

**St. John the Baptist Parish**  
**Polish National Catholic Church**  
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**Seventh Sunday of Easter - "A"**  
Siódma Niedziela Wielkanocna

**May 24, 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 24<sup>th</sup> – VI Sunday of Easter**

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

**MONDAY, May 25<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Weekday* – Memorial Day**

**Memorial Day Holy Mass and litany to the BVM**

**TUESDAY, May 26<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Weekday***

**Holy Mass and litany to the BVM, intention for: **Father Richard Wosiak**, and parishioners of St. Joseph's parish in Middleport, PA.**

6:30PM – Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

**WEDNESDAY, May 27<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Weekday***

**Requiem Holy Mass** and litany to the BVM, intention for: Sp. **Krystyna Plichta** (57<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of eternal life), of. by Fr. Robert & family.

**FRIDAY, May 29<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Weekday***

**Holy Mass** and Litany to the Most Precious Blood of Christ.

**SATURDAY, May 30<sup>th</sup> – *Easter Weekday***

**Holy Mass** and Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 31<sup>st</sup> – *Solemnity of Pentecost***

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

**Today's liturgy**

**ENTRANCE RITE** (Psalms 37:5-6; 130:5)

V. Commit your way to the Lord; trust that God will act and make your integrity shine like the dawn, your vindication like noonday. Alleluia.

**R. I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word. 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 1:12-14**

**GRADUAL** (Psalms 37:7a,8)

V. Be still before the Lord; wait for God. Alleluia.

**R. Give up your anger, abandon your wrath; be not provoked, it brings only harm. Alleluia.**

**II Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16**

**ALLELUIA** (Psalms 37:27-28)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

V. Turn from evil and do good, that you may inhabit the land forever. For the Lord loves justice and does not abandon the faithful.

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

**GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

**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.

## 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:** - **Father Richard Wosiak**, and parishioners of St. Joseph’s parish in Middleport, 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 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.

P. Lord have mercy.

**R. Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

**All people: Our Father**.....

**P. Let us pray:** O God, Creator and Supreme Ruler of mankind, Who did destine the people of our nation to a place of being upon this earthly sphere, and Who did implant in their souls love of their Fatherland and national ideals; behold, we command this day to Your boundless goodness, the souls of those who with their lives did defend Your holy gifts. Grant that we might learn to pursue the path of duty and consecration, which our forefathers trod; and that we might always be prepared to sacrifice our lives, if need be, for the welfare and happiness of our fellow-men and for the well-being and freedom of our Country. Through Christ, Our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

Almighty God, Upon the cross, sorrow and pain and every dreadful, tragic consequence of sin was overcome. Today we remember all those who have joined in that sacrifice for peace and justice. We give thanks for the

bravery of men and women who have served for harmony and love. And in a world that is still torn and broken we declare that Jesus is Lord. That hope overcomes despair, that joy overcomes sorrow, that peace overcomes hostility, that love overcomes hate. From the tomb, the promise of eternity emerged in a resurrected Christ. Grace was poured into the hearts of all those who suffer, mourn and grieve. Lord, we lift our hearts to you and continue to remember, to hope and to love. **Amen.**