

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 3, 2015

Fifth Sunday of Easter

V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 3, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Acts 9:26-31

Psalm: Ps 22:26-28,30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Epistle: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Intention: For all parishioners and for vocations

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Easter Lauds at 9:20am, Asperges and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite), Exposition & Benediction.
- Coffee Hour and SOCL, First Communion Class
- Jamerry Party at 11am
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

VI Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 10, 2015

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88.

First reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Psalm: Ps 98:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Intention: For śp. Josephine Panfil off. by Larry & Donna Panfil, For all mothers living & deceased

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

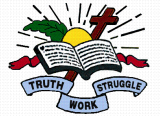
Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Easter Lauds at 9:20am, May Crowning, Asperges and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Mother's Day Breakfast and First Communion Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

Who will be so presumptuous and so blind as to think that he can preserve his own without daily help from the Lord? This is how it is, especially in view of what the Lord Himself says: 'As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in Me.' 'You can do nothing without Me.' Since He says this, since He asserts that nobody can show forth the fruits of the Spirit unless he has been inspired by God and has worked with God, it would be foolish, indeed sacrilegious, to attribute any good actions of ours to our own effort rather than to the divine grace. – St. John Cassian

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 Gnidzinski at 518- 437-1889.

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Upcoming...

- **May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter: Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Polish Constitution Day/Święto Narodowe Trzeciego Maja.**
- **May 4: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross (translated)**
- **May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter: Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Mother's Day, 64th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski**
- **May 14: Solemnity of the Ascension, Solemn Vespers at 7pm**
- **May 15: Armed Forces Day**
- **May 17: Seventh Sunday of Easter: Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Free Lunch on Sunday.**
- **May 18: Holy Mass and Anointing for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.**
- **May 23: Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola, Martyr**
- **May 24: Pentecost Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**

Times of challenge and peace.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

Saul has been converted and because of the generosity, friendship, wholeheartedness, and witness of Barnabas is brought into the fold in Jerusalem even though the fellowship still feared him. Saul is welcomed and he sets out with zeal to proclaim the name of Jesus. The Greek Jews, having heard Saul's witness set out to kill him and the Church spirits him away, back to his hometown of Tarsus.

The first three years since Jesus' ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit had been both edifying and trying. Judas was replaced. Many believers were added. The faithful witnessed out-in-the-open. They prayed in the Temple,

healed, and talked about Jesus to all who would listen. Many were added, and the Church was of one heart and soul and marked by a consistent spirit of harmony, but a price was being paid. The Apostles were hauled into court and they were whipped. Stephen was martyred.

Certainly Saul's conversion did not end prosecution. Other likely followed in his footsteps. The Greek speaking Jews plot to kill Saul shows the hatred that existed. Yet suddenly the Church was at peace.

Some scholars point out that the Jewish leadership had to take its eyes off the Christians for a while. They were probably having bigger problems with Rome. The Governor wanted to erect a statue to Caesar in the Temple. There could be a thousand other reasons as well.

As in the early Church our faith is tested at times and at other times we find ourselves at peace. Decades ago a faith commitment

was seen as a likely part of most people's lives. Going to church and following the tenants and aims of the Christian faith were 'normal.' In the modern age any true witness to the reality of Jesus and commitment to following His commands would be met with laughter and mockery at a minimum. We might find ourselves thought of as old-fashioned and outdated. At the extreme we may lose friends, face ostracism at work, possible termination from jobs or clubs and organizations, and even a court appearance or two. To us these may be fates worse than death.

The common thread we hear today is that Christians must witness publically to Jesus – to His way. We must do this whether the Church is filled with joyous zeal, is under persecution, or is living in times of peace. In all times the Church will *grow in numbers* by the commitment and dedication of His disciples (us) to the One who is the only truth and the *true vine*.

So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter.

2 Thessalonians 2:15

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 4:6
MONDAY: 2 Thessalonians 3:16
TUESDAY: John 16:33
WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 5:7
THURSDAY: Hebrews 12:14
FRIDAY: Romans 15:13
SATURDAY: 1 Corinthians 14:33

Pray

Lord Jesus, keep us in peace. Fill our hearts with peace in the face of every challenge and test. Grant us faithfulness and perseverance.

The Long Weekend

The term *długi weekend* (Polish for long weekend) is commonly used in the Polish language. In Poland, such long weekends occur several times a year. The best-known "long weekend" in Poland is at the beginning of May when there are several holidays in a row. May 1st is a state holiday, May 2nd is Flag Day and also honors Polish émigrés throughout the world. May 3rd is Constitution Day. The weekend can in fact be up to 9 days long (April 28 – May 6) and, taking one to three days off work, Poles often go for small holidays over this long weekend.

The Constitution of May 3, 1791 is considered one of the most important achievements in the history of Poland. Historian Norman Davies calls it "the first constitution of its type in Europe"; other scholars also refer to it as the world's second oldest constitution. The May 3rd Constitution was designed to redress long-standing political defects of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth. The Constitution sought to supplant the existing anarchy with a more democratic constitutional monarchy. The adoption of the May 3rd Constitution provoked the active hostility of the Commonwealth's neighbors – Austria, Germany, and Russia, leading to the partition of Poland among these powers who resisted democracy. The memory of the May 3 Constitution—recognized by political scientists as a very progressive document for its time—helped keep alive Polish aspirations for an independent and just society, and continued to inform the efforts of all who fought for Poland's freedom and for all that was good and enlightened in Polish history.

Jamberry NailArt Fundraiser Today

We are be hosting a Jamberry NailArt fundraiser today at 11am. These nail accent wraps cover two manicures and pedicures plus extra all for \$15. Please stay and join us. See Stephanie Dominy with any questions.

PNUA – Spring Growth & Renewal

The PNUA is YOUR fraternal insurance coverage and also provides great banking services. The PNUA is having a Spring promotion - **A Time for Growth and Renewal with the PNU**. The PNU can help you and your family grow financially. Contact the PNU Home Office at **1-800-724-6352** for more information on ways to grow financially.

Music Scholarships

Please visit www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com to download a copy of the National United Choir's Music Scholarship application. Write to Cathy Bilinski at nucscholarship@gmail.com if you have any questions. The application deadline is May 15th.

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is today. 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 Radzynski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Bonnie Nelson, 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 Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue White, Sue & Roger White, Jeremy Fish, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Fr. Sr. Thaddeus Dymkowski, Sue Rummel, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Michael Angehr, Resaan, Kathleen.

- 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 studying and discerning the call to the priesthood and diaconate.
- All Students and Teachers at Mont Pleasant Middle School.
- 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 Holy Spirit Cathedral Parish, Warsaw, Poland and its pastor, the Most Rev. Wiktor Wysoczański, its Rector Rev. Henryk Dąbrowski, and Rev. Mariusz Łukaszewski and Rev. Bohdan Kukharenko

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is held after worship each Sunday. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and all who assist with this ministry of hospitality. All are welcome to join with us each 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 Father Jim.

--- Please think of inviting a friend to Holy Name of Jesus ---