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Seventh Sunday of Easter *Mothers' Day* May 8, 2016 Siódma Niedziela Wielkanocna *Dzień Matki* 8 Maja 2016



Blessed Jesus, you are the Alpha and the Omega, even when we sometimes seem caught in the middle. Give us the hope filled faith of Stephen, who sees your coming and presence amid tragedy, misunderstanding and darkness. In the power of Your Spirit of forgiveness, help us not to hold the darkness, disappointments, and dysfunctions of others against them, even when they hurt us. Come quickly, like a bridegroom chasing your bride. We desire to be wanted, loved and embraced, Lord Jesus. "May Your Kingdom Come" daily echoes in our hearts and human experience. Come quickly! Come now! Heal our world. Heal our hearts! Thank you for being beyond and within us, Beloved One. Help us to live the tension of your beyondness and the hope of your closeness. Thank you for our Moms today, Holy Nurturing Mother, and for all the women who nurture our spirits and image your eternal maternal love.

#### 7 Sunday of Easter, Cycle C - Mothers' Day

9:15 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer. 9:30 a.m. - Holy Mass - Traditional Rite - Mass Book, page 13. *Mass intention: For all Mothers*.

**ENTRANCE HYMN** (Ephesians 4:1b-3)

*Priest:* Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received. Alleluia.

All: With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace. Alleluia.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60

GRADUAL (Acts 2:46-47a)

*Priest:* Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. Alleluia.

All: They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying with all the people. Alleluia.

SECOND READING: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20

ALLELUIA (Colossians 1:17)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Priest:* He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. *All:* Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 17:20-26

*Priest:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John *All:* Glory be to You, Lord!

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying:

"Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."

*Priest:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Reflection Questions:



- 1. Jesus actually said of the disciples, "Father, they are your gift to me. I
- wish that where I am they also may be with me." Are there people you think of as "gifts" to you? Is there a way you can reside with Jesus now? How? Who else resides with him?

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## Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 Second Reading: 1Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 20:19-23



#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ Today <u>Mothers' Day</u> after Holy Mass Blessing of All Mothers; after the Liturgy -Presentation of movie Interview with Fr. Sen. Fryderyk Banas (part 1)
  - ◆<u>May Devotion</u> (in Polish) every Tuesday during May at 6:30 pm
  - ◆ <u>Polish Classes</u> every Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall
  - ◆ <u>Visual Bible Study</u> every Thursday at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall
  - ◆ <u>Thursday, May 26 Solemnity of</u> <u>Corpus Christi</u> - Central Seniorate Service at Saint Joseph Parish, Westfield, MA at 7:00 pm

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Coffee Hour Sponsors: Today - **Krysia Newman** next Sunday - Danuta Czarnecka



# **Dear Parishioners**

The Polish Dinner will be upon us soon – June 11, 2016. As you know, the cost of food to prepare all the wonderful dishes we enjoy has increased. The Parish Committee is soliciting monetary donations or perhaps a gift card to Aldi's, Stop & Shop or Big Y to cover some of the cost of food. Our goal is \$200.00. Any donation will be very much appreciated. Our dinner events help with the parish operating expenses, especially the heating oil. Any donation you can give (no amount is too small) will be noted in the Church bulletin unless you specify that you would like it to remain anonymous. You can leave your donations in the collection basket during Mass or you can give it to Chris so Newman, Chair, Parish Committee or Stephen Matusewicz, Treasurer. Hopefully we can meet our goal. Thank you for supporting all parish projects and events. Fr. Adam Czarnecki

Cleaning of the Church - Saturday, May 21 at 8:00 am

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

Shirley Krawczynski - 18 Dickinson Street, Northampton, MA 01060 John Lenkowski - 31 Denise Court, Northampton, MA 01060 Grace Mackiewicz - 9 Chestnut Street, #6, Amherst, MA 01002 Edward Antosz - 34 Hockanum Rd, Northampton, MA 01060 Very Rev. Fryderyk Banas - 61 Maple St, Ware, MA 01082 Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski - 9201 West Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631 Rev. Jan Wilczek - 839 County St, New Bedford, MA 02740,

Please say a prayer for peace, comfort and healing for our sick sisters and brothers; send a card to them.

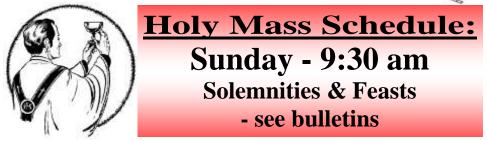
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For Holy Mass intentions contact Fr. Adam after Sunday Holy Mass or anytime by phone (413) 584-0133.