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MAY 5, 2024 – 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

**9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be
 celebrated in the Traditional Rite.**

**Mass Intention: Śp. Maryann Burke offered by
 Mary Tudryn and friends.**

OPENING HYMN

“To Thee, We Come, O Lord.”



ENTRANCE HYMN

- V. 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 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.**

THE GLORIA

**Glory to God in the Highest,
 And peace to His people on earth.
 Lord God, heavenly King,
 Almighty God, and Father
 We worship You; we give You thanks,
 We praise you for Your glory,
 Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
 Lord God, Lamb of God**

**You take away the sins of the world,
 Have mercy on us
 You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
 Receive our prayer,
 For you alone are the Holy One
 You alone are the Lord,
 You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
 With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of
 God the Father. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER

- C. The Lord be with you.**
- R. And also with you.**
- C. Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Your Son revealed
 the mysteries of heaven to us and called us His
 friends. Grant us the grace to prove ourselves
 worthy of His choice. We ask this through the same
 Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the
 Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**
- R. Amen.**



LITURGY OF THE WORD OF GOD

(Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48)

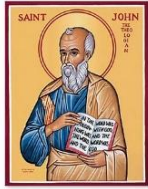
**When Peter entered, Cornelius met him
 and, falling at his feet, paid him homage.
 Peter, however, raised him up, saying,
 "Get up. I myself am also a human being."
 Then Peter proceeded to speak and said,
 "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.
 Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and 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.**

- C. The Lord of the Lord.**
- R. Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

(John 15:10a,12)

- V. If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love. Alleluia.
R. This is My commandment: love one another as I love you. Alleluia.



A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE

(1 John 4:7-10c)

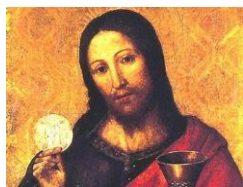
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through Him. In this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

- C. This is the Word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(1 John 4:12b)

- V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
V. If we love one another, God remains in us and His love is brought to perfection.
R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN

(John 15:9-17)

- C. The Lord be with you.
R. And also with you.
C. A reading from the Gospel according to John.
R. Glory be to You, O Lord.

Jesus said to His disciples: As the Father loves Me, so I also love you. Remain in My love. If you keep My commandments, 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."

- C. This is the Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



PROFESSION OF FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is seen and unseen.
I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father.
God from God, Light from Light, True God
from true God, begotten not made
Of one being with the Father.
Through Him all things were made
For us and for our salvation.
He came down from heaven:
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He was born of the Virgin Mary
AND BECAME MAN.
For our sake, He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
In fulfillment of the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and
Is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
And His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord and Giver of Life
Who proceeds from the Father,
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in One, Holy, Catholic
and Apostolic Church
I acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
I look for the resurrection of the dead
And the + life of the world to come. Amen.



OFFERTORY VERSE

(John 15:7)

V. If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you. Alleluia.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Almighty God, accept this oblation in the name of Your Son, empower us to know Your law of love and to live it with open hearts and minds. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Let us Pray: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

COMMUNION VERSE

(Ecclesiastes 9:7)

V. Go, eat your bread with joy and drink your wine with a merry heart because it is now that God favors your works. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C. The Lord be with you.

R. And also with you.

C. Let us pray. Lord, Jesus Christ, through this Holy Communion, help us to be diligent in celebrating these days of joy. Teach us to heed Your words and to walk in Your ways. For You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD UNTO THE GENTILES

In today's first reading, from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles, we find Peter, who came unto a gentile, Cornelius, and his household, who heard the word of God and were baptized into the faith. Known as the "Apostle to the Jews," Peter, tried to keep the "followers of the Way," later know as Christians, to adhere to the Law of Moses or Torah.

In the Gospel of Matthew 10:5-6 we read the directives of Jesus, when He chose the twelve Apostles: "these twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

But we also read in the Gospel of John 10:16 where Jesus declares: "And I have other sheep, that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will heed my voice. So, there shall be one flock, one shepherd."

The discrepancy of these two passages may lie in the fact that Matthew wrote his Gospel account to the Jews circa 85 AD, pointing to the Messiahship of Jesus, where John was the last to write his Gospel account of Jesus, circa 90-100 AD, to the world.

It should be noted that as gentiles began to convert from paganism to Christianity, a dispute arose among Christian leaders as to whether or not gentiles needed to observe all the tenets of Mosaic Law. In particular, it was debated as to whether these gentile converts needed to be circumcised or observe the dietary laws. Paul known as the "Apostle to the Gentiles," believed that gentiles did not need to be circumcised or observe dietary laws. Others, sometimes called "Judaizers," felt that the gentile Christians needed to fully comply with the Law of Moses.



