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OPENING HYMN

Come Rejoice Our Lord Is Risen (verses 1, 2, 4) – PNCC #127

ENTRANCE HYMN (Psalm 66:2-3)

C. Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name; proclaim His glorious praise. Alleluia.

R. Say to God, “How tremendous are Your deeds! for Your great strength Your enemies fawn upon You. 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 3:13-15, 17-19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter said to the people: "The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and denied in Pilate's presence when he had decided to release him. You denied the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead; of this we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers, that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did; but God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O my just God,
you who relieve me when I am in distress;
have pity on me, and hear my prayer!

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

Know that the LORD does wonders for his faithful one;
the LORD will hear me when I call upon him.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

O LORD, let the light of your countenance shine upon us!
You put gladness into my heart.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

As soon as I lie down, I fall peacefully asleep,
for you alone, O LORD,
bring security to my dwelling.

R. Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING

1 JN 2:1-5A

A reading from the First Letter of Saint John.

My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only but for those of the whole world. The way we may be sure that we know him is to keep his commandments.

Those who say, "I know him," but do not keep his commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him. The Word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

CF. LK 24:32

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

GOSPEL

LK 24:35-48

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke.

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, "Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?"

Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have."

And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them. He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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, Ewa Nowak, Justin Riddle, Ford Bartle,

Rosalie Clark, Joan Kotulsky, Karyn Muse, Jeff McBride, Carol Davelli, Helene Tylor, Peter Mantzaris, Richard Tomkovitz, Terry Kleckner, Meredith Straw, Kamil Dudała, Colleen Kortz, Lori Tomko, Charles Koczera, Marlene Koczera, Jon Razukiewicz, Dave Calabria.

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

Jesus Christ Our Lord Has Risen (verses 1 & 4) – PNCC #128

FAITH SHARING

The common theme of today's readings is the challenge to adjust our lives to the living presence of the risen Lord as we grow daily more aware of the presence of His Holy Spirit within us and surrounding us. This awareness should strengthen our hope in His promises and lead us to bear witness to Christ by our works of charity. The readings also remind us that the purpose of the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus was to save us from our sins.

The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, gives us Peter's second sermon addressing the Jewish assembly at the Portico of Solomon in Jerusalem. Peter forcefully shows how the messianic prophecies have



been fulfilled in the crucified and risen Jesus and challenges the Jews to repent and turn toward God so that their sins may be wiped away.

In the second reading, John answers doubts raised by the heretics of his time, asserting the fundamental Christian doctrine that Jesus' death was a sacrifice offered as expiation for our sins.

Today's Gospel describes Jesus' appearance on the evening of His Resurrection to his apostles who were in the locked Upper Room, the Cenacle. We see Jesus remove the doubts of his apostles about his Resurrection by inviting them to touch him and by eating a piece of cooked fish. Jesus explains how the prophecies have been fulfilled in him. Then he commissions them to bear witness to him and preach "*repentance and forgiveness of sins in his name*" after receiving the Holy Spirit.

LIFE MESSAGE

We need to share the apostles' "Upper Room Experience" in the Holy Mass: The same Jesus who, in the Upper Room, the Cenacle, prepared the disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. In the "Liturgy of the Word" of God, Jesus speaks to us. In the "Liturgy of the Eucharist," Jesus becomes our spiritual food and drink. Thus, today's Gospel scene is repeated every Sunday on our parish altars. Like the early disciples, we come together to repent of our sins, express our gratitude for blessings received, listen to God's word, and offer our lives to God along with our petitions



and His gifts of consecrated Bread and Wine. We also consume the spiritual food Jesus supplies, thus gaining the strength necessary for sharing Christ's message with the entire world, mainly by living transparent Christian lives.



SAMBS MEETINGS AND MISSION COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Apr 14, 2024; May 12, 2024

USHERS FOR SUNDAY COLLECTION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday, April 14

Frank Pociask, Stan Tadajski

Sunday, April 21

Bill Griffiths, Rich DeLong

Sunday, April 28

Don Newcamp, George Jobs



NATIONAL MISSION & EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

National Mission & Evangelism Workshop will be on **April 12-14th** at **St. Barbara Parish, Houtzdale, PA**. All pastors and the laity representatives from each parish are encouraged to attend.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING.

