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Third Sunday of Easter - Cycle "B"

April 26, 2009

"I am careful not to confuse excellence with perfection. Excellence, I can reach for; perfection is God's business." – MICHAEL J. FOX

Events for the Week

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

Today, April 26th – Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus rose from the dead to set us free from sin and death. With the disciples, let us marvel at the wonderful gift God has given us.

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: for God's blessing for Mr. Julian Bednarek.

- 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!**

WEEKDAY READINGS:

Mon., Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29; **Tue.**, Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35; **Wed.**, Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40; **Thu.**, Genesis 1:26-2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15.17.23-24; Matthew 13:54-58; **Fri.**, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14; **Sat.**, Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69

TUESDAY, April 28th – *Easter Weekday*

8:30AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

THURSDAY, April 30th – *Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman*

In the Gospel Jesus was called “the Son of the carpenter”. This feast reminds us that honest work, no matter how seemingly menial, can be sanctified. Through work we can sanctify ourselves and others, making each of us participants in the work of redemption.

9:00AM – Holy Mass in Frackville.

FRIDAY, May 1st – *Feast – SS. Philip and James, Apostles – First Friday of the month*

Like Peter and Andrew, St. Philip was from Bethsaida, in Galilee. According to the tradition, he was crucified at Hierapolis in Phrygia where he had preached the Gospel. He introduced St. Bartholomew (also known as Nathanael) to Christ. Christ declared to Philip, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father...I am in the Father and the Father is in me”. (John 14:8,11).

St. James was a cousin of our Lord. He is often called James the Less, because of Mark’s reference to him as “the younger James” (Mark 15:40). As Bishop of Jerusalem, he wrote one of the epistles of the New Testament. St. James was thrown down from the terrace of the Temple and then stoned to death.

8:30AM – Holy Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Frackville..

10:00AM – **sell out** – “Bleenie” and **food sale in Shenandoah**. All hands needed for our “bleenie” sale. Please come to the church hall around 6:00AM to prepare the potatoes for grating and making the batter. Coffee and light breakfast will be ready. SEE YOU THERE – **THANK YOU**.

NEXT SUNDAY, May 3rd – *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

11:00AM – Holy Mass, intention: sp. Lucille Gill, of. by Mr. Frank Gill.

- Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary (after the Holy Mass).
- Collection for Missions.

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

(Psalm 66:2-3)

V. Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name; proclaim His glorious praise. Alleluia.

R. Say to God, “How tremendous are Your deeds! For Your great strength Your enemies fawn upon You. 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN –

I Reading: Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

St. Peter gives witness to the people, telling them that they have killed the prince of life but that they can repent and then their sins will be wiped off.

THE GRADUAL

(Psalm 4:3, 7b08a)

V. Men of rank, how long will you be dull of heart? Why do you love what is vain and seek after falsehood?
Alleluia.

R. O Lord, let the light of Your countenance shine upon us! You put gladness into my heart. Alleluia.

II Reading: 1 John 2:1-5

St. John writes to keep his readers from sinning, because keeping God's commandments is the only way to be sure we know God.

THE ALLELUIA

(Psalm 111:9)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. He has sent deliverance to His people; He has ratified His covenant forever; holy and awesome is His name.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears to His disciples. They think they have seen a ghost. He eats and shows His wounds. He tells them how His resurrection is the fulfillment of the Prophets and Psalms.

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 HYMN –

COMMUNION HYMN –

RECESSIONAL HYMN –

God our Father showed great love sending His Son to us. In suffering death and rising again
Jesus shared that love with us. May this love live in your hearts and on your lips.

COMING EVENTS

SHENANDOAH

Sep. 11th "Bleenie" & Food sale

Oct. 11th “Chinese” Auction

FRACKVILLE

June 12th “Bleenie” sale (every two weeks)

Oct. 25th “Chinese” Auction

PLYMOUTH SENIORATE

May 16th Plymouth Seniorate Council meeting in Hazleton, PA at 1:00PM

June 11th Corpus Christi service in Plymouth, PA (Good Shepherd PNCC) at 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 greeter, the people working on fundraisers, the decorators, repair and maintenance people.

THANK YOU very much to **Mr. Jacob Komara** and **Mr. John Blickley** for being a lector; to **Joe Karvois**, and sisters: **Maria** and **Diana Blickley** for help at the altar, past few Sundays.



