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# RISE

TAKE A STAND FOR JESUS

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 17, 2015

## Seventh Sunday of Easter VII Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 17, 2015

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

First reading: Acts 1:15-17,20

Psalm: Ps 103:1-2,11-12,19-20

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

Epistle: 1 John 4:11-16

Gospel: John 17:11-19

Intention: For all parishioners

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

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

- Easter Lauds at 9:20am, Asperges and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite); May Marian Prayer
- Coffee Hour and SOCL, First Communion Class
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

## Solemnity of Pentecost Zesłanie Ducha Świętego

May 24, 2015

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

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

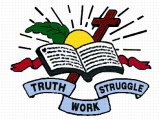
Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Matins at 9:20am and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite); May Marian Prayer
- Coffee Hour and SOCL, First Communion Class
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

*Men and brethren, says Peter. For if the Lord called them brethren, much more may he. [Men, he says]: they all being present. See the dignity of the Church, the angelic condition! No distinction there, neither male nor female. I would that the Churches were such now! None there had his mind full of some worldly matter, none was anxiously thinking about household concerns. Such a benefit are temptations, such the advantage of afflictions! – 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 Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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## Upcoming...

- **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 Meets.**
- **May 23: Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola, Martyr.**
- **May 24: Pentecost Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **May 25: Memorial Day. Holy Mass at the Parish Cemetery at 10am.**
- **May 29-31: 70th Annual PNCC/YMSofR Bowling Tournament**
- **May 31: Solemnity of the Holy Trinity/Trinity Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.**
- **June 4: Solemnity of Corpus Christi**
- **June 7: Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 11:30am.**
- **June 11: Feast – St. Barnabas, Apostle**
- **June 12: Solemnity – Sacred Heart of Jesus**

## Let one stand up.

“For it is written in the Book of Psalms: ‘May another take his office.’ Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection.”

This week the Pew Research Center on Religion & Public Life released its annual survey of religious affiliation in the United States. As with any survey result the pundits began to make predictions, some in churchy circles rang the alarm bells.

The Study tells us that: “The Christian share of the U.S. population is declining, while the number of U.S. adults who do not identify with any organized religion is growing... Moreover, these changes are taking place

across the religious landscape, affecting all regions of the country and many demographic groups. While the drop in Christian affiliation is particularly pronounced among young adults, it is occurring among all ages. A large majority of Americans – roughly seven-in-ten – continue to identify with the Christian faith. But, the percentage of adults who describe themselves as Christians has dropped by nearly eight percentage points in just seven years. Over the same period, the percentage of Americans who are religiously unaffiliated – describing themselves as atheist, agnostic or “nothing in particular” – has jumped more than six points.”

The pundits note the decline of Christianity and are ready to sound its death knell. Christianity is irrelevant. Churchy folks, in response, try to make themselves more relevant, looking for ways to draw in the young. Some others see this as the great

winning, the driving out of imperfect Christians leaving behind only the perfect.

These groups are missing something very important. They attempt to define adherence and faithfulness in light of relevancy and perfection. That is something Christianity is not attempting to achieve.

Living the life Jesus has called us to live makes us quite irrelevant by the world’s standards. The world’s criteria’s are never the measure of our success. In the same way, perfection is not the yardstick by which we are to measure being a good Christian for as St. Paul told the Romans: *for all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.* If the imperfect are to be driven out every church will be empty.

Our true measure is our willingness to mature in faith and to stand up to declare our faith in ways both big and small. Our call is to witness to what is truly relevant: Jesus’ community – the Church – guides us to eternal life. Now that’s really

*Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.*

**Ephesians 6:13**

## Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Romans 12:2  
MONDAY: Romans 1:1-6  
TUESDAY: Mark 11:25  
WEDNESDAY: John 3:18  
THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:13  
FRIDAY: Ephesians 2:19-20  
SATURDAY: Jeremiah 10:2

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may stand with You before the peoples and nations so to inherit eternal life.

## First Holy Mass of Healing

Tomorrow, Monday, May 18th we will hold our first Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing of the Sick at 6:15pm. We expect to hold this Holy Mass at least once a month. We welcome all to take part. The Sacrament of Anointing is for all who seek the Lord’s healing, whether due to physical or mental distress, temporary or chronic disease.

## Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola

Jerome Savonarola was martyred on May 23, 1498. Our Seminary is named in his honor. Savonarola was martyred for his opposition to corruption in the Church and because he, like John Hus and our organizer, Francis Hodur advocated for reform. On this day remember that even one person can make a difference when he speaks the truth.

## Solemnity of Pentecost – Next Sunday

According to the Acts of the Apostles, on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter, the Holy Spirit descended upon the first followers of Jesus. Inspired by the Spirit’s gifts within and among them, these first followers continued the work of salvation begun by Jesus. With this event, the Holy Church was born. On Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of the Christian Church and we celebrate that the Holy Spirit is always guiding the Church. Pentecost is the reason why the Church never grows old. Everything is made new because of the Spirit. We hope every parishioner will make the special effort to be with us at Holy Mass on this holy occasion next Sunday.

## PolishFest

Our neighboring parish, Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa, is hosting its annual PolishFest from June 5th through 7th. Please attend and support our brothers and sisters and enjoy this experience of Polish food and heritage. More info at <http://www.polishfest-ny.org>

## 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

Thank you to all who applied for music scholarships and incentive awards. Good luck in achieving your goals and in advancing your knowledge of music. *Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.* – Psalm 96:1

## 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 Radzimirski, 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 Sczepakowski, 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, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison.

- 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 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 Apostles Saints Peter and Paul Parish, Warsaw, Poland.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjłogślaw 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 ---