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# HEAVEN EARTH

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 28, 2013

### Fifth Sunday of Easter V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

April 28, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 14:21-27

Psalm: Ps 145:8-13

**R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Epistle: Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Intention: For all parishioners and benefactors

Worship Leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion
- School of Christian Living
- Coffee hour – please join us
- Soup on Sunday

### Sixth Sunday of Easter VI Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 5, 2013

Rite: 9:00am Pew Missal, page 63

First reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Psalm: 67:2-3,5-6,8

**O God, let all the nations praise you!**

Epistle: Revelation 21:10-14,22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Intention: For all parishioners and benefactors

Celebrant: 9:00am Rev. Rafał Dadelo

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds.
- Holy Mass
- Coffee Hour – please join us

*"A friend is more to be longed for than the light; I speak of a genuine one. And wonder not: for it were better for us that the sun should be extinguished, than that we should be deprived of friends; better to live in darkness, than to be without friends." – St. John Chrysostom*

**Sick Calls and Hospital Visits** – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health confidentiality regulations prevent them from doing so. If someone is admitted please let Deacon Jim know so he might visit, pray with them, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Parishioners in need of anointing should contact Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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### Upcoming...

- **April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter**
- **April 30: Solemnity, St. Joseph the Workman**
- **May 1: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles**
- **May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross/Polish Constitution Day**
- **May 5: 6th Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass at 9am**
- **May 9: Solemnity of the Ascension, Vespers at 7pm**
- **May 10: 62nd Anniversary, Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski**

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Deacon Jim will be away from the parish on May 5th, 12th (maybe), 19th and June 2nd, 16th, and 30th. To ensure consistency of worship, Fr. Rafał Dadelo will celebrate Holy Mass on these dates at 9AM.

**All Sunday services in May and June will be at 9AM**

## A new heaven and earth?

### What's wrong with this one?

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

Change is a challenge to us in some of its forms.

Of course we tend to ignore the small or insignificant changes around us because we might not even notice them. The grass grew a few millimeters – we wouldn't see it, but eventually we notice that its time to mow. Bigger changes confront us and we have to deal with them. It may be a move, new job, a pending graduation, retirement, or a decline in health. These changes unsettle us and may cause us stress.

Today we are confronted with God's ultimate change – the dissolution of EVERYTHING and the coming of a new heaven and earth.

St. John paints this beautifully in the poetry of Revelation. We see the *new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God*. The city is prepared as the new home where God and His people dwell together. God comes to us to live in this new place – talk about a big move. There we are joined with Him in a joy that knows no bounds. All that hinders and hurts us is cast off and there will be no more tears, death, mourning, crying, or pain.

We, as Christians, are called to be an eschatological people. It is a big word, but means that we are a people in touch with this new heaven and earth. We are a people who live in the present, but also live in this time-to-come. We are

a people that cannot wait for this change.

When we gather, particularly at Holy Mass, and in the sharing of the Holy Eucharist in communion, we are at once in many places. Instantly we are at the Last Supper, the foot of the cross, the Resurrection, the Ascension, and at the new heaven and earth.

Because we live in all of these places when we "Do this in remembrance" of Him, we are to have no fear, no stress over this coming change. In fact, we are to rejoice in it and pray unceasingly for its coming. We already live there and want to see its fulfillment.

There are many who wish to paint horrific pictures and stories about this moment to come, to instill fear, to make it stressful. Don't be fooled. We who are His people need only have confidence that all the wrongs, tears, and pains of what we have are nothing compared to the joy to come. Come Lord Jesus!

*Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night within his temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.*

**Revelation 7:15**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Peter 1:4

MONDAY: 1 John 5:5

TUESDAY: Isaiah 65:17

WEDNESDAY: 2 Peter 3:13

THURSDAY: Daniel 12:2

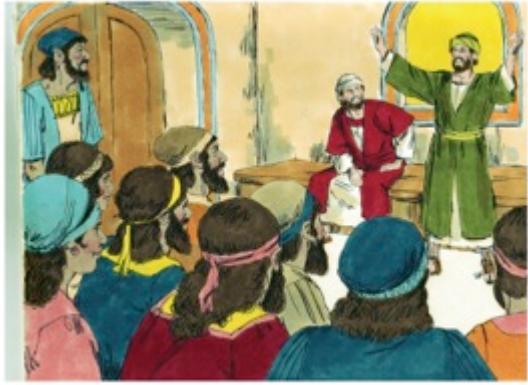
FRIDAY: Isaiah 60:1

SATURDAY: John 14:2

### Pray

Maranatha, come Lord Jesus!  
Bring us into the new and eternal  
Jerusalem.

*And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.*



## Check out the ACTS

Following the Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord, the Church through Her liturgical readings traces the footsteps of the Apostles as they go to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. As you notice, Sunday's first reading (usually taken from the Old Testament) is now taken from the Acts of the Apostles recounting their work and action in establishing the Church of Christ in so many locations. Acts is a great read and is action packed. As the apostles, deacons, and witnesses travel throughout the known world we are confronted with daring prison escapes, storms, trials, ne'er-do-wells, strong witnesses, martyrs, trips, Synods, and stories of great encounters between people at every level of society. We see the imprint of the Church as we know it today. Why do deacons baptize? Because Philip baptized the Ethiopian eunuch. Why are deacons big mouths when defending the Holy Church? Because Stephen died defending the Church. Why is the Church open to gentiles? Because Peter got a message.

Want to know why and want to enjoy a great read? Read the Acts of the Apostles for mystery, adventure, and the ultimate in truth.

## Bowling, Music, Kurs, more

The 68th Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament is around the corner. Music scholarship applications are due May 15th. Also planning is underway for the summer events including the Acolyte Retreat, KURS (June 29-July 6), the National United Choirs music workshop, and the annual YMSofR Zlot/Track and Field Tournament. See Deacon Jim and sign-up to go. These are great events!!!

## SOUP on Sunday

Today we hold our next Soup on Sunday at 11:30. Chicken soup this month! Please be sure to invite friends, family, and one 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.

Of note . . .

**Coffee Hour:** Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week.

**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 Deacon Jim.

## Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, 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, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberlan, Stanley Radzyminski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, 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 Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balmis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley Bilinski, George Damouni, Carolyn Walker, Chris, James McGrath, Brian Soos, Mary Ellen Hitchings, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Fr. Senior John Kraus, David Wielinski, Stephanie Konicki, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury

- 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: Most Holy Name of Jesus Slovak Parish in Passaic, NJ its congregation and pastor, Fr. Marian Tarnowski.

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