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R:	Say to God, How tremendous are Your deeds! For Your strength, Your enemies fawn upon You, Alleluia.	
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R:	Lord, let Your face shine on us.	
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R:	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.	
C:	Lord Jesus, make Your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when You speak.	
R:	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!	
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“He has sent deliverance to His people; He has ratified His Covenant forever; holy and awesome is His name..”

Psalm 111:9:

Opening Hymn “Come Rejoice Our Lord is Risen”

Come rejoice our Lord is risen
Come sing out the proclamation
(Come sing of His resurrection, Alleluia, Alleluia.)

*Three days in the tomb He lay there
The fate of mankind He would bear
(That His life all mankind might share, Alleluia, Alleluia.)*

O Lord through Your Resurrection
May we find from sin, redemption
(And at last know Your salvation, Alleluia, alleluia.)



Closing Hymn: “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song.
Death and sorrow earth’s dark story; to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking; soon the storms of time shall
cease.

In God’s likeness we awaken; knowing everlasting peace.

O what glory far exceeding; all that eyes has yet perceived.
Holiest hearts for ages pleading, Never that full joy conceived.
God has promised Christ prepares it, there on high our welcome
waits,
Ev’ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the e’ternal gates.

Life eternal O what wonders, crowded faith what joy unknown.
When amidst earth’s closing thunder, saints shall stand before the
throne.

O to enter that bright portal, see that glowing firmament
Know with you O God immortal; Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

THEME: Am I True to Christ's Words?

When events occur, we talk about them. After the crucifixion of Jesus, two disciples on their journey to home in Emmaus were sharing their dashed dreams which ended on Calvary Hill with another pilgrim. They had hoped that Jesus was the one who would liberate them and their nation from Rome. Because their focus was on their own ambitions, they could not see that the pilgrim was Jesus walking with them. When they heard the stranger recount the story of salvation and at the breaking of bread at dinner, they were able to recognize Jesus at the table. They forgot about their dashed dreams and began to tell a new story, Jesus had risen, and it is true. They went back to Jerusalem to tell the others what they heard and saw.

What occurred were doubts transformed to certainties. Looking in hindsight, you can understand why the early disciples of Jesus boldly went out to conquer the world for Jesus. They saw the risen Lord personally. They boldly accepted death if need be, because they knew first hand of the impending glory that would come by embracing Jesus.

Today, it is a sad story. Many who claim to be followers of Jesus, just don't get it. They sit back and forget what their responsibility is as a believer. They allow society to take away the faith, morals, and discipline of God deemed necessary for salvation. Today we are told to be politically correct so that we do not offend any individual, but it's okay to offend God. No, we should not tolerate such thought. We cannot let evil creep into the world disguised as good and acceptable. Why? Because in the eye of God, it is unacceptable.

Sunday Ministry Schedules

<u>This Week</u>	<u>7:00 A.M.</u>	<u>11:30 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Blue Team	B. Zaucha
Greeters	M. Krusienski	S. Kish
Ushers	R. Contrella & L. Adamek	D. Piesik
Acolytes	All Servers	All Servers

<u>Next Week</u>	<u>9:00 A.M.</u>
Lectors	Yellow Team
Greeter	H. Albeck
Ushers	F. Pociask & J.J. Parknavy
Acolytes	All Servers

This Week

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.

Monday, April 27, 2009

Annunciation Bell Choir	7:00 P.M.
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Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Frederic Chopin Choir Rehearsal	7:30 P.M.
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Friday, May 1, 2009

National Day of Prayer

Opening of May Devotions	7:00 P.M.
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Saturday, May 2, 2009

First Communion Class Rehearsal	10:00 A.M.
Monthly Confessions	11:00 A.M.

Sunday, May 3, 2009

Easter 4

First Holy Communion Day	
Holy Mass	9:00 A.M.
SAMBS Sub-Central Meeting	4:00 P.M.

There will be only one Mass next Sunday at 9:00 P.M. and no SOCL Classes because of First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion



Next Sunday during the 9:00 A.M. Holy Mass, six children will receive Jesus for the first time. Let us witness this wonderful event in their lives and rejoice with their families as these children will receive two sacraments of the church for the First Time; the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



Tri-Church Flea Market

Saturday, May 30th 8:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon. St. John the Baptist and the Hungarian Reform Church with Holy Family will be holding separate flea markets in each respective parking lots. As we do our spring cleaning, save some of the items we were going to throw away for the flea market. Our trash could be someone else's treasure. The Bell Choirs will be coordinating the Holy Family Flea Market and anyone can purchase a table. Fee: \$10 a table. All appliances must be in working conditions and any clothes are to be washed and pressed. Hopefully having all three parishes holding flea markets at the same time will attract customers.



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.

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. Join us to Honor our Holy Mother during May.



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 to participate. Please inform Father if you plan to attend. This yearly event is subsidized by the Diocese, PTO, Parish, and YMSR. All parish youth should try to attend. Those wishing to accompany our Youth as chaperones should contact Fr. Bruce.

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. Sign Up with Henrietta Kleckner or Father Bruce. Registration must be accompanied with payment.

Mother's Day Breakfast

The YMSR Men again will host the 2009 Mother's Day Breakfast after Holy Mass on Sunday, May 10th in the parish auditorium. Breakfast will be free of charge. There will be one Mass celebrated on Mother's Day. For catering purpose, please inform Frank Pociask or any YMSR member that you will be attending the breakfast.



SOCL Classes End May 31st

Our School of Christian Living Classes will conclude during Holy Mass on Sunday, May 31st. Recognitions will be awarded to our students and faculty. Also recognized will be our parish graduates of High School and College. Biographies are requested of graduates and should be given to Fr. Bruce by May 24th. Even though classes for the 2008-2009 semester will be over, attendance at Mass should continue as God commands to Keep Holy the Sabbath Day. There is no vacation from worship.

Memorial Day Mass **Monday, May 25th**

Mass will be celebrated in the parish at 10:00 A.M. to honor the Service Men and Women who paid the supreme sacrifice for our freedoms and remembering our loved ones buried on our cemeteries.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;
Psalm 24;
1 John 2:1-5
Luke 24:35-48

KEY VERSE: "Thus it was written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day" (v 46).

READING: The disciples of Emmaus returned to Jerusalem and reported to the eleven apostles that they had witnessed the risen Christ. The apostles in turn exclaimed that Christ had also appeared to Simon Peter. While they were still speaking, Christ appeared in their midst and proclaimed "Peace" (v 36) to them. He assured the terrified disciples that he was not a ghost. When he invited them to touch him, and asked for food, the disciples were overjoyed. Again, Jesus explained everything that had been written about him in the "law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms" (v 44). These three divisions of the Hebrew Scriptures are: the Law "Torah," the Prophets "Nebi'im," and the Writings "Kethubim" (acronym: "TaNaK"). Then Jesus commissioned his disciples to preach the message of salvation in his name: "repentance for the forgiveness of sins, beginning from Jerusalem" (v 47).

REFLECTING: Do I see Christ in the hungry and wounded around me?

PRAYING: Risen Lord, help me to be a faithful witness to you.

Christ has risen; Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia!