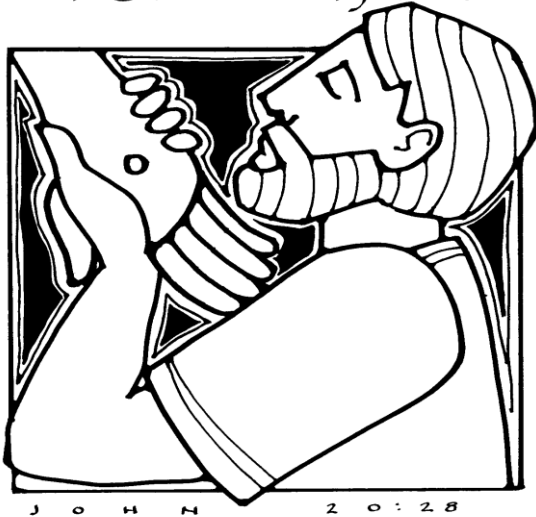


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MY LORD and MY GOD



Low Sunday
April 19, 2009

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R: And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia.		
P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.		
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R: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting		
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C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.		
C: You believe in Me Thomas because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen, but still believe.		
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“Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O My people.”
Psalm 119: 175-176

Opening Hymn: “Come Ye Faithful”

Come ye faithful, raise your voices, Alleluia, Alleluia
For this day the world rejoices, Alleluia, Alleluia
Sing the song of resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia
Christ would grant to us salvation, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*When the women would anoint Him, Alleluia, Alleluia
Lo an angel said unto them, Alleluia, Alleluia
He is not here; He is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia
Go; proclaim His Resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Now with tears of joy and gladness, Alleluia, Alleluia
Learn O man of God’s forgiveness, Alleluia, Alleluia
Let us worship our Redeemer, Alleluia, Alleluia
Praise the Lord, our God and Savior, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Closing Hymn-“Jesus Christ is Risen”

Jesus Christ is risen, thus a sign is given,
//We shall rise as He does deign;
With the Lord our God to reign, Alleluia.//

Let us all be joyous, like the angel’s chorus
//Now the victory is won;
Praises to God’s risen Son. Alleluia.//

THEME: Do I Believe?

Through the waters of baptism we are born into a diverse community struggling to be of “one heart and one mind.” Becoming children of God doesn’t happen overnight, nor does it automatically protect us from pain and suffering. Being fully alive means that we are fully human, this entails joy and grief, love and hatred, security and fear.

After the crucifixion, the disciples hid behind locked doors because of fear. They forgot what Jesus promised to them that He would be with them. Being human, they thought of the negative and forgot about the positive, due to the events of the previous days. Then Jesus did appear to them and His presence brought them peace, forgiveness and joy. The risen Lord revived their dead spirits.

Thomas was not present when Jesus appeared. He refused to believe their testimony. When Jesus did appear before Thomas, He reminded Thomas, just as He reminds us today, to embrace pain and suffering, and have faith even in confusion and doubt. It is easy to express faith in God when times are good. When times are bad, we tend to blame Him and turn our backs. Always remember, as beautiful Christianity is, we still have crosses that must be carried. Do we have the commitment to the faith when the world crushes us? “By our fruits, we will be known.”

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>7:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:30 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Yellow Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	T. Gibala	A. Fioravanti
Ushers	D. Crouch & J. Lawrence	J. Wagner
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:30 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeter	M. Krusienski	S. Kish
Ushers	R. Contrella & L. Adamek	D. Piesik
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

This Week

Low Sunday, April 19, 2009

Easter 2

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
<u>+Leo Gibala</u> Int Mr. & Mrs. T. Gibala; <u>+Barbara Hall</u> Int Mr. & Mrs. T. Kleckner; <u>+Tom Tondera</u> Int Kay Tondera.	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:30 A.M.

Monday, April 20, 2009

Annunciation Bell Choir	7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal	7:30 P.M.
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Thursday, April 23, 2009

CPR & AED Training	6:00 P.M.
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Saturday, April 25, 2009

First Communion Class	10:00 A.M.
Fr. Joseph Lewandowski Installation of Pastor	5:00 P.M.
Transfiguration Parish, Mt. Pleasant Pa.	

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Easter 3

Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
<u>+Sophie Szalankiewicz</u> Int Gloria. Contrella & Christine Kost;	
<u>+Edward Szewczyk</u> Int Frank Szewczyk; <u>+Mack Mastrovich</u> Int Carol Davelli	
Nursery School	9:00 A.M.
SOCL	10:15 A.M.
Fellowship Hour	10:15 A.M.
Holy Mass	11:30 A.M.

“Once Upon a Tree”

The United Choir of the Southern Deanery will be performing the cantata “Once Upon a Tree” today, April 19th at 4:00 P.M. in Holy Trinity Parish, Washington, Pa. For more information call 724.225.2585. Several of our parishioners will be performing the cantata. Let’s support them.

First Holy Communion, Sunday May 3rd during 9:00 A.M. There will be only one Mass celebrated that Sunday. We will have 6 children receive Jesus for the first time. Let us witness this wonderful event in their lives and rejoice with their families.

Tri-Church Flea Market,



Saturday, May 30th 8:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon. St. John the Baptist and the Hungarian Reform Church will be participating together in each of our parking lots. As we do our spring cleaning, save some of the items we were going to throw away for the flea market. Our choirs will be coordinating the Holy Family Flea Market. Fee: \$10 a table.



