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Fifth Sunday of Easter – Cycle “C”

Piąta Niedziela Wielkiego Wielkanocna

May 2, 2010

“Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear – not absence of fear.” – MARK TWAIN

Events for the Week

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

Today, May 2nd – V Sunday of Easter

The Lord calls us to be witnesses to His love for us. Let us celebrate together today as one community, one family in Christ.

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

- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- Collection for mission.
- The second weekly collection – second, third, fourth or fifth Sunday in the month - (after the Holy Mass) is for operation of the Holy Ghost parish – **THANK YOU!**
- Please, turn off your cell phones during the Holy Mass, thank you.

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26; **Tue.**, Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a; **Wed.**, Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8; **Thu.**, Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11; **Fri.**, Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17; **Sat.**, Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21

MONDAY, May 3rd – *Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross* – *Polish Constitution Day*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

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

THURSDAY, May 6th – *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville, intention: God’s blessing for Bishop, Priests and Deacons of the Central Diocese.

FRIDAY, May 7th – *Easter Weekday, Stanislaus of Kraków, Bp., M.*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville

NEXT SUNDAY, May 9th – *VI Sunday of Easter – Mother’s Day*

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for all Mother’s.

- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Today’s liturgy

ASPERGES – **Widziałem wodę** – Płynącą ze świątyni z prawego boku, alleluja, a wszyscy, do których zbliżyła się woda owa, uzdrowieni są i rzekną: Alleluja, alleluja; Wyznawajcie Pana, albowiem dobry: ponieważ na wieki miłosierdzie Jego. Chwała Ojcu i Synowi i Duchowi Świętemu, jak była na początku, teraz i zawsze i na wieki wieków. Amen.

ENTRANCE

(John 13:34-35)

V. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. Alleluia.

R. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. 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 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas visit different communities, urging them to persevere in their faith, and bringing the Good News to new communities.

THE GRADUAL

(1 Peter 1:22; 1 John 3:14)

V. Since you have purified yourselves by obedience to the truth for sincere mutual love, love one another intensely from a [pure] heart. Alleluia.

R. We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. Whoever does not love remains in death. Alleluia.

I Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

The whole of creation is made new and the old world of grief and mourning passes away.

THE ALLELUIA

(Romans 12:10)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

R. **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

V. Love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor.

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

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

Jesus teaches that His disciples will be recognized because of their love for each other, in response to His love for them.

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.

May the love of God shine through you and remain with you always.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

- May 15th First Holy Communion Catechism Class – 9:00AM
- May 23rd First Holy Communion Day
- July 25th Blessing of automobiles at our parking (after Mass)
- Sep. 10th “Bleenie” Sale
- Oct. 3rd “Chinese” Auction

FRACKVILLE

- May 9th Mothers and Fathers Day brunch (after the Holy Mass)
- May 15th Sp. Joseph Payne’s funeral Mass (10:30AM)
- May 23rd First Holy Communion Day
- June 11th “Bleenie” Sale begins (every 2 weeks)
- July 25th Blessing of automobiles at our parking (after Mass)
- Oct. 2nd Blessing of the animals at the parking (2:00PM)
- Oct. 24th “Chinese” Auction

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

- June 3rd Corpus Christi Service (Hazleton, PA) 7:00PM
- Oct. 11th Pastor’s meeting (Wilkes-Barre, PA) 1:00PM

CENTRAL DIOCESE

June 29th – July 2nd Diocesan Acolyte Retreat

GENERAL CHURCH

- May 21-22nd 65th Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament (Scranton, PA)
- July 26-30th Youth Convo (Monmouth University, NJ)
- Sep. 4th Annual YMSofR Track & Field Meet (Scranton, PA)
- Oct. 4-8th 23rd General Synod (Canada)

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 a relative are admitted to a hospital and nursing home; ..if your phone number or address change; ..if you have a prayer concern.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for the Rev. Richard Wosiak, and parishioners from St. Joseph's in Middleport.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **May 9:** all Mothers; **May 16:** sp. Joe, Millie Wychulis; **May 23:** First Holy Comm. Day; **June 20:** all Fathers; **July 25:** sp. Ann Kowalonek (Grande); **Aug. 15:** Thanksgiving Mass; **Aug. 22:** sp. William Zamonas Sr.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Curcio – James Panco – Catherine Marasco - Connie Sincavage. *Trinity Mission (Shen. Hts.)* - Margaret Kruszynski - Edward Ryszka Jr.



