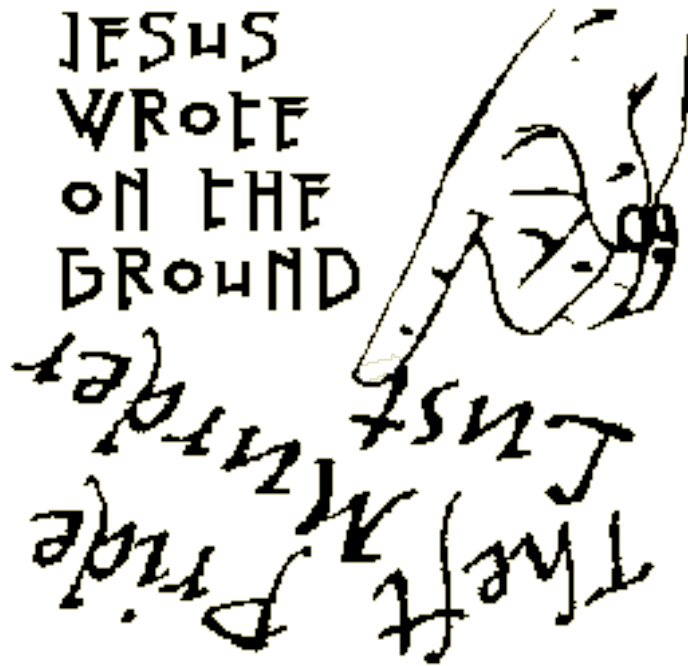


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Fifth Sunday of Lent - "C"
Piąta Niedziela Wielkiego Postu

March 17, 2013

EVENTS for the WEEK

Holy Mass – 11:00AM – Traditional liturgy in English

Today, March 17th – Fifth Sunday of Lent

God does not cling to our sins. God wants us to let go of them too. In this time of reconciliation and forgiveness, let us thank the Lord for His mercy and kindness. Let us come closer to Him in all we say and do.

10:45AM – Lenten Penitential Service

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. **Lauren Feudale**, of. by Mrs. Claire Mallick.

- ⤴ Stations of the Cross.
- ⤴ Monthly meeting of the Parish Committee.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Daniel 13:1-9.15-17.19-30.33-62 or Daniel 13:41c-62; John 8:1-11; **Tue.**, 2 Samuel 7:4-5a.12-14a.16; Romans 4:13.16-18.22; Matthew 1:16.18-21.24a or Luke 2:41-51a; **Wed.**, Daniel 3:14-20.91-92.95; John 8:31-42; **Thu.**, Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59; **Fri.**, Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42; **Sat.**, Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

MONDAY, March 18th - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass for health in Frackville.

TUESDAY, March 19th - Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM

Joseph is considered the second greatest saint, next to the Blessed Virgin Mary, because of his humility and the closeness he had to Jesus as his foster father. Scripture tells us that Joseph was just, pure, gentle, prudent, and unfailingly obedient to the divine will. We wish to imitate him by renewing our desire to be faithful. We know, that the only meaning of our life is to be faithful to the Lord till the last day, as Joseph was.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

WEDNESDAY, March 20th - *Lenten Weekday*

7:00PM – Frackville Ministerium Community Lenten Service in Frackville.

FRIDAY, March 22nd - *Lenten Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

7:00PM – Bitter Lamentations in Polish, at Frackville.

SATURDAY, March 23rd - *Lenten Weekday*

5:00PM – Holy Mass in Frackville; intention: for all **Parishioners**.

NEXT SUNDAY, March 24th – VI Sunday of Lent – **Palm Sunday** – *Blessing & Distribution of palms*

11:00AM – Holy Mass intention: for all Parishioners.

- ⤴ Litany of the Passion (after the Holy Mass).

Today's liturgy

ASPERGES – Pokropisz mnie Panie hyzopem, a będę oczyszczony, obmyjesz mnie, a nad śnieg będę wybielony. Zmiłuj się nade mną Boże, według wielkiego miłosierdzia Twego.

ENTRANCE RITE (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

V. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

R. And all this is from God, Who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.

I Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

The Lord is always seeking to do good for His people.

GRADUAL (Lamentations 3:22a-24)

V. The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, His mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is His faithfulness.

R. My portion is the Lord, says my soul; therefore will I hope in Him.

II Reading: Philippians 3:8-14

Perfection comes from Christ, not through our own efforts. Yet we still strive our utmost to capture the prize Christ Jesus won for us.

TRACT (Psalms 103:8,13-14)

V. Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness

R. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on the faithful. For he knows we are formed; remembers that we are dust.

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

Jesus does not condemn. He calls us to sin no more.

HYMN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, come, let this be Your home; come and dwell among all of us who sing this song. Come into this place, shine on ev'ry face, fill us with Your love and grace, Holy Spirit come. Come and dwell among us. Amen.

OFFERTORY VERSE (Matthew 7:1-2)

V. Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.

