



St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Sixth Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day
Szosta Niedziela Wielkanocna – Dzień Matki

May 9, 2021

Events for the week:

Sun., 5/9/21 – 10:00AM – Holy Mass for: for all Mothers.

Mon., 5/10/21 – 8:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. Bishop Joseph Padewski.

Tue., 5/11/21 – 8:00AM – Holy Mass, intention for: Father Michał Gitner, his family & parishioners.

Thu., 5/13/21: Lord’s Ascension – 8:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

Fri., 5/14/21 – Holy Mass & Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Sat., 5/15/21 – 8:45AM – Holy Mass & Litany to the BVM.

Next Sunday, May 16 – Holy Mass, intention: for Sp. James Dean.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to: May 13 - Theodore Tokarczyk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for – Father Senior Thaddeus Dymkowski – Gloria Dymkowski - Father

At the heart of the Gospel message is love, and our readings today celebrate the Spirit of God’s love in the Church and in the whole world.

I Reading: Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

II Reading: I John 4:7-10

GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

Jesus said to His disciples: ‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in His love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is My commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master’s business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask Him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.’

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.
- **June 17-19 – 4th Annual National YMSofR Bishop Bilinski Memorial Spiritual Retreat at Waymart, PA.**
- **September 25 – Craft vendors & Food Track festival.**
- **November 12-13 – Central Diocesan Synod in Rome, NY.**

Richard Wosiak - Helen Hopko - James Panco – Connie Sincavage – Carl Guzik – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Joseph Ross – Thomas Justen – Marjorie Dean. *H & R Center Tremont*, Dolores Halaburda (309); *Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski (223).

FUTURE MASS INTENTIONS: May 16 – Sp. James Dean; May 23 – Sp. Dorothy Halaburda; May 30 – Sp. John David’s family; June 6 – Sp. James Dean; June 13 – Sp. Paul Elsavage; June 20 – all Fathers; June 27 – Sp. John David’s family; July 11 – Sp. Lucille Greenman.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for Father Michał Gitner, his family, and parishioners of All Saints parish in Sterling Heights, MI.

4th ANNUAL YMSofR SPIRITUAL RETREAT – for any questions, please contact Father Jason Soltysiak: frjason82@gmail.com or 216-978-6645. If anyone is interested, please send completed form and \$100.00 check per person by **Friday, June 11** to: Rev. Carmen Bolock, 200 Stephenson Street, Duryea, PA 18642. For the registration form, please ask the Pastor.

“How to Move On” – Ephesians 4:31-32 - *“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.”*

PNCC 2021 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 **2021**: *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 2021 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.*

MAY – BISHOP JOSEPH PADEWSKI, Martyr

Reflection and Action Item: Bishop Joseph Padewski was made Bishop in 1935. The growth of the PNCC diocese of Poland was abruptly halted with the Nazi invasion of Poland, which began World War II. Fully ¾ of the diocese was destroyed. Padewski himself imprisoned and tortured. He was later released as an American prisoner of war, for a German general officer. He was sent back to America where he once again assumed the role of a parish pastor. Following WWII, Bishop Padewski returned to Poland and worked to rebuilt our diocese in Poland. He gained the church a legal status in 1946. Later, in the midst of his efforts, the communist government made a general persecution of the Christian Church. The oral account of his death was given church authorities by a cleaning woman who witnessed the torture Bishop Padewski endured. He died on May 10, 1951. At the age of 57, he became the first bishop-martyr of the PNCC. He was buried in Warsaw, Poland.