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Remembering those who gave their lives.

MEMORIAL DAY

Remembering the One who gave His all.

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 25, 2014

Sixth Sunday of Easter VI Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 25, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm: 66:1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Intention: In memory of Joseph & Yolanda DiCocco on the 72nd Anniversary of their Marriage off. by Joanne Tatangelo. For all who offered their lives for our country

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds and May Crowning
- Asperges, Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee hour, SOCL and Confirmation Classes

Seventh Sunday of Easter VII Niedziela po Wielkanocy

June 1, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 1:12-14

Psalm: 27:1-4,7,8

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Intention: sp. Regina Zebrowski Wieczorek, off. by Ted Zebrowski

Celebrant: 9:30am, Rev. Mr. James Konicki

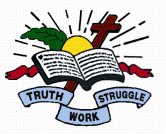
Lector: Marilyn Hietala

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- Asperges, Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
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This was why the Lord had promised to send the Advocate: he was to prepare us as an offering to God. Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven. And like parched ground, which yields no harvest unless it receives moisture, we who were once like a waterless tree could never have lived and borne fruit without this abundant rainfall from above. Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul. – St. Irenaeus of Lyons

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 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...

- **May 25th: Sixth Sunday of Easter**
- **May 26th: Memorial Day – Cemetery Service at 10am**
Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory, nor engraved stone bear record of their deeds, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored.
~ Daniel Webster
- **May 29th: Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord, Vespers at 7pm.**
- **June 1st: 7th Sunday of Easter**
- **June 6th – 8th: 69th Annual PNCC-YMSofR Bowling Tournament in Sterling Heights, MI**
- **June 8th: Pentecost Sunday. HOLY MASS at 9am**
- **June 15th: Trinity Sunday. HOLY MASS at 9am**

Let us see who has given testimony

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing.

Philip was one of the first seven deacons of the Church. The proto-martyr Stephen had just been executed by stoning (Acts 7). Saul and his men were going house-to-house, dragging out Christians and bringing them to trial, throwing them in prison, and killing them. By Acts 12 we see James the brother of John killed by Herod. The Church historian Eusebius tells us that James the Just, the Apostle and so-called Brother of the Lord was placed on the pinnacle of the temple, thrown down, then clubbed and stoned – for he would not forsake the Lord. “Leading him into their midst

they demanded of him that he should renounce faith in Christ in the presence of all the people. But, contrary to the opinion of all, with a clear voice, and with greater boldness than they had anticipated, he spoke out before the whole multitude and confessed that our Savior and Lord Jesus is the Son of God. But they were unable to bear longer the testimony of the man... they slew him.”

Philip was among those scattered in the first major persecution of the Church. Being scattered did not prevent him, or any of these others, from witnessing to the faith. Each of those we read about, and the countless number of Christians whose names we will never know, proclaimed the word and kept the faith in good times and bad.

This proclamation of the word and witness were not an accident. It was prompted by faith in the promises of Jesus. These witnesses lived in the Spirit Who

had filled them with His gifts and strengthened them for the task.

Jesus promised those who would be baptized, who would come to Him in faith, would never be left orphans: *And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always.* They would always have what is necessary to witness.

The Spirit has drawn men and women – and us – to give witness. Thus, while the Church may have been scattered in persecution (persecution that still exists in many places to this day) witness has never ceased.

As we reflect this weekend on those who have given their lives in witness to national freedom, let us also reflect on those who are giving witness to the truth that surpasses country and nation. Whether we live in relative safety or are among the persecuted – are we giving witness to the truth? Let us abide in the Spirit and ask that He give us the courage to give testimony always and everywhere.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Matthew 5:16

MONDAY: 1 Peter 3:15

TUESDAY: Acts 22:15

WEDNESDAY: Matthew 28:19

THURSDAY: Acts 4:20

FRIDAY: Philippians 2:15

SATURDAY: Acts 10:42

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to witness bravely to Your truth at all times and in all seasons.

Memorial Day Services

We will hold our traditional Memorial Day Service of Worship and Holy Communion at our parish cemetery on Donald St. at 10am Monday, May 26th. Should we have inclement weather, we will meet at church. Come and honor the memory all those who have

Ascension Thursday

We will hold Solemn Vespers on Thursday, May 29th at 7pm – The Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord.

St. Paul wrote to the early Christians in Galatia: *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”* (Galatians 2:20) This is not mere sentiment or piety, but is reality because of what has occurred through the “Paschal Mystery,” the saving Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We live differently now because we have accepted baptism into Christ’s death so we may rise and ascend with Him.

Living, abiding in Christ, is to be our daily reality. Christians are to live differently right now because we *live in* Jesus. We are to love differently now because we *love in* Jesus. We are to “*be*” different because our being is defined by Jesus.

On this Great Solemnity of the Ascension, and each day, we should ask ourselves this question: “How are we doing?” This Solemnity presents us an opportunity to assess the relationship between our baptism, our profession of faith, and its manifestation in our daily lives. Are we living now in an eschatological way – ready for the last day? If we are living in a committed way we are prepared for Jesus’ return, for as Acts 1 recounts, the angel told those gathered on Mount Olivet: *“This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”*

Our work of becoming one in life with Jesus will not be complete until the One who ascended returns and hands the re-created cosmos back to the Father. That is the promise of God and our urgent expectation. Come Lord Jesus!

FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is Sunday, June 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, 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 Radzysinski, 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, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury, Melissa Dixon, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Laverne Dowdell, Curtis Sczepkowski, Bishop John, Derek Westcott, Daniel Springsteen, Dolores Konicki, Nellie Kucharski, Beverly Ferguson, Edward Panfil, Alyssa DePaula, Pastor Tom Kendall, Irene Borowski, Ted Zebrowski

- 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 our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Our Savior Parish in Dearborn Heights, MI and its congregation and pastor, Rev. John Cramer.

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

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour has returned. Join us after worship every Sunday. 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.