



St. John the Baptist Parish
Polish National Catholic Church
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Third Sunday of Easter – “A”
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April 23, 2023
100th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 4/23/23 – III Sunday of Easter
10:00AM – Holy Mass for †James Dean,
of. by wife, Marjorie.

Tue., 4/25/23 - Feast – St. Mark,
Evangelist
9:00AM – Holy Mass for all Parishioners.

Wed., 4/26/23 – Easter Weekday
12:00PM – Requiem Holy Mass for
†Father Thomas Sheha.

Thu., 4/27/23 – Easter Weekday
12:00PM – Requiem Holy Mass for
deceased

Fri., 4/28/23 – Easter Weekday
9:00AM – Holy Mass for the PNCC
parishes: clergy and lay members.

Our risen Lord makes himself known to His disciples by offering them His peace. Through this sign He also channels the divine mercy that we celebrate today. Let us open ourselves to that peace and mercy transforming our lives.

I Reading: Acts 2:14,22-28

II Reading: I Peter 1:17-21

GOSPEL: Luke 20:13-35

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered Him, ‘You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.’ ‘What things?’ He asked. ‘All about Jesus of Nazareth’ they answered ‘who proved He was a great prophet by the things He said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed Him over to be sentenced to death and had Him crucified. Our own hope had been that He would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.’ Then He said to them, ‘You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into His glory?’ Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, He explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, He made as if to go on; but they pressed Him to stay with them. ‘It is nearly evening’ they said ‘and the day is almost over.’ So He went in to stay with them. Now while He was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then He broke it and handed it to them.

Next Sunday, April 30: IV Sunday of Easter

10:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for +John David's family.

- First Holy Communion Catechism class.

Next Sunday's Mass intentions: Apr. 30: +John David's family; May 7: +James Dean; May 14: Mother's Day Mass; May 21: +Dorothy Halaburda; May 28: +Paul Elsavege; June 4: 35th Anniversary Mass of the Pastor's Ordination to the Priesthood; June 11: First Holy Communion Day Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for - Helen Hopko - James Panco – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause. *H & R Center Tremont: Dolores Halaburda. Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski. *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.

And their eyes were opened and they recognized Him; but He had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognized Him at the breaking of bread.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Mr. Julian Bednarek painted the foundation of the church building last Thursday. THANK YOU very much!

Our parish inherited the lawn mower from St. Joseph's congregation of Middleport, PA. Thank you!

- Hall for Rent is available...\$100.00 for 2 hours/+ \$25.00 each additional hour, and \$50.00 returnable deposit.
- **Apr. 28-30 – 22nd National Mission & Evangelism Workshop** – St. Stephen the Martyr Parish in Reading, PA.
- **May 6** – Plymouth Seniorate Council meeting – 10:30AM at Hazleton, PA.
- **June 8** – Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi service at **7:00PM**
- **June 11** – First Holy Communion Day.
- **June 17** – Craft show
- **October 15, 2023, at 4:00PM Anniversary Holy Mass** – Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of organizing our parish; dinner will be in the Roman's restaurant, Frackville, PA.

PNU of America District 1 Activities - District 1 of the PNU will be helping Meals on Wheels of Greater Pittston with the Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger® Food Drive on **Saturday May 13, 2023 from noon - 2pm**. We will be helping unpack, sort, and date items brought in from the collection. They are located at 59 S. Main St, Pittston, PA. Please contact Julie Andrzejewski at district1director@pnu.org with any questions. All members of District 1 are welcome to participate in this fraternal activity.