 27th – *Easter Weekday*

Holy Mass, intention for: Father Carmen Bolock, his family, and parishioners of St. Mary's parish in Duryea, PA.

TUESDAY, April 28th – *Easter Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass, intention for: those who are in Purgatory.

THURSDAY, April 30th – Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman
Holy Mass

FRIDAY, May 1st – Feast: SS. Philip & James, Apostles
Holy Mass and Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

SATURDAY, May 2nd – *Easter Weekday*
Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 3rd – IV Sunday of Easter

10:00AM – Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM, intention: for Sp. Susan Bednarek-Berto, of. by Mr. Julian Bednarek.

Today's liturgy

ENTRANCE RITE (Psalms 25:15-16)

V. My eyes are ever toward the Lord, Who frees my feet from the snare. Alleluia.

R. Look upon me, have pity on me, for I am alone and afflicted. 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN - Christ Is Risen – PNCC Hymnal, p. 124

Christ is risen, Sing o Christian, Wipe the tears of grief away. All who would now seek Salvation, Come rejoice with us this day. He has risen, Lord in glory, As He had foretold His vict'ry. Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us sing forth, Alleluia!

I Reading: Acts 2:14.22-23

Responsorial Psalm: **Lord, You will show us the path of life.**

II Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

ALLELUIA (Luke 24:32)

V. Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

V. Lord Jesus, open the Scripture to us; make our hearts burn while You speak to us.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH [PAGE 71] **GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

Celebrant: Once again our hearts burn with faith as we hear the story of our salvation. Let us turn with confidence to the Father asking help for all our needs.

- We pray for the whole Church: the community of believers in an unbelieving world: that our faith in the presence of the risen Lord may be strengthened. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those without faith: that the witness of our lives and our love may help them to discover God. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For children: that their ability to believe in a world beyond our own may not be crushed by the materialism of our times. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For those who are sick: that we may recognize the wounds of Christ in them as we bring them our compassion. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- For the **President** of the **U.S.** and for the entire **Government**: may they succeed in their mission to lead our nation wisely. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

- We pray for those who fight coronavirus in these days, may God bless all efforts to take away from us this sickness. **R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Loving and compassionate God, we entrust all our cares to the power of Your healing grace as we make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

OFFERTORY HYMN - Jesus Christ Our Lord Is Risen – PNCC Hymnal, p. 128

1. Jesus Christ our Lord is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia. To mankind great joy is given, Alleluia, Alleluia. By His rising on the third day, Alleluia, Alleluia. For us poor and humble people. Alleluia, Alleluia.
2. When to women to His grave went, Alleluia, Alleluia.. They brought with them richest ointment. Alleluia, Alleluia. When they saw an angel in white, Alleluia, Alleluia. They were stricken with a great fright, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Act of Spiritual Communion

(To be used at the time of communion when not receiving the sacrament or anytime we wish to be united with our Lord)

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

Supplication – PNCC Hymnal, p. 290, 3v.

CLOSING HYMN - Wesoly Nam/Come Rejoice Our Lord is Risen – PNCC Hymnal, p. 127

Wesoly nam dziś dzień nastał, którego z nas każdy żądał. Tego dnia Chrystus zmartwychwstał, Alleluja, alleluja! Come rejoice our Lord is risen, Come sing out the proclamation. Come sing of His resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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.
- **Sep. 26** – Craft Vendor & Food Truck Fall event.

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - **Father Carmen Bolock, his family**, and parishioners of St. Mary's parish in Duryea, PA.

PNCC GENERAL CHURCH NEWS COVID-19 - In regards to the celebration of the Liturgy, **Holy Mass will continue so that the Church will continue to pray for her people, but we are instructing all our parishioners to remain at home** joined in prayer with others at home during the appropriate time. Worship aids for each Sunday will be available on the P.N.C.C. website (pncc.org) and on the P.N.C.C. Facebook Page (PNCC1), so that you can follow the liturgical prayers and readings of that particular Sunday.

The celebration of Holy Mass will appear on the **P.N.C.C. Facebook Page (PNCC1)** on Sundays and Holy Days.

Although we are instructing our people to remain at home, if anyone does attend the celebration of Mass, **the clergy will not distribute Holy Communion during Mass**. At the appropriate time, the “Act of Spiritual Communion” will be read together by the celebrant and any worshippers present.

This statement has been posted on our P.N.C.C. Facebook Page (PNCC1) and our P.N.C.C. website.

(All Statements from this office can be downloaded from pncc.org via the Prime Bishop's Blog (COVID-

19 - Statements from the Office of the Prime Bishop, P.N.C.C.) at: http://www.pncc.org/?page_id=3611)



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski – Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Jaden Leiby - Edward Jurewicz – Marjorie Dean. ***H & R Center Tremont:*** Dolores Halaburda (309); ***Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA*** – Marie Demnitski (223); ***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.**

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 2020 Future Direction Plan Committee – Action plan for PNCC parishes based on the efforts of the 24th and 25th General Synods.

Continue to develop Discipleship through 2020: Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord Jesus Christ. During 2020 we will examine the lives of some of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship virtues to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living.

MAY – ST. PETER: Humility, Trust

Reflecting question: Peter didn't feel worthy to accept the Lord's call and he was right, yet, he followed and Jesus used him to boldly proclaim the Gospel to others and to give the greatest witness in his martyrdom. How can you overcome your sense of unworthiness and embrace God's great plan for you?



A PRAYER in OUR TIME of the CORONAVIRUS
(adapted from the monthly publication, America)

O Jesus Christ, my Savior and healer, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help, who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Jesus Christ, heal us. **Amen.**

The Coronavirus Prayer in Its Essence

(also one, in Tweet-able form)

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wiles and wickedness of the devil. Restrain him, o God, we humbly pray, and you, o Prince of the heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin and destruction of souls. Amen.