COMMUNION VERSE (Psalms 32:1)

V. Happy is the sinner whose fault is removed, whose sin is forgiven.

May God be with you in all the joys and sorrows of your lives.

COMING EVENTS

GENERAL CHURCH

Apr. 12-14th Mission & Evangelism Workshop in Scranton, PA

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

Apr. 27th Seniorate Council Meeting – Edwardsville, PA (1:00PM)

May 30th Corpus Christi Service – Frackville, PA (7:00PM)

Sep. 29th 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing St. John the Baptist PNCC in Hazleton, PA

Oct. ... 90th Anniversary Celebration of Organizing SS. Peter & Paul PNCC in McAdoo, PA.

FRACKVILLE – Each **First Friday** of the month – Private Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (5:00PM – 7:00PM)

May 18th First Holy Communion Day (Saturday 10:00AM)

May 30th Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU very much to our Parishioners and Friends for their donations, time and hard work this week to better our parish and Church. The Sunday greeters, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people, and members of the choir.

PLEASE CALL FR. ROBERT - ..if you or your relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your telephone number or **address change**; ..if you have a prayer concern.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Jose Rojas**, his family and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Parish in Chicago, IL.

THE PARISH MEMBERSHIP – to keep our parish membership list up to date – please pay your dues during the fiscal year, a deadline is December 31, 2013. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: March 17 – Joelle Amaira Karvois.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! Anniversary best wishes are extended to: March 18 – Joseph and Theresa Petrusky.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Frank Gill. Dolores Halaburda – Jan Zaborowski. **Providence Palace Drums, PA** - Violet Cegielski. **Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)** - Margaret Kruszynski (311) - Edward Ryszka Jr. (221).



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. Please remember that with privacy laws, the Parish is often not informed when someone enters. Please call the rectory so Fr. Robert can come for prayer.

SHOPPING at “REDNER” REMINDER – We would like to remind our Parishioners and Friends that if you go shopping at *Redner’s* please use your “Redner’s card” for purchase. When you will do it the Parish can get a credit – Thank you!

WELCOME OUR VISITORS – We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. You are always welcome to join us in worship!



CONFESSIONS FOR THE YOUTH – Our younger members as well as their parents are reminded that Confession is an essential part of a child’s religious upbringing. Remember this important part of their religious life. Confession is held on the **first Sunday** of every month at **10:45AM** (before Mass). Children before Confirmation age should come to **private** Confession. If children (until Confirmation) would like to receive the Holy Communion in a worthy manner they must come for private confession at least once a month. If other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

RECEIVING THE HOLY EUCHARIST – those who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist are invited to partake of this Holy Sacrament. It is the practice of the PNCC to distribute the Holy Eucharist through the method of intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, not in the hand.

MEMBERS DUES 2013. Since January 2005, a change was made that eliminated the ‘family plan’ method for paying Church dues. This change was voted upon and approved at the last General Synod.

Each adult member will now be recorded as an individual unit. This means every adult member is now responsible for his/her own dues. To continue to be a member at the Holy Ghost Parish and a member of the

Polish National Catholic Church each adult will be responsible for paying the following:

Total dues for 2013 per Adult Member: \$95.00 Per Year

The parish itself has an obligation to pay dues according to the number of active members to the General Church and Diocese and our financial administration distributes these monies also as directed by the General Synod. A breakdown of where these dollars are sent is available upon request.

There are also many other funds within your parish that require your attention and need your donations:

Sunday Collection, Fuel Fund, Cemetery Fund, Clergy/Pension Fund, Easter Donations, and Christmas Donations.



PARISH INFORMATION. **Daily Masses** as announced. Examples of the Mass intention are: for the Sick, in remembrance of the faithful departed (especially parents, grandparents, relatives...), to ask God's Grace, Birthdays and Anniversaries (...) To make arrangements, please contact Father Robert.

Holy Day Masses are held as announced in the bulletin.

Sacrament of Baptism – Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior the ceremony. Only **practicing Christians** should be chosen as **godparents**.

Sacrament of Matrimony – Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance.

Emergencies, Sickness and deaths – please contact to the rectory immediately.

The parish bulletin - is made on **THURSDAYS** and **FRIDAYS**. All requested announcements should be submitted by **FRIDAY 10:00AM**.

JESUS WROTE ON THE GROUND

The law of the Old Testament decreed that adultery was a crime punishable by death. It applied only to the woman involved. Her husband had the right to denounce her and plea for her execution. Normally this was done by stoning: rocks thrown at the victim until she was battered to death. The aggrieved husband had the right and duty of throwing the first rock.

A crowd of religious leaders bring a prostitute to Jesus. They are trying to trap him. He must either approve of the death sentence or continue his avowed policy of mercy.

Faced with this dilemma, Jesus simply crouches down and scribbles on the ground. When the leaders persist, Jesus begins writing on the ground. There is a change of verbs in Greek, which implies that Jesus is printing law in the second instance. We can have little doubt that the accusers see themselves described. Finally, our Lord arises and suggests that the innocent party begin the execution. There is none except Christ, and he will not.