Golf Outing

Sunday, June 7th, Butlers Golf Course \$80; 8:00 A.M. Tee Off. There will be a special golfers Mass Saturday at 5:00 P.M. to meet Sunday obligations. Call Dick Contrella @ 412.751.5080 or Neil Rushnock @ 412.673.4365 to register.

CPR & AED Training

Holy Family PNC Parish will be offering a CPR and AED Training and Certification this Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. in the Holy Family Parish Auditorium, 1921 Eden Park Boulevard, McKeesport, Pa. Dr. Dariusz Wolman will present the CPR and AED Training Program.. Dr. Wolman is on staff and teaches at the Allegheny General Hospital in the Division of Emergency Medicine, as well as on the faculty of local universities. The cost for the training will be \$5.00 which includes the certification processing fee for parish members. Registration is required to attend this training program. For more information and registration, please contact Mrs. Alexa Foster @ alexa_foster2@comcast.net or phone 412-741-0613 or Dr. Dariusz Wolman @ wolmand@upmc.edu or phone 412.370.2931. Deadline for registration is April 20, 2009. This open to the public, friends can attend for \$15.00.

May Devotions

May is the month of Mary. We will open the devotions on May 1st with the crowning of our Holy Mother at 7:00 P.M. with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Devotions during the month will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. concluding with a prayer on Sunday, the Feast of Pentecost during Mass.



Easter Flower Memorials and Donations



+*Grzejka* & +*Kasko Family* by Teddy Kasko; +*Wladyslaw Barczyk* & +*Josephine Kijowski* by Kijowski Family; +*Rosso* +*Novotniak* & +*Jobes Families* by Mike & Marlene Jobes; +*Joe* & +*Mary Sanetsky*; +*Annabell Devlin* by Sanetsky & Kish Families; +*Cerepani*, +*Zaucha* & +*Fioravanti Families* by Toni Fioravanti; +*Charles* & +*Josephine Kijowski* by Dolores Becker; +*Zaucha* & +*Soltez Families* by Tom & Bonnie Zaucha; +*Sleczkowski* & +*Lagesse Families* by Fr. & Marian Sleczkowski; +*Gertrude Newcamp* & +*Catherine Stefanides* by Newcamp Family; +*George Mulac* by Helen Mulac; +*Hoy* & +*Krusienski Families* by Martha Krusienski; +*Joe Korch* by Helen, Janet & Bill Korch; +*Rose*, +*Frank* & +*Anthony Novak* by Sophie & Joe Ferenac; +*Baby William Michael Shelly* by Rae & Joe Zurovcik; +*Stanley* & +*Julia Rucinski* by Korenoski Family; +*Peter* & +*Bertha Pociask* and +*Albert* & +*Verna Hoffman* by Frank & Rosemary Pociask; +*Cheryl Ann Jugan*, +*George*, +*Sylvia*, & +*Edward Taipas* by Jugan Family; +*Tom* & +*Walter Tondera*, +*Joe* & +*Stella Beciraqsky* by Kay Tondera; +*John Pasternak*, +*Dave* & +*Neil Contrella*, and +*Sophie Witkowski* by R. & J. Contrella; +*Anthony Davelli*, +*Anna* & +*Mach Mastrovich*, and +*Mary Sherman* by Carol Davelli; +*Leo* & +*Dorothy Gibala*, +*Felix* & +*Agnes Zajdel*, and +*Dorothy Misira* by Ted & Janis Gibala; +*Stanley* & +*Gertrude Burlikowski*, +*Walter* & +*Olga Mandekic*, +*Michael* & +*Victoria Paczesniak*, +*John* & +*Victoria Waskowitz* by Dennis & Carol Burlikowski; *Deceased members of the Armed Forces* by Tom & Bonnie Zaucha, Codington Family, and Bob and Janet Yonek.

Diocesan Youth Retreat,

The week of July 5-9th, Wesley Woods Methodist Camp. Ages 8 and above are eligible to attend. Friends are also invited. Please inform Father if you plan to attend. This yearly event is subsidized by the Diocese, PTO, Parish, and YMSR.

Spojnia District 5 & 12 Family & Children Picnic

Saturday, July 25th at Idlewild Park, Ligonier, Pa. Adults \$30, PNU Children (16 and under) **Free**, None PNU Children \$15. This includes admission and events plus a buffet picnic.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE
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Acts 4:32-35;
Psalm 118;
1 John 5:1-6;
John 20:19-31

KEY VERSE: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (v 29).

READING: On the evening of the resurrection, the disciples were gathered in fear behind locked doors. They were overjoyed when the risen Lord appeared in their midst with a greeting of "peace" (Hebrew, *Shalom*). Just as God breathed life into the first living being (Gn 2:7), the Son of God breathed the life-giving Spirit upon his disciples, sending them forth with the power to forgive sins. Thomas was absent on this occasion and he refused to believe their testimony. His defiant words "unless I see" came from one who knew Jesus as an intimate friend. A week later, Christ appeared again, and this time Thomas was present. When Thomas touched the Risen Christ's wounds, he declared Jesus to be his "Lord and God." Jesus told Thomas that those who believed in faith were more blessed than those who needed visible proof.

REFLECTING: Do I try to make peace by forgiving the sins committed against me?

PRAYING: My Lord and my God, help me to believe when my faith wavers.