



HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 3, 2016

Low Sunday

Niedziela Przewodnia

April 3, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 82.

First reading: Acts 5:12-16

Psalm: Ps 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love is everlasting.

Epistle: Revelation 1:9-13,17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Intention: for all parishioners

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Easter Lauds at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite), Exposition and Benediction
- Coffee Hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

3rd Sunday of Easter

III Niedziela po Wielkanocy

April 10, 2016

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

First reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41

Psalm: Ps 30:2,4,5-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Epistle: revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

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If any were a devout lover of God, let him partake with gladness from this fair and radiant feast. If any were a faithful servant, let him enter rejoicing into the joy of his Lord. If any have wearied him with fasting, let him now enjoy his reward. If any have labored from the first hour let him receive today his rightful due. If any have come after the third let him celebrate the feast with thankfulness. If any have come after the sixth let him not be in doubt, for he will suffer no loss. If any have delayed until the ninth let him not hesitate but draw near. If any have arrived only at the eleventh let him not be afraid because he comes so late. For the Master is generous and accepts the last even as the first. He gives rest to him who comes at the eleventh hour in the same way as to him to have labored from the first. He accepts the deed, and commends the intention. Enter then, all of you, into the joy of our Lord. First and last, receive alike your reward. Rich and poor, dance together. You who have fasted and you, who have not fasted, rejoice today. The table is fully laden; let all enjoy it. The calf is fattened; let none go away hungry.. – St. John Chrysostom

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Father Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Fr. Jim at 518-522-0944. You may also call Fr. Mark Gnidzi.

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Upcoming...

- **April 3: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **April 4: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the B.V.M.**
- **April 10: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am with Baptism.**
- **April 17: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Basket Social at Noon at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center.**
- **April 18: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee meets.**
- **April 22-24: National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, South Milwaukee, WI.**
- **April 24: 5th Sunday of Easter, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **April 25: Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist**
- **April 26-27 Supreme Council Meets in Lancaster, NY.**

We invite all who believe in the true presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist to partake. It is our practice to distribute the Holy Eucharist by intinction. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

Witnessing to Jesus without fear.

He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld."

John, Jesus' beloved Apostle, is exiled on a Greek island. He'd been cut off from His community. They tried to kill him repeatedly without success. If they couldn't kill him, at least they could send him far away and shut him up. That didn't work either. While on this far away rock Jesus comes to John. He gives him a command. Write what you see so that your witness will be preserved. The words of your mouth and the writing you undertake in my Holy Name cannot be silenced. To reinforce this Jesus showed up in the fullness of heavenly glory.

For nearly eighty years, John had traveled the world, proclaiming the saving action of Jesus. He met the resurrected Jesus on that awesome

Sunday. That gave him more than just power and the ability to speak and write. It gave him the gift of joy. No matter where he would end up, no matter where he would go, he had Jesus – and a clear path to eternal life.

Many heard him. He wrote his witness and sent letters. Because of his witness some believed. They came to Jesus by faith. Many others walked away or outright rejected the message.

The question of Jesus has perplexed generations. Encountering and believing in Jesus was even difficult for the Apostles. The whole group thought that they had seen a ghost. Thomas couldn't see it. To this day Jesus is accepted by few and rejected by many.

Jesus showed forth His power over nature, sickness, and death itself. His resurrection attests to His Divinity, and we embrace Him. Yet many are like a judge in a court who has heard an open-

and-shut case and then reaches a verdict exactly opposite from the facts. Everything about Jesus was astounding, astonishing, humanly inexplicable, marvelous, superhuman, supernatural, and Divine. Many saw it all and still refused Jesus. Is it any wonder then that "*Jesus marveled at their unbelief?*" How can one be exposed to such an infinite number of convincing credentials and witnesses and walk away?

Like John we have the gift of faith and the power of Jesus in us. We have witnessed amazing things. Hearts and lives are changed, peace comes, healing is made real, and death is no more. The tomb is empty! Joy is ours. Jesus has changed our lives as He changed Thomas'. Like the Apostles, the sent, we have these great gifts and a heart to share them. Never fear witnessing to Him and all these amazing things. Rejection cannot overcome the joy we have. Let us remain steadfast and take Jesus' word to heart: "*Do not be afraid*"

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 5:3-5
MONDAY: James 1:2-4
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 4:13
WEDNESDAY: Romans 12:12
THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 12:10
FRIDAY: Romans 8:18-21
SATURDAY: Psalm 94:19

Pray

Lord Jesus, fill me with Your joy. Instill confidence in me for Your promise is greater than all things.

God bless Ayla Marie

We celebrated the baptism of Ayla Marie last Sunday as part of our Resurrection Liturgy. What a beautiful occasion and a deep connection that was made particularly poignant on Easter. Our regeneration and membership in the Body of Christ given to us in baptism makes us one with the death and resurrection of Jesus. It provides us with the gift and promise of everlasting life. No one, no worldly power, can take that away. Fear is removed. Joy is made real. God bless Ayla and her wonderful family!

Basket Social

Our ever-popular Basket Social with so many baskets is almost ready to go. Thank you for your generosity and creativity!!! Thank you to Donna Panfil and all who assisted her in getting everything ready – Larry, Liz, Marilyn, Shirley, and Marianne. God bless you.

As always, you know the baskets are great when everyone visiting the church hall has dibs on several baskets - 'I'm going to win that one...'

The Basket Social will be held Sunday, April 17th, starting at noon, AT A NEW LOCATION: **The Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St, Schenectady, NY 12303**. Be sure to invite friends and family to attend.

Newsletters

Are available today. Please take yours to help reduce mailing costs.

Music Scholarship Applications

With the 2015 Music Scholarships, the Church has given out 1059 scholarships totaling \$298,085. Applications for the 2016 Scholarship Program are available at <http://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com/music-scholarship-application.html> and Junior Incentive Award applications are available at <http://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com/junior-incentive-application.html>. We strongly encourage all who can to apply. The deadline for applying is May 15, 2016.

Kurs and CONVO

Kurs and CONVO are not that far off. Youth who will be attending CONVO should get there applications in as soon as possible so we make take advantage of the discounted early bird rate.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join is to support this ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, April 27th.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is May 15th. Please be sure to continue to invite friends, family, and everyone you know to partake every month. There is no cost or charge for this meal. This service opens our home to all in need of a little company, a warm meal, and the love of Christ. Our free lunch on Sunday program is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzyminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, Mariea Chase, Nickole Mook, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Robert Dominy, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Mildred Lewis, Debbie Esposito, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, Reginald, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright, Fr. Ray Drada, Umar Abdur-Rahman, Karen Kisch.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School
- The residents and staff of City Mission of Schenectady
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish Catholic Church. This week we remember the people of B.V.M. Queen of Poland Parish, Zielona Góra, Poland and its administrator, Rev. Stanisław Stawowczyk.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held every week after 9:30am Holy Mass. Thank you to all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each week. If you can, please help out.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? The YMSofR - Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

--- Share Easter joy and invite others to glory in the cross of Jesus at Holy Name. ---