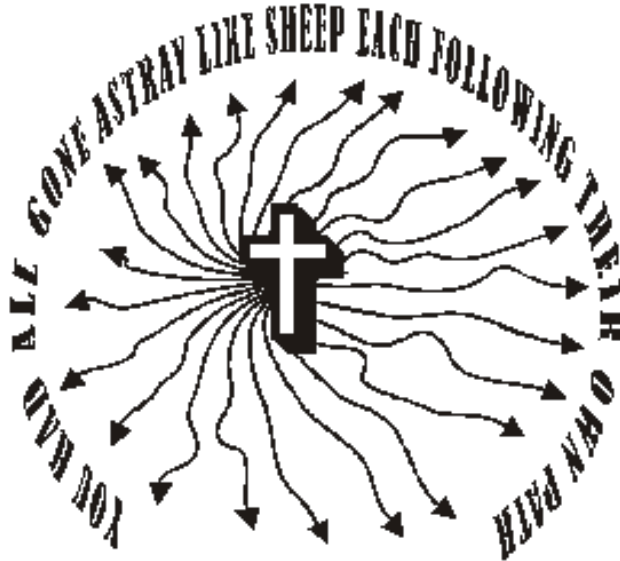


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Fourth Sunday of Easter - "A"
Czwarta Niedziela Wielkanocna

May 3, 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 – Traditional liturgy in English.

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, May 3rd – IV Sunday of Easter – Polish Constitution Day

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

- *Collection: for mission fund.*

MONDAY, May 4th – Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross

Holy Mass and litany to the BVM, intention for: **Very Rev. Thaddeus Dymkowski, his family**, and parishioners of Holy Cross parish in Wilkes-Barre, PA.

TUESDAY, May 5th – *Easter Weekday*

Requiem Holy Mass and litany to the BVM, intention for: those who are in Purgatory.

WEDNESDAY, May 6th – *Easter Weekday*

Holy Mass and litany to the BVM.

THURSDAY, May 7th – *Feast – St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr*

Holy Mass and litany to the BVM

FRIDAY, May 8th – *Easter Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Holy Name of Jesus.

SATURDAY, May 9th – *Easter Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 10th – *V Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day*

10:00AM – **Holy Mass and Litany to the BVM**, intention: for all Mothers.

Today's liturgy

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 God. Alleluia.

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 2:14.36-41

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: 1 Peter 2:20-25

ALLELUIA (1 Peter 5:4; Psalms 95:7)

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 10:1-10

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. Inflammé my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thank you very much to **Mrs. Ann Marie Wycheck** for organizing some extra funds for our Parish in this difficult time; to **Mrs. Sandra Elsavage** for smoothly cooperation; to **Mrs. Janina Plichta** for keep our home of worship clean; to **Mr. James Abicunas** for doing his work in this difficult time. God Bless Us All!

- **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.

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)

THIS WEEK PRAYER for: - **Very Rev. Thaddeus Dymkowski, his family**, and parishioners of Holy Cross parish in Wilkes-Barre, PA.



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 – Marjorie Dean - Edward Jurewicz – Jaden Leiby. ***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**.

PNCC 2020 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 **2020**: *Our purpose is to strengthen all members in their following of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This will give us a better sense of ourselves as the Church. During 2020 we will examine the lives of the early disciples of our Lord and their discipleship to see what we can learn from them and apply to our daily living. Please, see the monthly Future Direction messages regarding this effort with reflections for living this out daily.*

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?

REPENT AND BE BAPTIZED

When we hear the word "baptized" we usually think of the ritual involving water. Peter is referring to this, but also to more. The word "baptism" literally means "immersion" or "soaking". Peter may be saying that we need to totally immerse ourselves in Jesus. We have to absorb him and his life so completely that we become one person with him. A good example of this is the life shared by a wife and husband. The goal of marriage is to create one new person from two others. This unity should be so great that if one partner suffers, the other feels the same pain.

In Jesus we share not only his suffering, but also his triumph over death--and his entry into eternal life. We have to soak ourselves in Christness.

I AM THE GATE FOR THE SHEEP

Jesus often used examples from daily life to explain his teachings. Away from the Middle East in the first century, his examples may not be as compelling. Today's parable is a good example. Shepherds would have been common sights in his day. They literally gave up large portions of their lives for their flocks. Sheep are near-sighted and eat constantly. The shepherd has to live out in the wild, following them and protecting them from harm and from predators.

At night he herded them into stone enclosures that were open only one side. Since there was usually no gate for these pens, the shepherd lay his body across the entrance. He became the barrier against harm, putting his life on the line for the sheep.

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.