STATUE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

On Easter Sunday, on the Solemnity of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, three symbols of Easter are carried by members of our Parish in a prescribed and holy procession.

In this Holy procession, the celebrant, follows the Processional Cross, and the three symbols of Easter; the ‘Pascal Candle’, the “Glorified Cross of Christ” and the “Statue of the Resurrected Lord.” The celebrant carries the “Ostensorium” or Monstrance, which contains the “Luna,” a glass enclosure, which according to our faith, contains the Holy Eucharist, the Consecrated Body of Christ, consecrated on Holy Thursday and which is carried three times around the nave of the Church, on Easter Sunday, stopping at the four corners, representing the four corners of the world and proclaiming His Resurrection.

In the past two weeks, I spoke about the importance and significance of the first two symbols of Easter which are carried in procession: the “Pascal Candle” and the “Glorified “Cross” of Jesus.

Today, I would like to speak about the third symbol, which is carried on Easter Sunday, the last symbol of Easter, which I consider the most important. to be carried. It is the “Statue of the Risen Lord” traditionally carries a red flag of victory, a symbol of overcoming death.

This statue, I believe, represents the fulfillment of prophecies of the Old Testament, the sacrifice of the Lamb of God,” as declared by John the Baptist and the worthiness of the Lamb to open the “book of Life” as found in the last book of the New Testament, in the Book of Revelation 5:1-14.

The Scroll and the Lamb

“And I saw in the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne, a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a strong

angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, and I wept much, that no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. “

“Then one of the elders said to me, “Weep not; lo, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that He can open the scroll and its seven seals. And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders, I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth; and He went and took the scroll from the right hand of Him who was seated on the throne.”

“And when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and with golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints; and they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy art thou to take the scroll and to open its seals, for thou wast slain and by thy blood didst ransom men for God from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and hast made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on earth.”

“Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all therein, saying, “To Him who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might for ever and ever!” And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped Him.”





THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

According to Holy Scripture, Jesus was seen by many witnesses for forty days following His Resurrection. Following these forty days, scripture tells us that He [Jesus] ascended into heaven. (Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:44-53.)

A more profound description of His Ascension, appears in Acts of the Apostles, written in Greek by St. Luke, circa 70 to 90 AD.

In this account, it is believed that Luke the Evangelist, wrote to a Roman official, Theophilus, who was to hear the story of St. Paul, while Paul was on trial in Rome. It is believed that Luke was to offer a “character reference” to Theophilus, of not only the life and travels of St. Paul, but the beginnings of the history of the Christian Church as first found in the Gospel of Saint Luke, written circa 63-70 AD according to the “Encyclopedia Britannia.”

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-20

“In the first book, O The-oph’ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them, during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them, He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, “you heard from Me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

The Ascension of Jesus

“So, when they had come together, they asked Him, ‘Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samar’ia and to the end of the earth.” And when He

had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven, as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

As we close the chapter of the story of the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ, 40 days later, we celebrate this Thursday the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The importance of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus was to be a part of the early Christian creeds, or professions of faith, starting with the “Apostle’s Creed,” believed to have been written as early as the 2nd Century AD where we read:

“He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.”

From the Nicene Creed composed in 325 AD we read the following:

“He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.”



OUR PARISH CALENDAR

DAILY HOLY MASS

8:45 am Morning Devotions

9:00 am Holy Mass of the Eucharist

THIS WEEK’S MASS SCHEDULE

(May 6th – May 11th)

- Mon. 5/6 **Mass of Thanksgiving**
John before the Latin Gate, Apostle Evodius of Antioch, Bishop Edbert, Abbot & Bishop
- Tue. 5/7 **Mass of Health & Healing**
Stanislaw of Krakow, Bishop & M. Domitian of Huy, Bishop John of Beverly, Bishop

- Wed. 5/8** **Mass to the Holy Angels of God**
 Victor Manrus, Martyr
 Agathus, Martyr
 Benedict II of Rome, Bishop
- Thurs. 5/9** **Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord**
 Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop & Doctor
 Pachomius, Abbot
 Gerontius of Cervia, Bishop & Martyr
- Fri. 5/10** **Mass to the Holy Martyrs of God.**
75th Anniversary of the Martyrdom
of Bishop Joseph Padewski
 Joseph Padewski, Bishop & Martyr
 Calepodius, Prince & Martyr
 Gordian & Epimachus, Martyrs
- Sat. 5/11** **Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus**
 Ansfrid of Utrecht, Bishop
 Walter, Abbot
 Mamerius of Vienna, Bishop



NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

**7th SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MOTHER'S DAY**

9:00 am – Holy Mass of the Eucharist to be celebrated in the Traditional rite.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH
MAY 12TH

Following Holy Mass on Mother's Day, an invitation is extended to all to come and share a Mother's Day Brunch. Menu to include: bagels and cream cheese, fresh fruit cups, various quiches, as well as coffee, tea and assorted pastries.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024

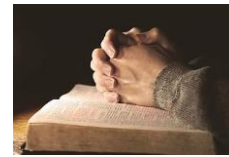
12:00 pm Litany to the Blessed Mother Mary



ED MISSION & EVANGELISM COMMISSION

“Your lamp is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.” - Psalm 119:105

During the month of May 2024, the Eastern Diocesan Mission and Evangelism Commission of the PNCC, has called upon its members and others to offer the following two following prayers each Wednesday at noon:



A PRAYER OF PETITION

Heavenly Father, Your Son assured us: “whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive if you have faith; and that the Father will give you whatever you ask Him in My name.” As Your child I turn to You and in the name of Jesus I offer my humble prayer for (offer your petition or request to God). I put my faith and trust in You, dear Father, for You always know what is right and best. May Your will be done. Amen.

(From PNCC Book of Devotions and Prayers).

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us of our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.



PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

In our prayers, may we remember all our brothers and sisters, who are sick and ill and ask for God's blessings of health and healing. Let us also remember in prayer:

Louise Puchalski currently at The Atrium at Cardinal Drive in Agawam, MA.

George Sadowski currently at Quabbin Valley Rehabilitation Center in Athol, MA.

Joseph Kiloski currently at Amherst Rehabilitation Facility in Amherst, MA

Let us pray. O Lord, God of mercies, in Your kindness stretch out Your hand and heal all our brothers and sisters who are in any way ailing. Make them worthy of health, deliver them from their present sicknesses and illness and grant them recovery in Jesus' holy name. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

DISCIPLESHIP 2024:

KNOW YOUR FAITH, GROW IN CHRIST

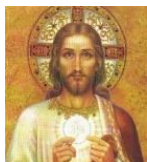
The Eastern Diocese will focus on Being Christians Today: Christian Identity, Sources of Strength, and Challenges. Please join us for the fifth in a series on

Thursday May 9, 2024, at 7:00 PM (EDT).

The Rev. Christopher Rogalski will help us to explore the topic, **Prayer and Meditation.**

“Prayer is the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God: talking with God and listening to Him.”

**To join via Zoom, please contact
revpauls@yahoo.com or
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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

Daily Devotions

New copies of the Easter daily devotional booklet, “One Bread, One Body” are now available, free of charge, and found in the vestibule of our Church. These booklets provide daily devotions, which are in accord with the daily readings as found in the “Common Lectionary” of the Christian Church.



Our Food Ministry: “Feeding the Hungry”

” For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.” - Matthew 25:35-36

The one fact that I have learned is that there are many parishes in the PNCC that have taken on ministries to help others in need by either giving away food items or by sponsoring monthly “suppers” to aid feed the hungry.

I also want to thank all who have and continue to donate non-perishable food items as well as monetary donations to aid our food ministry. We continue to ask for assistance with all non-perishable food items, as well as monetary donations. May God bless all our endeavors.

The date of our next grocery ministry will be on Saturday, **May 18 from 10:00 am** while supplies last.

I also wish to acknowledge and thank Sharon Paciorek who was instrumental in providing our Parish with several boxes of ham and cheese “Hot Pockets” as well as Linda Puchalski who helped bring these items over to our Parish Hall.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



SPAGHETTI & MEATBALLS

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

On Saturday, May 18th, we are planning on sponsoring a spaghetti and meatball dinner (**for takeout only**) starting at 12:00 Noon. The meal will consist of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls and dessert. Price per meal has been set at \$12.00. The deadline for reservations will be Sunday, May 12th. We will advertise this meal throughout our community. Please see Linda Puchalski or a member of the Parish Committee for more information and for reservations.

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to thank Eric & Sue Dibrindisi, who helped to remove the protective panels from our church windows this past week.

I would also like to thank Peg Kostiuik, Alice Maiewski and Shirley Mietlicki – Floyd and Sue Dibrindisi for changing out of our altar cloths and putting away our Easter flowers.