

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

John 10:11-21

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 17, 2016

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Good Shepherd Sunday Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

April 17, 2016

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

First reading: Acts 13:14,43-52

Psalm: Ps 100:1-3,5

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Epistle: Revelation 7:9,14-17

Gospel: John 10:27-30

Intention: 9:30 śp. Henry J. Wehner; śp. Joan Kaminski 11:30 for all parishioners

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

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

- Easter Lauds at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- BASKET SOCIAL at Noon

5th Sunday of Easter V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

April 24, 2016

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

First reading: Acts 14:21-27

Psalm: Ps 145:8-13

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Epistle: Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Intention: 11:30 for Grayson and his family

Celebrant: 11:30am Rev. Mark Gnidzinski

Lector: 11:30am Marilyn Hietala

- Easter Lauds at 11:20am. Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite) with Supply of the Ceremonies Omitted in a Child's Baptism for Grayson
- Coffee Hour

We have heard the Lord Jesus setting forth to us the office of a good shepherd. And herein He has doubtless given us to know, as we may understand it, that there are good shepherds. And yet that the multitude of shepherds might not be understood in a wrong sense; He says, I am the good Shepherd. And wherein He is the good Shepherd, He shows in the words following; The good Shepherd, says He, lays down His life for the sheep. But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, sees the wolf coming, and flees; because he cares not for the sheep, for he is an hireling. Christ then is the good Shepherd. What was Peter? Was he not a good shepherd? Did not he too lay down his life for the sheep? What was Paul? What the rest of the Apostles? What the blessed Bishops, Martyrs, who followed close upon their times? What again our holy Cyprian? Were they not all good shepherds, not hirelings, of whom it is said, Verily I say unto you, they have received their reward? All these then were good shepherds, not simply for that they shed their blood, but that they shed it for the sheep. For not in pride, but in charity they shed it. – St. Augustine

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 Gnidzi.

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Upcoming...

- **April 17: Good Shepherd Sunday.** Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. **Basket Social at Noon at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center.**
- **April 18: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.** Parish Committee meets.
- **April 22-24: National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, South Milwaukee, WI.**
- **April 24: 5th Sunday of Easter, Holy Mass 11:30 ONLY.**
- **April 25: Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist**
- **April 26-27: Supreme Council Meets in Lancaster, NY.**
- **April 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman.**
- **May 1: 6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **May 2: Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles (translated).**
- **May 3: Solemnity of the Finding of the Holy Cross**

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.

Who is the shepherd?

“It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.” The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region.

In the Old Testament Israel is at the center of the stage. Everything we read about is focused on Israel. There is a similar focus in the New Testament. Jesus tells the Samaritan woman, "Salvation is from the Jews." As he sent out the seventy-two to spread the Gospel He told them “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost

sheep of the house of Israel.” Yet there are examples throughout both the Old and New Testament of salvation and glory coming to those who were outside Israel. In God’s kingdom all found welcome. Those examples were given through strangers and outsiders who encountered God’s people – Israel. As such, we see Israel as being key to God’s salvific work. Israel, the nation that came from the loins of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob was to be the light to the world. It was meant to show the way toward God.

John saw the great multitude that is to surround God’s throne. People from every nation, race, people, and tongue will be with God forever. How does that come about?

Jesus said: “My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” That is what He meant, that we have gifts and joy to share. Following Him does not

mean that we remain mere sheep. As Israel was to step up and act as light and shepherd to the world – and fell short in doing so at Antioch – so we now have the chance and opportunity. Our destiny is laid out for us. Once we hear His voice, and allow it to touch us and change us, we follow in being His shepherds.

Jesus, of course, is our Chief Shepherd. He is the one we all follow. What we have to resolve to do is to be practical shepherds, spiritual leaders, and Christ following examples every day. We need to lead those who are lost and in need. We need to lead people to God, not by taking control from God, but by sharing His joy, the promise of eternal life.

In the Old Testament Israel was at the center of the stage. Someone still has to point people to God, has to offer them the gifts that we have been given. As New Testament people, people of the Gospel, let us be the ones to shepherd and spread His gifts around.

Know well the condition of your flocks, and give attention to your herds

Proverbs 27:23

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 Timothy 3:1
MONDAY: Psalm 23:1
TUESDAY: Ephesians 4:11
WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 5:8
THURSDAY: Revelation 7:17
FRIDAY: Hebrews 13:20
SATURDAY: Matthew 9:36

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that in following You I may be a worthy shepherd and bring many into Your fold.

Basket Social

Our ever-popular Basket Social with so many baskets is ready to go. Thank you for your generosity and creativity!!! Thank you to Donna Panfil and all who assisted her in getting everything ready – Larry, Liz, Marilyn, Shirley, and Marianne. God bless you.

The Basket Social is being held today starting at noon, AT A NEW LOCATION: **The Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St, Schenectady, NY 12303.**

If you are able, please help out in transporting baskets to the venue. All hands are needed.

1050 Years!

In 966, 1050 years ago, King Mieszko of Poland was baptized and accepted Christ on behalf of his entire country. This acceptance of Christ not only brought salvation to countless millions, but also set the foundations for successive governments as well as cultural attitudes that created democracy, accepted and protected the stranger and outcast, and fought bravely against the evils of oppression. As is all too familiar, current forces are working diligently against those great achievements. Let us offer a prayer up for the people and government of Poland as well as for our own. May the freedom Christ offers be their and our example and way-of-life. May they and we live up to the best in our history and be guided in those ideals to an even brighter future. Lord, we thank you for this glorious anniversary. Help the people of Poland in living up to Your call.

Music Scholarship Applications

With the 2015 Music Scholarships, the Church has given out 1059 scholarships totaling \$298,085. Applications for the 2016 Scholarship Program are available at <http://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com/music-scholarship-application.html> and Junior Incentive Award applications are available at <http://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com/junior-incentive-application.html>. We strongly encourage all who can to apply. The deadline for applying is May 15, 2016.

Kurs and CONVO

Kurs and CONVO are not that far off. Youth who will be attending CONO should get there applications in as soon as possible so we make take advantage of the discounted early bird rate.

Bible Study

The last Wednesday of each month we will hold an Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm. Please stop by and join is to support this ministry. Please plan to join us on Wednesday, April 27th.

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 Radzyninski, 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, Diana and Georgette Hannoush, Madison Sheridan, Resaan, Kathleen, Dan, William, Jeremy, Alison, 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, Umar Abdur-Rahman, Karen Kisch.

- 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, Pattric 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 people of Good Shepherd Parish, Żary, Poland and its administrator, Rev. Waław Gwoździwski.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław 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. ---