

THOMAS

Low Sunday Niedziela Przewodnia

April 15, 2012
Rite: Deacon Missal
First reading: Acts 4:32-35
Psalm: Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24
R. **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.**
Epistle: 1 John 5:1-6
Gospel: John 20:19-31

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki
Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Matins.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Basket Social

Third Sunday of Easter III Niedziela po Wielkanocy

April 22, 2012
Rite: Pew Missal, Page 63
First reading: Acts 3:13-15,17-19
Psalm: Ps 4:2,4,7-9
R. **Lord, let Your face shine on us.**
Epistle: 1 John 2:1-5
Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Intention: For all parishioners

Celebrant: Rev. Adam Czarnecki
Deacon: Rev. Mr. James Konicki
Lector: Lawrence Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Matins.
- Holy Mass
- Coffee Hour – please join us
- Parish Committee Meeting

Crop Walk:

Crop Walk is Sunday, May 6th. Crop Walk raises funds that help in 80 countries providing food; emergency supplies; wells for safe drinking water; as well as seeds, tools, and education to assist people in caring for themselves. Twenty-five percent (25%) of all funds raised assist in our community. For more details and sign ups please see Deacon Jim.

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Upcoming...

- Apr. 22: 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Apr. 27-29: Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Cedar Lake, IN
- Apr. 29: Good Shepherd Sunday
- Apr. 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman
- May 5th: Diocesan ANS Convention
- May 6: 5th Sunday of Easter
- May 10: Martyrdom of Bishop Padewski
- May 13: 6th Sunday of Easter
- May 13: Mother's Day
- May 17: Solemnity of the Ascension, Solemn Vespers at 7pm
- May 18-20: 67th Annual YMSofR Bowling Tournament, Schenectady
- May 20: 7th Sunday of Easter
- May 27: Pentecost Sunday

Where's heaven?

I know, it doesn't look like it, but right here.

"With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus"

It is a typical question children may ask, where is heaven? Truthfully, we all wonder too, where is heaven?

Scripture tells us that God created the universe in six days. Of course, the universe is what we can see and perceive. As human beings, and people who live in a culture where science has helped us so much, we may think that we could somehow analyze how things work and find that place, that part of matter and energy where we might find God and His dwelling.

If we believe, and we should, that God created the heavens and the earth we know that God's dwelling exists apart from what

we can perceive with senses and science. Heaven exists outside the dimensions of both space and time.

God's revelation in scripture gives us glimpses into what heaven will be like. Jesus told us that He will prepare a place for us. He tells us that it will be like a great banquet. In heaven there will be no sadness, only joy, and it will be a place of light. We also know, that based on what Thomas and the other apostles and disciples experienced in meeting Jesus after the resurrection that our bodies will be imperishable, we will be glorious, powerful, and spiritual.

The problem, of course, is that we tend to perceive heaven as a different and separate place we have to get to. This can be dangerous since we may focus all our energy on getting there to the detriment of building God's

kingdom here as we are asked to do.

God and His heavenly kingdom permeate time and space. God's kingdom – heaven – is all around us and in us. One day, and we pray soon, they will come together. We will be joined to God, the dead will be raised, and we will live together in an entirely new place, as told in the Book of Revelation (21:1): *Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the old heaven and the old earth had disappeared.*

How do we get there? Through repentance from sin and being regenerated in Him. We must accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Then, by doing the things necessary to build the kingdom of God.

Heaven is here, all around us. To see it, to best get there, we must work to bring people to faith in Jesus. Then, working together, we must do our all to show what the kingdom will be like – by our charity, by love for all.

Like the apostles, that's how we must bear witness to the resurrection.

"Dear friends, now we are children of God and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him."

1 John 3:2

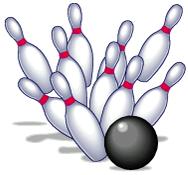
Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 1:6
MONDAY: John 20:19,26
TUESDAY: John 20:27 4:13
WEDNESDAY: Revelation 22:2
THURSDAY: Revelation 22:3
FRIDAY: Isaiah 35:5-6
SATURDAY: Matthew 17:3

Pray

Lord Jesus, help me to see that heaven is not just a goal, but also something I must bring about.

Bowling



The **67th Annual PNCC Bowling Tournament**, which we are hosting, is not too far off. If you wish to bowl, have children who would like to bowl (for free at the children's event), or join in fellowship with members of the PNCC from across the country, forms are available from Deacon Jim or online at <http://www.ymsrbowl.org/>.

This wonderful event is a real opportunity to show the life and energy of our parish. We are not only a blessing to our local community and each other, but to the whole Church.

We also ask for your assistance in manning the registration table, providing assistance at the banquet (sign-ins), and other needed areas.

Thank you!!!!!!!

To all who offered baskets for today's social, to all who cooked, prepared, organized, donated, and did the little things that make this event such a success. We are so blessed to have you as co-workers in God's field, providing Christian hospitality and the joy of fellowship.

The lives we touch at an event like this will remember the way we have reflected the light of Christ.

--- The Parish Committee and Deacon Jim

Of note...

Basket Social: Our amazing, wonderful, ever popular basket social is TODAY!!! Thank you for your work, creativity, and generosity.

Coffee Hour: Our weekly coffee hours are a warm and wonderful experience, a time to gather and speak with each other while we enjoy a wealth of good things to eat. If you are able, please help by signing up to take care of a coffee hour. Please see Ed Bertasso with any questions.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you. God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. The YMSofR – Men's Society of the Resurrection, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.

Serendipity Calendar: What a fun way to support the

Praying for...

Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Art, Dee & Baby, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Jasimine Russo, Stanley Radzyminski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Derek, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Couns, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węgliński, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis Joan, Matthew, Brian, Shari, Adam, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, Lasser Family, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember:

All Saints Parish, Carnegie, PA its congregation and pastor, Fr. Senior Richard Seiler.

Bless them, O Lord!
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

parish and potentially WIN! The Serendipity Calendar allows you to choose one or more numbers between 001 and 999. If your number is drawn in the day's NYS Lottery Daily Numbers game, you win. Sign-ups have begun for 2012. Reserve your numbers early so you get your lucky numbers. Note that re-subscription notices will be mailed shortly. The cost for each number chance is \$20.