Sacrament of Anointing

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.

“Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord...” (James 5:14). If you, or a member of your family are sick and would like to receive the Holy Communion at home, please notify the rectory.

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!

THE CHINESE AUCTION will be held on **October 3, 2010** in the parish hall. We are asking all parishioners to help with the fundraiser by donating new items for this event.

We are also appealing to you for your help. Everyone's help is needed especially on the day of the auction. If you need help with delivering your items to the church, please contact Father Robert and arrangements will be made for pick-up. THANK YOU.

THE PHILADELPHIA SENIORATE – includes five parishes:

- 1) Holy Cross PNCC: 208 South Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231; Phone: 301-439-8877; Administrator: Rev. Andrzej Bieganowski
- 2) *Our Lord's Ascension PNCC: 2105 Jennings Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017; phone: 610-865-1514; Administrator: Rev. Bogdan Jurczynszyn*
- 3) Our Savior PNCC: 2300 Princeton Pike, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, phone: 609-882-7880; Pastor: Rev. Frederic Mechowski
- 4) St. Stephen the Martyr PNCC: 20 St. Stephen's Church Lane, Reading, PA 19607, phone: 610-775-4559; Pastor: **Very Rev. Edward Ratajack – Administrative Senior**

5) St. Valentine PNCC: 2330 Margaret Street, Philadelphia, PA 19137, phone: 215-535-4978; Pastor: Rev. Krzysztof Mendelewski, website: www.stvalentinepncc.org

MAY is the fifth month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of seven Gregorian months with the length of 31 days. It is also a month within the northern season of spring.

The month May has been named for the Greek goddess Maia, who was identified with the Roman era goddess of fertility, Bona Dea, whose festival was held in May. Conversely, the Roman poet Ovid provides a second etymology, in which he says that the month of May is named for the *maiores*, Latin for "elders," and that the following month (June) is named for the *iuniores*, or "young people" (*Fasti VI.88*).

In both common Western calendrical systems, no other month begins on the same day of the week as May. This month and June are the only two months that have this trait, though the first day of August in a common year and the first day of October in a leap year are also unique.

May 3rd: the Polish Constitution Day is celebrated in Poland.

The **first Saturday in May** is the date of the annual Kentucky Derby, the most famous horse race in the United States.

The **second Sunday in May** we celebrate **Mother's Day, in Poland: May 26.**

Cinco de Mayo or the Batalla de Puebla is celebrated in Mexico on May 5. It is also celebrated widely in the United States. National Military Appreciation Month - in the United States to recognize and honor the US Armed Forces.

May is traditionally devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Roman Catholic and PNCC traditions. May crowning occurs in some locales at the beginning of the month.

May Symbols:



May's birthstone is the **emerald** which means love or success.

Its birth flower is the **Lily of the Valley** and the *Crataegus monogyna*.



The Blessed Virgin Mary. The May devotion in its present form originated at Rome where Father Latomia of the Roman College of the Society of Jesus, to counteract infidelity and immorality among the students, made a vow at the end of the eighteenth century to devote the month of May to Mary. From Rome the practice spread to the other Jesuit colleges and thence to nearly every Catholic church of the Latin rite (Albers, "Bluethenkranze", IV, 531 sq.). This practice is the oldest instance of a devotion extending over an entire month. Indulgences, three hundred days each day, by assisting at a public function or performing the devotion in private, plenary indulgence on any day of the month or on one of the first eight days of June under the usual conditions.



