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Fifth Sunday of Easter – Cycle “A”

Piąta Niedziela Wielkanocna

May 22, 2011

“Some folks are like Easter eggs – ornamented on the outside and hard-boiled on the inside.”

EVENTS for the WEEK

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

Today, May 22nd – V Sunday of Easter

We gather today as a part of the global family of the Church and we unite through our love of God to celebrate this Eucharist.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for

- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

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

TUESDAY, May 24th – *Easter Weekday*

7:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, May 26th - *Easter Weekday*

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 29th - VI Sunday of Easter

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for sp. Joseph Vernitsky, of. by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Ryan

▲ Litany to the BVM.

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 RITE (Psalms 27:7-9)

V. Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. “Come,” says my heart, “seek God’s face”; Your face, Lord, do I seek! Alleluia.

R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior. 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 6:1-7

After a dispute between the Greeks and the Hebrews within the new Christian community, the Twelve delegate responsibility for charitable distribution of food. The word of God continues to spread.

GRADUAL (Numbers 6:25-26)

V. The Lord let bless you and keep you! The Lord let His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you! Alleluia.

R. The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace! Alleluia.

II Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

St. Peter writes of Jesus being the living stone chosen by God to be the cornerstone. By following Jesus we may all become living stones in this spiritual house.

ALLELUIA (John 6:45b-46)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. It is written in the prophets: “They shall all be taught by God”. Everyone who listens to My Father and learns from Him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the One who is from God; He has seen the Father.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

Jesus teaches the disciples at the Last Supper, saying that He is “the Way, the Truth and the Life”, and that He is in the Father as the Father is in Him. He promises that His disciples will perform great works.

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.

Through Christ we are all made living stones. We build His Church in our hearts and our lives this week and always.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

May 30th Memorial Day Holy Mass at 11:00AM
June 23rd Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM)

FRACKVILLE

May 29th Memorial Day Mass (in the church)
June 10th Bleenie Sale begins
July 31st Automobiles Blessing (after the Holy Mass)
Oct. 1st Blessing of Animals (2:00PM) ??

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

June 23rd Plymouth Seniorate Corpus Christi Service (7:00PM) in Shenandoah, PA

CENTRAL DIOCESE

June 5th Installation of Bishop John Mack

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.

THANK YOU – very much to **Joe Karvois** and **Dylan Whitecavage** for their help at the altar.

SUMMER TIME – Father Robert takes his vacation from June 27 – July 27, 2011. In this time we will not have the church services in our church. All are invited to attend four Sunday's of July (3, 10, 17 and 24) in Frackville.

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.

BISHOP'S INSTALLATION – the **Rt. Rev. John E. Mack** will be installed as the Eighth Ordinary Bishop of the Central Diocese and Pastor of St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral on **Sunday, June 5, 2011**. All diocesan clergy and laity are invited for this joyous occasion. The Mass of installation will be celebrated at **4:00PM** in Scranton, PA. At the conclusion of Mass, a buffet dinner and program will be hosted in the Cathedral Youth Center. The cut-off date for reservations is **Monday, May 23rd**. Dinner: adults: \$15.00, children (12 & under): \$8.00.

HELP NEEDED – If anyone is interested to help at the altar during our services, and serve as the Lector, please contact the pastor.

THIS WEEK PRAYER: for **Father Walter Biedrawa**, his family, and parishioners of the Holy Cross Parish in Enfield, CT, and Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish in Chicopee, MA.

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, 2011. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **May 29:** sp. Joseph Vernitsky; **June 5:** sp. Joseph Vernitsky; **June 12:** sp. Joseph Vernitsky; **July 31:** Joseph Vernitsky; **August 21:** sp. William Zamonas Sr. **Nov. 27:** sp. Charles Hoppes and Robert Hoppes. *Please, do not order the Holy Mass intentions in July 2011.*



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Helen Menzyk - Maurice Crucio – James Panco - Connie Sincavage – Claire Mallick – Violet Cegielski. *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 MANOR AT WAYMART – a personal care facility, is located in beautiful waymart, PA near the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. We invite you to contact us at **570-488-6829** or manoratwaymart@echoes.net for rates, room availability, or to arrange a tour of our facility.



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.

THE HOLY GHOST PARISH CONCERNS - In this blessed land of the United States of America, no community is complete without its House of Worship. For this, full credit must be justly given to the Founding Fathers of our Country. Our forefathers were of a thoroughbred spiritual stock. Being God fearing, religious and church going people they built our national structure upon the foundation of God. Judging by the results, God was with them in all their civic undertakings with a blessing that was as constant as it was generous. If there is any truth whatever in the proverb, “like father, like son,” then it is easy to understand why the present generation intends to keep God in its midst today, tomorrow and forever. To God’s glory and His name the

people of the United States have built beautiful temples and churches, large or small, stately or simple, according to the means of the community and the needs of the congregation they were intended to serve. Inspired with this motive and impelled with this same purpose a group of citizens of Polish descent and emigrants from Poland residing in Shenandoah area united in a resolve to built for them a House of Worship. Early in the 1920's residents of Shenandoah turned for guidance and advice to the Most Rev. Franciszek Hodur in Scranton, PA. An organizational meeting was held in May 1922 in the presence of the Rev. Father Leon Grochowski and the Rev. Father Jan Gritenas who helped to organize the Holy Ghost Polish National Catholic Church. The church records state that the first Mass was celebrated in the Russian Hall on Center Street by the Rev. Father Stanisław Cybulski and for the first time the Mass was celebrated in the Polish language. Later, property was purchased at West Lloyd and Chestnut Streets and a church was built and dedicated in December 1923. In addition to the church building, the parish's property consists of a rectory, cemetery and park..During these formative years, the parish grew in membership and various societies were organized to help with the work of the parish. Among them were the Ladies Adoration Society, The Polish School Society, two branches of the Polish National Union of America - (Spójnia), Young Men's Resurrection Society, the St. Mary's Girls Society and the Frederick Chopin Choir.

Now we are desperately struggle to survive, and to keep our church doors open. *Dear Parishioners and Friends*, please, take care of your own parish, because we are in danger to close. Our parish family needs you, your assistance and participation: both: spiritually – in time of worship, and financially – to support your own church.by your donations. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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.

ST. STANISLAUS PNCC – the bingo has been rescheduled from Sunday, May 22, 2011 to **Sunday, June 26th** from **2:00PM to 5:00P.**