

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
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**Fifth Sunday of Easter - "A" – Mother's Day**  
Pięta Niedziela Wielkanocna – Dzień Matki

**May 10, 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 10<sup>th</sup> – V Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day**

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

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

**Requiem Holy Mass and litany to the BVM, intention for: Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr**

**TUESDAY, May 12<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Weekday***

Holy Mass and litany to the BVM, intention for: **Very Rev. Lucian Urbaniak, his wife**, and parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish in Plymouth and Resurrection of the Lord Parish in Edwardsville, PA.

**WEDNESDAY, May 13<sup>th</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*

Holy Mass and litany to the BVM.

**FRIDAY, May 15<sup>th</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany of the Church.

**SATURDAY, May 16<sup>th</sup>** – *Easter Weekday*

Holy Mass and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 17<sup>th</sup>** – *VI Sunday of Easter*

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

### Today's liturgy

**ENTRANCE RITE** (Psalms 27:7-9)

V. Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. “Come,” says my heart, “seek God’s face”; Your face, Lord, do I seek! Alleluia.

**R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior. 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 6:1-7

**GRADUAL** (Numbers 6:25-26)

V. The Lord let bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you and be gracious to you! Alleluia.

**R. The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! Alleluia.**

**II Reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9

**ALLELUIA** (John 6:45b-46)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

V. It is written in the prophets: “They shall all be taught by God”. Everyone who listens to My Father and learns from Him comes to Me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

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

**GOSPEL:** John 14:1-12

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

## 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](http://www.pncc.org/?page_id=3611))

**THIS WEEK PRAYER for:** - **Very Rev. Lucian Urbaniak, his wife**, and parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish in Plymouth and Resurrection of the Lord Parish in Edwardsville, 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 – 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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 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?*

### **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.

### **A Mother's Day Prayer**

"Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children. For the late nights spent rocking a colicky infant. For the hands calloused from washing, wiping, scrubbing, mixing, baking, stirring, hugging, patting, disciplining, holding, writing, erasing, painting, and pouring.

We thank you for the gift of time moms give for their kids, whether it's stay-at-home moms, working moms, and moms who have some combination of the two. We thank you for the flexibility of moms, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion.

We pray you give each mom strength. Help her to see in every mundane task the eternal, cosmic significance that you place on motherhood. Help her to understand that the most radical, world-changing events may be happening anonymously in her home. Help her to forgive those who undermine her significance.

We especially pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that you're big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for mother who never had the honor of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.

We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to us in salvation will flow from mothers to their children. We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead embraces the goodness of the gospel.

We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home.

Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you, the Creator and Sustainer of life. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each boy and girl. May each mother find rest in you.

Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in a mother's womb. **Amen.**" – *(Daniel Darling)*