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 other times are necessary please contact Fr. Robert.

CANDLES OFFERING – The Parish Committee changed offering for candles: since this year the big candle’s price is \$3.00, and small one 50 cents. Thank you.

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.

LITURGICAL ROLES – Anyone interested in becoming a lector should see Father Robert after Mass or call him at the rectory. There will be preparation sessions held for those who are interested. Thank you.

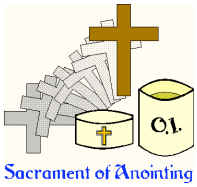


HAPPY BIRTHDAY! Birthday best wishes are extended to: May 1 – Joseph Edmondson.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for Margaret Kruszynski – Helen Menzyk - Connie Sincavage - Maurice Curcio – James Panco – Catherine Marasco - Edward Ryszka Jr. – John Dziedziak.

UPCOMING SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS: **May 3:** sp. Lucille Gill; **May 10:** all Mothers; **May 17:** sp. Emilia and Joseph Wychulis; **May 24:** sp. Sandra Caddy; **May 31:** sp. Stanley Dzikowski; **June 7:** sp. Mary Andrulonis; **June 14:** sp. Peter Petrewicz; **June 21:** all Fathers; **June 28:** sp. Robert Zamonas; **July 5:** sp. Mary Andrulonis; **July 12** – sp. Mary Andrulonis.



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.

"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.

Holy Unction is the sacrament in which, through the anointing with holy oil by the priest and through his prayer, a sick person receives health and strength of the soul and sometimes of the body. *Always have in the house: Crucifix, Holy Water, White Table Cloth, 2 Blessed Candles and Candlesticks, Cotton.*

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!

MEMORIAL LILLIES DONATIONS: Mr. Jacob Komara, Mrs. Anne Andruscavage and Amy Andruscavage – in memory of Komara, Wychulis, Wasser and Andruscavage families - \$60.00; Mrs. Mary Ann Hoppes - in memory of Robert and Charles Hoppes and Grandparents - \$30.00; Mrs. Cecelia Zomczyk - in memory of Zomczyk family - \$30.00; Mr. Frank Gill - in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Krupa - \$30.00; Mrs. Geraldine Andrews - in memory of Andrews & Wienches families - \$30.00; Mr. Julian Bednarek - in memory of Susan Bednarek - \$15.00; Mrs. Claire Mallick - in memory of Mallick & Cichocki families - \$15.00; Mr. Mark Klitsch - in memory of Leo Klitsch - \$15.00; Mrs. Loretta Kovalewski - in memory of Stanley Kovalewski - \$15.00; Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Petrusky and Mrs. Loretta Kovalewski - in memory of Zamonas family - \$15.00; Mrs. Helen Menzyk - in memory of Catherine & Matthew Menzyk - \$15.00; a friend - in memory of Lucy Grochowski - \$15.00; Mrs. Mary Balkiewicz - in memory of Balkiewicz & Bryk families - \$15.00; Mrs. Violet Cegielski - in memory of Kowalonek & Cegielski families - \$15.00; Mrs. Ida Socker - in memory of William Socker - \$15.00. **Thank you.**

[Gospel Luke 24:35-48](#)

Gospel Reflection

This reading from Luke's Gospel could be called "The Ghost Story That Wasn't." Two disciples who had just met the risen Jesus on the road are telling their story to the other disciples. Then right in the middle of their story, Jesus appears and says, "Peace be with you." The frightened disciples think they are seeing a ghost. Jesus has to show them his wounds and even eat a piece of fish to prove that he is real. The good news is so good that the disciples find it hard to believe at first.

Because they are still not sure what to make of him, Jesus explains how he has fulfilled the Scriptures by his suffering, death and resurrection. In his name, they will go out to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins for all people.

Discussion Questions for Gospel

Recall a time when a friend or family member appeared "out of the blue" when he or she was not expected. How did you respond? What are some of the reasons you think the disciples had such a hard time believing that their unexpected visitor was really Jesus? Why do you think disciples then and now do not always understand the Scriptures? Think of a time when you had a "Eureka!" experience of really catching on to what God's word meant. What was that like?

The two disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus also did not recognize Jesus until they shared a meal with him. How does the gospel say they came to know him? How do we know him in that same way?



Jesus was made known in the breaking of bread