

His Sheep hear His voice

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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 21, 2013

Good Shepherd Sunday Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

April 21, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 13:14,43-52

Psalm: 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: For Alexander Oravsky, his parents, godparents, and family

Worship leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion
- Baptism of Alexander Oravsky
- Breakfast – please join us
- School of Christian Living

Fifth Sunday of Easter V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

April 28, 2013

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 14:21-27

Psalm: Ps 145:8-13

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

Epistle: Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Intention: For all parishioners and benefactors

Worship Leader: 9:30am Rev. Mr. James Konicki

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion
- School of Christian Living
- Coffee hour – please join us
- Soup on Sunday

When you are weary of praying and do not receive, consider how often you have heard a poor man calling, and have not listened to him. – St. John Chrysostom

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – Please know that hospitals will not advise parishes when an individual is admitted. Health 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...

- April 21: Good Shepherd Sunday, Baptism of Alexander Oravsky
- April 25: Feast, St. Mark the Evangelist
- April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter
- April 30: Solemnity, St. Joseph the Workman
- May 1: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles
- May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross/Polish Constitution Day
- May 5: 6th Sunday of Easter
- May 9: Solemnity of the Ascension
- May 10: 62nd Anniversary, Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski

Volunteer Opportunity: The Community Hospice of Albany is seeking volunteers. There will be an evening/Saturday training series beginning April 29th at 445 New Karen Rd., Colonie. Please call Amy or Robin at 518-724-0200 for information.

I can't hear you.

Just turn it down a little.

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.

Spending time with Jesus is a wonderful experience. Over the past few weeks we listened to the Gospels that tell us of the times the disciples spent with Jesus after the resurrection: Time on the road to Emmaus, time in the locked room, and time at the beach. The Acts of the Apostles tell us that: *To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God.* That plus the three years they had spent with Him during the time of His public ministry was a gift.

In spending time with and listening to Jesus we come to a

more robust understanding of the kingdom of God.

I had a priest friend who told me that he spent at least one hour every night praying before the Blessed Sacrament. He noted that to most people the time would seem to leave little remaining for accomplishing tasks during the day. What he found was that he actually had more time, was more productive, and did better ministry.

If we look at the cartoon below (thank you Facebook friends), we see a sheep lounging, with iPod headphones on, the radio going, a magazine, computer, and a television. He is so busy, so distracted, that he cannot hear the shepherd's voice. He wonders to himself why he hasn't heard from the shepherd.

Jesus tells us, *My sheep hear my voice.* This isn't something that magically happens. We don't have an automatic turn-off switch

that kicks in when Jesus wants to say something to us. We have to make an active listening effort. We need to set aside the distractions AND the worries and seek Jesus' voice.

Let's consider our lives like a radio that needs to have its station tuner adjusted every-so-often. We need to re-tune ourselves. That effort starts every Sunday morning in church. We need to set time apart to tune ourselves in to God's word and the amazing graces He offers us through the sacraments of penance, His word, and the Eucharist. From there we need to make an active effort to fine tune ourselves each day in prayer, or scripture reading, or some other spiritual exercise (including shutting everything off and sitting down, saying to Jesus, 'Here I am Lord, ready to listen.')

If we make this effort we will receive the eternal life Jesus promised, in even greater abundance right here and now, and nothing will keep us from Him.

Truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

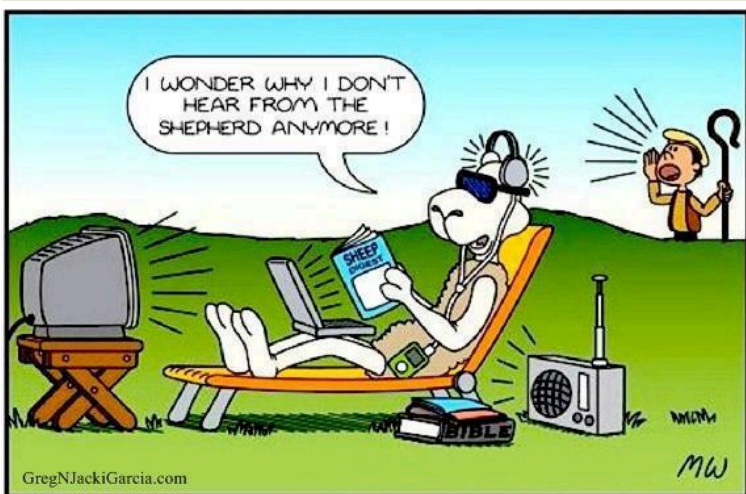
Matthew 13:17

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Proverbs 12:15
MONDAY: Proverbs 18:2
TUESDAY: Proverbs 12:18
WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 24:16
THURSDAY: Proverbs 4:4-5
FRIDAY: Revelation 2:7
SATURDAY: James 1:19

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the blessing of having ears and a heart that listens.



My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. - JOHN 10:27 NIV

Prayer in time of tragedy

Lord Jesus, we remember before You Martin Richard, age 8, Krystle Campbell, age 29, Lu Lingzi, age 23, Officer Sean A. Collier, age 26 as well as the 176 people injured in a cowardly act of terror. We also remember before You those men and women who acted selflessly to help the dying, injured, and the lost, particularly public servants and first responders for their selflessness.

We also prayer and remember all those killed, injured, and affected in the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas.

We thank You too Lord for the ordinary blessings of unexceptional days that we may forget from time-to-time. We praise and thank You for the blessings You offer us each of our days.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Eternal Rest..., Glory be...

Bowling, Music, Kurs, more

The 68th Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament is around the corner. Music scholarship applications are due May 15th. Also planning is underway for the summer events including the Acolyte Retreat, KURS (June 29-July 6), the National United Choirs music workshop, and the annual YMSofR Zlot/Track and Field Tournament. See Deacon Jim and sign-up to go. These are great events!!!

SOUP on Sunday

Our next Soup on Sunday event will be Sunday, 4/28 at 11:30. Chicken soup this month! Please be sure to invite friends, family, and one you know to partake. 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.

Of note...:

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, 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, 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 Cousins, 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, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley Bilinski, George Damouni, Carolyn Walker, Chris, James McGrath, Brian Soos, Mary Ellen Hitchings, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Fr. Senior John Kraus, David Wielinski, Stephanie Konicki, Edward Glover, Tamara Albury

- 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: the Church of the Holy Trinity & St. Joseph's Parish in Linden, NJ its congregation and pastor, Fr. Jan Kość.

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

Coffee Hour: Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. 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.