The next board meeting is on Thursday April 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the church hall.

CHURCH DE-DECORATING

Thank you, Barb and Iza, for de-decorating the church after Easter, removing the Lord's Tomb and cleaning in the sanctuary.

RECTORY FLOOD REPORT

As I mentioned on the last Sunday, our rectory lower rooms and garage had been flooded as a result of broken underground pipe and heavy rain for many days. The insurance company sent an adjuster to us in answer to our claim. There is no coverage for any flood on our policy because parish never purchased that option. The burst of the underground cast iron drainpipe was probably caused by the corroded and aged material. Moreover, the hard ceramic tiles debris inside are preventing the visual camera inspection. This is just a theory, and it cannot be confirmed without digging around. The water is still soaking in through the house walls causing farther damage underneath the newly installed vinyl plank floor.

In addition to it the tile roof in the corner is also damaged by the wind, causing rainwater going in to the attic and soaking in to the wall and ceiling in the living room. Thank you, Stanley Tadajski, for helping in temporary fixing it. However, all those tiles on the edge are either missing or moving and need the professional roofer attention ASAP. The Parish board will talk about it on this Thursday meeting. Your advise and support is also appreciated. Come and join us on the meeting on **Thursday, April 18, at 7:00 PM.**

SPRING CRAFT SHOW

The Spring Craft Show will be held on **Saturday, April 20, 2024 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.** We are asking for Chinese Auction Baskets and/or Lottery Tickets to be donated. In addition, we would like to try something new -- a gift card tree. Donate a gift card of your choosing. Baskets, gift cards, and lottery tickets should be turned in to Kristen by Sunday, April 7. For those who will not be able to attend the show but would still like to support the event, we will be selling Chinese Auction Tickets and 50/50 Raffle Tickets after mass on Sunday, April 14.

If you would like to donate baked goods for our baked goods table, you can bring them down on Friday, April 19, from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm, or the morning of the show. Baked goods will be most helpful. Polish food, drinks, and baked goods will be available for purchase the day of the show.

Canned pop donations are needed for the Spring Show -- especially Coke, Diet Coke, Root Beer, and Dr. Pepper. We do not need bottled water. Also, donations to help defray the cost of the meat and produce would be appreciated.



We will need help Friday, April 19, between 10:00 am - 5:00 pm with the food prep work. In addition, we are asking for volunteers on the day of the show who can help the crafters unload their cars at 8:00 am and then reload them at 3:00 pm. If you are able to help, please let Kristen know.

Thank you in advance for your help and support for the craft show. All proceeds from our show will benefit the church.

Remember: when you see the event on Facebook, please share it and invite your family and friends. Any questions, please call Kristen Korenoski --
- 412-848-9215.

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.

This is an open invitation to all Parishioners and Friends. 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** .



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 14, 2024 – 3rd Easter Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Mildred Kotulsky – requested by Barbara Kostovny

† Barbara Hall – requested by Henrietta & Terry Kleckner

† Josephine Tarli (Birthday) – requested by Bob, Cindy, Diane and Archie

Monday, April 15, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Thursday, April 18, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Friday, April 19, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Saturday, April 20, 2024 – Easter Weekday

Sunday, April 21, 2024 – 4th Easter Sunday

10:00 AM – Holy Mass

† Raymond Kostovny – requested by Dolores Zoretich

4/28/24 Su 10:00 AM 5 Easter Sunday

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Adam Lesnický

† Mack Mastrovich – requested by Carol Davelli & Family

4/30/24 Tu 10:00 AM Solemnity – St. Joseph the Worker

† Irene Jugan – requested by Walt Cook Family

5/3/24 Fr 10:00 AM Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross

† Bonnie Zaucha – requested by Jim & Barbara Rippon

5/4/24 St 11:00 AM Memorial Mass

† Kenneth Kost – requested by David Kost

5/5/24 Su 10:00 AM 6 Easter Sunday

† Laura Adamek – requested by Cathi Glanz

5/9/24 Th 10:00 AM Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord

† George & Irene Jugan – requested by Popovic Family

5/12/24 Su 10:00 AM 7 Easter Sunday / Mother’s Day

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

OPEN

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

OPEN



MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for _____

Date requested _____

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ **Mass stipend \$** _____

*Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to:
Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 1921 Eden Park Blvd, McKeesport, PA 15132*