



May 14, 2023

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

ENTRANCE RITE: Acts 1:3; Psalm 68:20

V. He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

R. Blessed be the Lord day by day, God, our salvation, Who carries us. 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.

ALLELUIA: Matthew 5:10

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The GOSPEL: JOHN 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,

the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,

because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you,

and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me,

but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father

and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

HAPPY

MOTHER'S DAY!

A Sabbath Thought

The proof of love is in the doing. As we continue our Easter celebration, we ponder the implications of that principle. The work of God in our midst must not be invisible. Real love manifests itself in visible effects.

About Today's Bible Readings

ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17

Baptism and the gift of the Spirit go together. We rise from the death of sin in order to live a new life under the guidance of God's own love.

Responsorial Psalm:

66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1 PETER 3:15-18

From the early church comes this simple advice on how to live the spirit of the Easter season: "Venerate the Lord in your hearts."

JOHN 14:15-21

As we near the end of the Easter season, it is appropriate that Jesus explains the role of the Spirit whose coming we will commemorate on Pentecost.

Worship Services

Today – May 14th
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day!

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS
9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Thursday – May 18th
Solemnity

Ascension of Our Lord
7:00 PM – HOLY MASS

Sunday – May 21st
Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS
9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

Sunday – May 28th
Solemnity
Pentecost

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS
9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

The Month of May
“The Blessed Virgin Mary”

During the Month of May we give special attention to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will pray the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary after each Mass each Sunday this month as we beseech the Mother of Our Lord to intercede with the Father and her Beloved Son on our behalf. I urge each of you to spend a few moments each day in reflection, asking her for her prayers and remembering her sacrifice.



INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Ken Mawson, Sharon Fitzwater, Jeannine Dresh, Amanda Dresh, Brianne Dresh, Bonnie Sue Pilot, Lorah Zawoski, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Janis Hogg, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Riley Rejniak, Jane and John Aldershoff, Pat Schiaroli, Diane Fisher, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Jerry Butto, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Bishop Bernard Nowicki, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos and Loretta Mikovsky.

Our Father....

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today, May 14th; Mother's Day! Flowers, cakes and coffee for Mothers after each Mass courtesy of the Young Men's Society of the Resurrection.

Friday and Saturday, May 19th & 20th; The National SAMBS (Ladies Adoration Society) Convention will be held at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville Connecticut. Please pray for our sisters as they meet and plan for the future of the ANS.

Sunday, May 28th; Memorial Day. Service at the Cemetery at Noon. Please see the table in the vestibule for sheets to submit names of veterans to be remembered. Please Contact Tom Schalata if you are able to help with this.

Weekends in June, July and August; Food making in preparation for the Annual Polish Picnic in August. Please see the Monthly Newsletter for dates and signup sheets are in the vestibule. Please consider volunteering a day or two of your time to help make the Picnic the huge success that it has been in the past.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

Polish American Heritage Association Golf Tournament

The Polish American Heritage Assoc. will be holding their 14th annual Polish Open Golf Tournament fundraiser on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Manor Golf Club, 153 Bran Rd., Sinking Spring. The scramble format starts at 1:30pm. The cost is \$90. per golfer and includes greens fees, cart, refreshments, lunch and dinner, gift and prizes. Proceeds support the Polish American Cultural Center at the GoggleWorks Center for the Arts. For questions call 610-779-5523. Deadline is June 7, 2023. Flyers and signup sheets are on the table in the vestibule. I hope that we are represented.

Father's Day Raffle Tickets

We will be holding a raffle as part of our Father's Day Festivities. Tickets will be mailed to those of you who have not picked them up. Thank you and God bless.

Clergy Pension Fund – Honor Our Fathers

We pray for all fathers, both lay and clergy, past and present, to express our gratitude, remembrance and love for all they have done for our families and for our Church.

For continued support of our Clergy Pension Fund and to acknowledge ALL FATHERS, your name and the name of the father you wish to acknowledge, will be printed in the June issue of God's Field. For each acknowledgement or remembrance, a minimum donation of \$25.00 is requested, payable to the Clergy Pension Fund P.N.C.C. This will have a two-fold affect, by acknowledging or remembering OUR FATHERS, LAY OR CLERGY, for all they have done for us and also to bolster our Clergy Pension Fund in order to show our continued support for our Clergy / our Church Fathers who make so many sacrifices each day in service to our Church. Flyers / donation forms are on the table in the vestibule. Thank you and God Bless.