



## Holy Family Parish Polish National Catholic Church



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*Good and Gentle God,  
we pray in gratitude  
for our mothers  
and for all the women  
who have joined with you  
in the wonder  
of bringing forth new life.  
You who became human through  
a woman, grant to all mothers  
the courage they need to face  
the uncertain future that life  
with children always brings.*



## OPENING HYMN

**Mary Dear** (verses 1 & 4) – PNCC #266

## ENTRANCE HYMN (John 20:21; 2 Corinthians 5:20a)

C. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Alleluia.

**R. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. 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 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers — there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons in the one place —. He said, “My brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand through the mouth of David, concerning Judas, who was the guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was numbered among us and was allotted a share in this ministry. “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: May another take his office. “Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.” So they proposed two, Judas called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias.

Then they prayed, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.”

Then they gave lots to them, and the lot fell upon Matthias, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20**

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul;  
and all my being, bless his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so surpassing is his kindness toward those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he put our transgressions from us.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,  
and his kingdom rules over all.

Bless the LORD, all you his angels,  
you mighty in strength, who do his bidding.

**R. The Lord has set his throne in heaven.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 JN 4:11-16**

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another.

No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit.

Moreover, we have seen and testify that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world. Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God remains in him and he in God. We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

The Word of the Lord.

**ALLELUIA**

**CF. JN 14:18**

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.

I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.

**GOSPEL**

**JN 17:11B-19**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark.

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you. I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely. I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth."

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 Pelka, 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, Rose Marie Korch.

**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**

**Hail, Blessed Mary – PNCC #268**

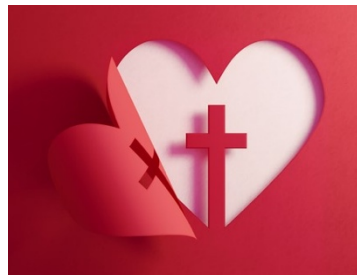
## **FAITH SHARING**

Christian love resulting in the unity of all Christian denominations is the main theme of today's Scripture lessons.

The first reading, taken from Acts, tells us how the eleven apostles as one unit, relying on the power of God, elected Matthias to replace Judas. This incorporation was an action done by the whole community under the chairmanship of Peter. They chose Matthias by lot, and the outcome was taken to be the will of the Holy Spirit.

The second reading, taken from John's first epistle to the Church, emphasizes the centrality of love in our Christian living. The apostle deals with disunity in the Church by teaching the members the basis of true Christian love and unity. For John, love and unity among Christians is the first and most important witness for believers to bear.

In today's Gospel passage, taken from Jesus' high-priestly prayer, Jesus prays in particular, for those disciples who are sharing the meal with him. The core of Jesus' message is love, a love that is to be manifested not only in nice-sounding words but, more convincingly, in the genuine acts of love that will bind his disciples together into one community. The world cannot be evangelized by competing Churches, and that is why Jesus prayed that his disciples might be as fully one as he and the Father are one.



## **LIFE MESSAGE**

We need to understand, appreciate, cooperate and pray: The denominations are a reality. There is no use in our blaming each other for the historical events which caused these divisions in Christ's Body. What we can do is to learn

sympathetically about the doctrinal similarities and differences to our own beliefs among Christian believers, to shed prejudices and suspicion about each other, and to learn to love each person we encounter and to cooperate with the members of all denominations in all possible ways.

We need to go beyond friendship and cooperation: The unity for which we pray is not merely a “comfortable” notion of friendliness and cooperation. It requires also our willingness to dispense with competition between us. We need to open ourselves to each other, to offer gifts to and receive gifts from one another, so that we may truly enter into our shared new life in Christ, which is the only true victory.

We need to pray fervently in our own denominations and in interdenominational prayer gatherings that God may show us the right way to proceed in achieving true and lasting Christian unity without sacrificing the basic Christian principles and teachings. We should offer also our personal prayers that the unity for which Our Lord prayed may be brought nearer.



**SAMBS MEETINGS  
AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE**  
June 9, July 14, September 8.

**MISSION & EVANGELIZATION MEETING**

Thank you, David Kost, for organizing everything for the Mission & Evangelization meeting hosted by our parish last week Thank you, ladies and all others, helping our guests.

**USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND  
HOLY COMMUNION**

<u>Sunday, May 12</u>	Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
<u>Sunday, May 19</u>	Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
<u>Sunday, May 26</u>	Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong
<u>Sunday, June 2</u>	Don Newcamp, George Jobes
<u>Sunday, June 9</u>	Joe Parknavy, Ed Goralczyk
<u>Sunday, June 16</u>	Lenny Guy, Joe Lawrence
<u>Sunday, June 23</u>	Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski
<u>Sunday, June 30</u>	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.**



## FR. MARIUSZ'S 25<sup>TH</sup> 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.

## MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

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

Let us celebrate the Mother's Day together.



## FLOWERS TO ALL MOTHERS

The Frederic Chopin/Annunciation Bell choirs will be presenting flowers to all ladies at Mass today.

## NEW DOORSTOPPERS INSTALLED

Thank you, Bill Griffiths, for donating the new doorstoppers and new rubber feet for the doorstoppers. No unexpected sliding door and hitting the people any longer. Little things bring a big joy.



## KITCHEN FLOOR RESTORED TO PRISTINE LOOK

Thank you, Frank and Ted, for working hard on Friday and Saturday on our kitchen floor. It looks fresh and nice. Good job!

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY – THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH**

Next Sunday we celebrate The Pentecost. That's the beginning and Birthday of the Church, Birthday of all of us, because **we are the Church.**

Liturgical color of Pentecost is **red**. Therefore, if you can, let us all be dressed in red on that day for the Mass. Church was born with the sending of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and Blessed Mother. Let us celebrate as a community of the believers, the CHURCH. Red dress, red tie, red top, red accessories.



### **LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday, May 12, 2024 – 7<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday / Mother's Day**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

For All Mothers Living and Deceased

**Monday, May 13, 2024 – Easter Weekday**

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024 – Easter Weekday**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2024 – Easter Weekday**

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

**Thursday, May 16, 2024 – Easter Weekday**

**Friday, May 17, 2024 – Easter Weekday**

**Saturday, May 18, 2024 – Easter Weekday**

**Sunday, May 19, 2024 – Solemnity - Pentecost**

**10:00 AM – Holy Mass**

For All Parishioners of the Holy Family Parish

For God's blessing for Fr. Mariusz on 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

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

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

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