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HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 8, 2016

7th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

VII Niedziela po Wielkanocy/Dzień Matki

May 8, 2016

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

First reading: Acts 7:55-60

Psalm: Ps 97:1-2,6-7,9

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Epistle: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Intention: for all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, and special women in our lives

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

Lector: 9:30am Derek Westcott, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Easter Lauds at 9:20am. May Crowning and Devotion, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Mother's Day Breakfast, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

Pentecost Sunday

Zesłanie Ducha Świętego

May 15, 2016

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

First reading: Acts 2:1-11

Psalm: Ps 104:1,24,29-31,34

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

Sequence: Come, Holy Spirit

Gospel: John 20:19-23

Intention: for all parishioners

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

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

- Matins at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). May Devotions
- Coffee hour, SOCL Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Free Lunch on Sunday at 11:30am

We, too, approach thee today, O Queen; and again, I say, O Queen, O Virgin Mother of God, staying our souls with our trust in thee, as with a strong anchor. Lifting up mind, soul and body, and all ourselves to thee, rejoicing in psalms and hymns and spiritual canticles, we reach through thee One who is beyond our reach on account of His Majesty. If, as the divine Word made flesh taught us, honor shown to servants, is honor shown to our common Lord, how can honor shown to thee, His Mother, be slighted? How is it not most desirable? Art thou not honored as the very breath of life? Thus shall we best show our service to our Lord Himself. – St. John Damascene

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 518-453-2258

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Upcoming...

- **May 8: 7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 with May Crowning and at 11:30am. Mother's Day with Breakfast.**
- **May 10: 65th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski.**
- **May 15: Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 9:30 and at 11:30am. Free Lunch on Sunday.**
- **May 16: Holy Mass for Healing 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.**
- **May 21: Armed Forces Day**
- **May 22: Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. Holy Mass at 9:30 and at 11:30am.**
- **May 23: Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola.**
- **May 25: Bible study, 6pm**
- **May 26: Corpus Christi**
- **May 29: Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**

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.

Faith and courage.

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'

It is a pretty exclusive deal to belong to Jesus. It requires more than just showing up. It requires a leap of faith and active courage.

The leap of faith is to do what Thomas failed to do after Jesus rose from the dead. To say I believe in You Lord. I welcome you into my life. I am Yours first and foremost. I am sorry for the wrongs I have committed. I trust in You Lord.

Courage is required for that, and even more so to keep at it, to live it out in front of friends, family, and the rest of the world.

Jochebed was Moses' mother. She was one of God's chosen people and

more importantly a godly woman who stood with God and or her faith with courage.

Jochebed lived in a totally hostile environment – a slave, under subjugation who was forced without mercy to do bitter work. In the face of that she did not allow herself to surrender to hopelessness.

We would think the last straw came when Pharaoh ordered the killing of all of Israel's first-born male infants. For Jochebed, that included her son Moses.

Resistance would mean her death or a life in prison at best. But as a godly woman she was determined to resist and counter the evil pressures of Pharaoh, Pharaoh's government, and anyone who went along with Pharaoh's plan. She refused to go with the flow. She refused to consider her own life, comfort, convenience or safety. She refused to bow.

Jochebed, fearing God more than man, made a decision that, though

it put her in great jeopardy, proved to be the decision that saved her nation. By seeking to preserve Moses' life she saved Israel's future lawgiver and the leader of the Exodus. She gave Moses everything she could during those first few months and then gave him up when she couldn't hide him anymore. Certainly, after placing him afloat in the Nile she figured she'd never see him again, but she entrusted her child's life and hers' into God's hands. She acted in faith and with courage and received back more than what she gave.

It was a mother's love, faith and courage that saved her child from a cruel death and preserved him to bless the world. All godly moms do that. They trust in God and leave a legacy of faith and courage so that the world will be blessed in us.

Let us remember the godly women in our lives and be thankful for their example of faith and courage. More than that, let us live up to that faith and courage, and Jesus' prayer for us, by our very lives.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,

Galatians 4:4

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 4:2-3
MONDAY: Joel 2:28-29
TUESDAY: Galatians 3:28
WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 31:30
THURSDAY: 1 Timothy 2:9-10
FRIDAY: Psalm 68:11
SATURDAY: Revelation 12:1-2

Pray

Lord Jesus, you set Your mother, Mary, before us as an example. Grant us the grace to follow her example in serving you.

Mother's Day Celebration

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Thank you for being here to honor those special women in our lives through prayer? By doing so we give a present that lasts forever, the only one that really matters.

Special prayers are offered for our deceased and living mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, and special women in our lives. We will also pray in a special way for those who have broken relationships and the absence of a mom in their lives and for moms who have been abandoned by their children.

After Holy Mass a special breakfast will be held. Please stay and join us.

Why Crown Mary?

A very old tradition, we crown a statue of Mary during the month of May in celebration of and recognition of her roles as Queen of Heaven. The Church has traditionally identified each month of the year with a particular devotion related to a Solemnity of Feast that occurs during that month. January – The Holy Name of Jesus, March – St. Joseph, May – Mary's Queenship, June – the Sacred Heart, July – the Precious Blood and so on.

Mary's Queenship is foretold in scripture and honors the fact that God has restored the Davidic Kingdom, with Jesus as the Christ, and Jesus's mother – who He has given us as our mother -- as its Queen Mother. The King of Kings requires a queen, and in Israel, it is the King's mother who exerts power as "The Great Lady" ("gebirah" or "gevirah," in Hebrew). Just as Bathsheba, the mother of King Solomon, acted as intercessor for the people of Israel, Our Lady acts as intercessor for us with the King of Kings.

Mary did not ask for this devotion nor did she ever act out of hubris. She was ultimately an example of humility as her prayer reflected - *My soul doth magnify the Lord. And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.* Mary gave her all for God. She put Him first. Because of her obedience, sacrifice, and humility let us join with the Fathers of the Church in in the ancient Tradition of honoring her by following her example in doing as her Son asks and by symbolically recognizing her queenship.

Music Scholarship Applications

Are due this week. The deadline for applying is May 15th.

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.

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 Radzysinski, 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, Madison Sheridan, 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, Karen Kisch, Phil Battaglia, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Muse En Lystrala, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia.

- 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 Church's Supreme Council and our Prime Bishop, Most Rev. Dr. Anthony A. Mikovsky.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogoslaw 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. ---