



Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church



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OPENING HYMN

Mother Most Gracious (verses 2 & 4) – PNCC #263

ENTRANCE HYMN (Jeremiah 15:16; Acts 2:28)

C. When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart. Alleluia.

R. You have made known to me the paths of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence. Alleluia.

C. 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.

FIRST READING

ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
His right hand has won victory for him,
his holy arm.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The LORD has made his salvation known:
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness
toward the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation by our God.
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands;

break into song; sing praise.

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING

1 JN 4:7-10

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

JN 14:23

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,
and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

GOSPEL

JN 15:9-17

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS AND RELATIVES

Hudson Tutko, Athena Becker, Stephen Pociask, Marian Sleczkowski, Al & Betty Ann Perhas, Ed Babish, Barbara Cook, Paul Koper, Ted Flora, Dave Guillot, Emily Guy, Marcy Raiford, Johanna Pardoe, Antoinette Drake, Marianna Pełka, Bronisław Korus, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle, Karyn Muse, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Peter Mantzaris, Richard Tomkovitz, Meredith Straw, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Charles Koczera, Marlene Koczera, Jon Razukiewicz, Bob Yasko, Jane Contrella, Vicki Griffiths, Kiersten Donahoe.

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home. Father Mariusz will visit them with the Holy Communion.

CLOSING HYMN

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God – Ritual Song #728 (verses 1, 2, 4)

FAITH SHARING

Today's Scripture passages declare the profound truth that those who believe in Christ are to obey his commandment of love – *“Love one another as I have loved you.”*

In the first reading, Peter teaches us that God shows no partiality in His love and that there are no boundaries to abiding in love. God loves everyone, both the Jews and the Gentiles, and He wants everyone to be saved through His son, Jesus. That is why God welcomed the Roman centurion Cornelius as the first non-Jew to become a Christian. The reading tells us how God also allowed the Gentiles who heard Peter's speech to receive the same Holy Spirit and His gifts that Peter's Jewish audience had received on the day of Pentecost.

In the second reading, John defines God as love and explains that He expressed His love for mankind by sending His son to die for us humans *“as expiation for our sins.”* This Divine love gives us the command, and so the duty, to love one another as we have been loved by God. Since God has loved us first, we can and should love God in return, love ourselves properly, and love one another.

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the disciples that are to obey his commandment of love just as Jesus has obeyed his Heavenly Father's will by fulfilling His commandments and remaining inseparably bonded with his Father. Jesus' unconditional, forgiving, selfless, sacrificial love for us must be the criterion of our love for others. The highest expression of this love is our willingness to lay down our lives as Jesus did, for people who don't deserve it. The goal and result of our abiding in love, in God, will be perfect joy. Jesus no longer calls us slaves but now calls us “friends.” He tells us that he has chosen us, and that, if we use Jesus' name, we can ask the Father for anything.

LIFE MESSAGE

We need to cultivate an abiding and loving friendship with Jesus. We need to express this love in our relationships with others by loving them and offering them trust, faithfulness, equality, forgiveness, joy, and sacrifice. We need to be persons for others: Jesus demonstrated the love of God, his Father, for us by living for us and dying for us. Hence, as Jesus' disciples, we are to be persons for others, sacrificing our time, talents, and lives for others.



The most effective way of communicating God's love to others is by treating everyone as a friend, giving everyone the respect he or she deserves. Let us remember that Christ's own love was not limited to the people he liked and, hence, that we should close our minds to thoughts of revenge.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD'S ASCENSION

What we will be celebrating this Thursday is Jesus' exaltation and the end of his earthly existence, as a prelude to the gift of the Spirit. The ascended Jesus is still with us because of his promise, *"I am with you always; yes, to the end of time"* (Mt 28:20). He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth, the energy of the Holy Spirit Who enables us to bear witness to Jesus in keeping and living out his word. Therefore, this feast is the celebration of Jesus' glory after his suffering and death – the glory in which we also hope to share. The Ascension and Pentecost, together, mark the beginning of the Church. The feast of the Ascension tells us that the Church must be a community "in mission," guided by the Holy Spirit and confident of God's protection even amid suffering and in the face of death.



SAMBS MEETINGS

AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE

May 5, 2024, June 9, July 14, September 8.

MISSION & EVANGELIZATION MEETING

The National Mission & Evangelization Commission will be hosted by the Holy Family Parish on Monday, May 6 and Tuesday May 7, 2024.

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, May 5

Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk

Sunday, May 12

Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence

Sunday, May 19

Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski

Sunday, May 26

Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong

Sunday, June 2

Don Newcamp, George Jobes

Sunday, June 9

Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk

Sunday, June 16

Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence

Sunday, June 23

Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski

Sunday, June 30

Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong



PNA NEWS

See the Narthex bulletin board for excellent annuity plans... 3.00% to 5.40%. Also excellent life insurance rates. Save the Date: Join the PNA Council 305 for a scenic cruise and grand buffet on the Gateway Clipper fleet, Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 11:15 am to 2:00 pm.

MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY.

For centuries, the Catholic Church has set aside the entire month of May to honor Mary, Mother of God. Not just a day in May, but the entire month.

Every Wednesday at 7:00 PM during May we will be praying the Rosary with Marian Litany. Please make every effort to participate.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.



FUNERALS



† **Joan A. (Ejchost) Kotulsky**, 77, died Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Paramount Senior Living at South Hills.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family church later.



† **Rosalie Francis (Godleski) Clark**, 85, passed away peacefully on Wednesday May 1, 2024.

Family and friends will be received on **Sunday from 3-6 PM**

at the Frank F. Gigler Funeral Home, 2877 Leechburg Rd,

Lower Burrell where a Blessing service will be held on **Monday at 11:00 AM.**

Interment to follow in Greenwood Memorial Park.

The Memorial Mass for Rosalie at Holy Family church will be scheduled later.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

FR. MARIUSZ'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On **May 19, 2024**, Fr. Mariusz will be celebrating his 25 years of Service to God.

At **10:00 AM** the **Holy Mass** will be offered in his intention. At **5:00 PM** **Vespers followed by dinner** in our Church Hall.

Please respond kindly by **May 11, 2024**. Please use the **RSVP cards** located in the vestibule, **text or call (412) 330-8286** or email **pastor@hfpncc.org** .





MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The YMSR Branch 70 will host a continental breakfast for all women on Mother's Day, next Sunday, May 12, after 10:00 AM Mass.

Let us celebrate the Mother's Day together.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, May 5, 2024 – 6th Easter Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass with the crowning of Mary

† Laura Adamek – requested by Cathi Glanz

† Ed Kustra – requested by Eileen Kustra

Monday, May 6, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – Easter Weekday

7:00 PM – May Devotion (Rosary and Marian Litany)

Thursday, May 9, 2024 – Solemnity – Our Lord's Ascension

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† George & Irene Jugan – requested by Popovic Family

† Regina Filipczak – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown

Friday, May 10, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Saturday, May 11, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Sunday, May 12, 2024 – 7th Easter Sunday / Mother's Day

10:00 AM – Holy Mass with the crowning of Mary

For All Mothers Living and Deceased

5/19/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity - Pentecost

For God's blessing for Fr. Mariusz on 25th Anniversary of the Sacrament of Priesthood

5/26/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Holy Trinity

† Phillip Kotulsky – requested by his children

5/30/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Corpus Christi

For God's blessing for Anna Dryfik (Birthday)

6/2/24 Su 10:00 AM Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi

† Helen Balawajder – requested by Bob & Jan Yonek

6/7/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Sacred Heart of Jesus

† Pat Peteraf – requested by Julie, Cliff & Jodie Brown

6/9/24 Su 10:00 AM Solemnity – Word of God

OPEN

6/16/24 Su 10:00 AM 11 Ordinary Sunday / Father's Day

For All Fathers Living and Deceased

6/23/24 Su 10:00 AM 12 Ordinary Sunday

OPEN

6/24/24 Mo 10:00 AM Solemnity – John the Baptist

OPEN

6/30/24 Su 10:00 AM 13 Ordinary Sunday

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MOTHER’S DAY MASS

On Sunday, May 12th, we will be honoring our Mothers, first of all – by thanking God for our own mothers, and secondly, by praying for them, all of them, our living Mothers and those Mothers whom God called already to the eternal life.

The best prayer gift for Mom is always a Holy Mass, as an ultimate form of prayer.

Let me offer this Mass on Sunday, May 12th in their intentions:

for the living mothers – for a long life in good health and God’s blessing;

for the deceased Mothers – for God’s mercy and eternal peace in heaven.

Please fill out the form below, and return it as soon as possible, directly to father, **but please DO NOT attach to it any checks, cash, nor other Mass stipends.** This Mass for Mothers is offered absolutely **free** as a gift to all Mothers.

However, if you wish to offer your appreciation, you can do it at the end of that Mass by supporting the fund of **the Society of the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament (SAMBS)** in our parish. This is the group of mothers taking care (financially as well) of the Sanctuary, and many other events in our parish, so sooner or later, through their hands, your donations will go to new linen altar clothes, liturgical items, flowers or other decorations around the altar and Tabernacle.

If you wish that the name of your Mother, Grandmother, Godmother or woman who is or was mother-like to you, living or deceased, to be mentioned during this Holy Mass, you can PRINT their names below. **It is an option only.** Also, you can whisper those names to God in person. There will be offered a moment of silence to do it.

Father, please include the following Mothers in the Holy Mass intention on Mother’s Day, May 12th:

Living:

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Deceased:

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