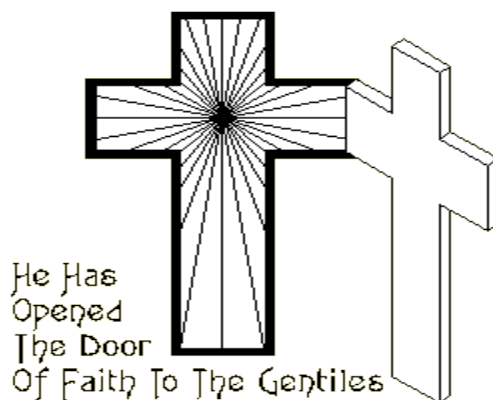
OUR MINISTRY – the Parish Committee is not a Board of Directors. Its work goes beyond the “material” necessities of a parish. It is a unique group of committed Christians with a conviction – to proclaim the Good News of Jesus. Thus, each member of the Committee has a vocation: to be a steward, a good manager of the gifts of God. The Parish Committee member is one who is called to make commitment, with a conviction to function for the sake of the Gospel. To be this person, we must be good stewards or managers of the mysteries of God and faithful witnesses of the same.



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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 is placed on the tongue, not in the hand.





ST. STANISLAUS, Bishop & Martyr - According to tradition, Stanisław was born at Szczepanów, a village near the town of Bochnia in southern Poland, the only son of the noble and pious Wielisław and Bogna. He was educated at a cathedral school in Gniezno (then Poland's capital) and later, according to different sources, in Paris, (France) or Liège, (Belgium). On return to Poland, Stanisław was ordained a priest by Lambert Suła, Bishop of Kraków. King Bolesław sent his men to execute Bishop Stanisław without trial, but that when they dared not touch the Bishop, the King decided to kill the traitor himself. He is said to have slain Stanisław while he was celebrating Mass in the Skalka outside the walls of Kraków. According to Paweł Jasienica: *Polska Piastów*, it was actually in Wawel castle. The Bishop's body was then hacked to pieces and thrown into a pool outside the church. According to the legend, his members miraculously reintegrated while the pool was guarded by four eagles. The exact date of Stanisław's death is uncertain. According to different sources, it was either April 11 or May 8, 1079.

The Constitution of May 3, 1791 (Polish: *Konstytucja Trzeciego Maja*) is generally regarded as **Europe's first** and the **world's second** modern codified national constitution, following the 1788 ratification of the United States Constitution. The May 3, 1791, Constitution was adopted as a "Government Act" (Polish: *Ustawa rządowa*) on that date by the *Sejm* (parliament) of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth. It was in effect for only a year, until the Russo-Polish War of 1792.

The May 3 Constitution was designed to redress long-standing political defects of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth and its traditional system of "Golden Liberty" conveying disproportionate rights and privileges to the nobility. The Constitution abolished pernicious parliamentary institutions such as the *liberum veto*, which at one time had put the sejm at the mercy of any deputy who might choose, or be bribed by an interest or foreign power, to undo legislation passed by that sejm. The Constitution sought to supplant the existing anarchy fostered by some of the country's magnates with a more democratic constitutional monarchy.

The adoption of the May 3 Constitution provoked the active hostility of the Commonwealth's neighbors. In the War in Defense of the Constitution, the Commonwealth was betrayed by its Prussian ally, Frederick William II, and defeated by Catherine the Great's Imperial Russia allied with the Targowica Confederation, a cabal of Polish magnates and landless nobility who opposed reforms that might weaken their influence. Despite the Commonwealth's defeat and the consequent Second Partition of the Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth, the May 3 Constitution influenced later democratic movements. It remained, after the demise of the Polish Republic in 1795, over the next 123 years of Polish partitions, a beacon in the struggle to restore Polish sovereignty. In the words of two of its co-authors, Ignacy Potocki and Hugo Kołłątaj, it was "the last will and testament of the expiring Motherland."

MEMBERS DUES 2010. 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 (18 years old+) 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 2010 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, Bleenie Sales (we had a great time last year, come out help out, join in the fun...), Chinese Auction, and Christmas Donations.