

focus



abide.

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH
MAY 6, 2012

Fifth Sunday of Easter V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 6, 2012

Rite: Pew Missal, Page 63

First reading: Acts 9:26-31

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

R. 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

Celebrant: Rev. Adam Czarnecki

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds.
- Holy Mass
- Coffee Hour – please join us
- Parish Committee Meeting
- Memorial Holy Mass at the Polish American Citizens Club in Albany

Sixth Sunday of Easter VI Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 13, 2012

Rite: Deacon Missal

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

Psalm: Ps 98:1-4

R. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Intention: For all mothers living and deceased

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki

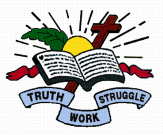
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds.
- May Crowning
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Mother's Day gathering – please join us

Honoring Mary, Honoring Mom:

Sunday, May 13th is Mother's Day. We will honor our heavenly mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, prior to services and will gather after services to celebrate our Moms. We will pray for their health and well being, and for the eternal rest of our mothers who have entered their heavenly reward.

Contact



Holy Name of Jesus

National Catholic Church, PNCC

1040 Pearl Street

Schenectady, New York 12303-1846

Parish and Hall: 518-372-1992

Fr. Adam Czarnecki: 518-842-3241

Deacon Jim Konicki:

518-765-2134 or 518-522-0944

On the Web: www.holynamencc.org

Upcoming...

- 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

Hand me a shovel,

I've got to find the source of this vine.

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit"

Which came first, the chicken or the egg? There are many versions of this question that we could propose, was it the tree or the seed, the ocean or the rain?

As we work through our week we are confronted with this question more often than we think. Consider the fact that we live in community, in a family, in a neighborhood, in an apartment building. If we work we face the community of our workplace.

Whether we belong to a club, go out to a movie, go shopping, or prepare to vote later this year we are constantly confronted by differing versions of community.

Now consider where we are this morning, in church. Certainly

the family of faith is a community, and our unity with God and each other is a shadow of the perfect community for which we are all destined. But is this community of faith somehow estranged from the rest of our communities? Is it an endpoint?

We need to ask ourselves that all-important question, what came first, all these other communities or the community of God? When we come to church do we extract ourselves – is church something we do at the “end” of the week, or do we see our church community as our place of beginnings?

Paul met Jesus on the road to Damascus. This meeting brought him into the community of faith. It was his beginning, a beginning that would change the world; the character of the Church from one limited to the near east and the

Jewish people, to full inclusiveness for all.

We need to pick up our shovels and dig into what is for us the foundation of everything we do. In digging in do we see the Church, our baptism, our weekly worship, as our beginning, our starting point? Is this where we start or where we end?

Jesus tells us that we are intimately connected to Him, as much as branches are connected to the vine. As long as we stay connected to the source of our strength and direction, as long as we know our starting point, we will have joy. We will be most productive by defining everything from our attachment to the vine. If we do we will “*bear much fruit and become His disciples.*”

St. Paul told the Ephesians that the secret to loving is living loved. “*May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love.*” Just as a tree draws nutrients from the soil, we draw nourishment from our starting point – God and His community, all joined in source, one vine.

“O God, invincible warrior, come back! Look down from heaven and take notice! Take care of this vine.”

Psalm 80:14

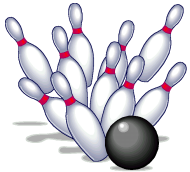
Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 15:1-4
MONDAY: Psalm 80:7-8,14-17
TUESDAY: Isaiah 5:1-7
WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah: 2:21
THURSDAY: Hosea 10:1-2
FRIDAY: Revelation 2:1-7
SATURDAY: Hebrews 12:5-13

Pray

Lord Jesus, help us to grow and flourish as members of the vine.

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.

Remembering our Holy Martyrs

We commemorate Bishop Joseph Padewski, who served our Holy Polish National Catholic Church in the United States, including locally in Albany, and in Poland this Thursday, May 10th. On September 1, 1939 Nazi Germany invaded Poland from the west and the Soviet Union invaded from the east. The losses to Poland and to the Church in Poland during the Nazi German and Soviet occupation were devastating. Over 6 million Poles died including 3 million Polish citizens of the Jewish faith. Many priests were sent to concentration camps. In all, 28% of PNCC priests were killed.

The Nazis arrested Bishop Padewski, who shepherded the PNCC in Poland, in 1942. Many of the priests and leaders of our Church already imprisoned or sent to concentration camps. After 18 months, through the intervention of the Red Cross, he was freed and returned to the United States. After the war he returned to Poland resuming his duties as Bishop of the Polish branch of the PNCC. Shortly after his return, the Soviet Union completed its takeover of Poland and asserted Communist control. In this atmosphere of Stalinist terror, Bishop Padewski was arrested by the Communist Secret Police (UB) in Warsaw and was held at their prison on Rakowieckiej Street. Bishop Padewski died on May 10, 1951 as a result of Secret Police questioning and maltreatment. Bishop Joseph, pastor and shepherd of our Holy Church, and martyr for the faith, pray for us.

Of note...

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

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, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzysinski, 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 Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis, Joan, Matthew, Brian, Shari, Adam, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, 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:

Holy Trinity Parish, Washington, PA its congregation and pastor, Fr. Mark Swoger.

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

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 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.

Serendipity Calendar: What a fun way to support the 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.