

## Good Shepherd Sunday Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

April 26, 2015 Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88. First reading: Acts 4:8-12 Psalm: Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29 **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love is everlasting.** Epistle: 1 John 3:1-2 Gospel: John 10:11-18

Intention: For śp. Mariana Nowak and śp. Rita Konicki 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)
- Coffee Hour and SOCL and First Communion Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

## Fifth Sunday of Easter V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 3, 2015 Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 88. First reading: Acts 9:26-31 Psalm: Ps 22:26-28,30-32 I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. Epistle: 1 John 3:18-24 Gospel: John 15:1-8

Intention: 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, Asperges and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite)
- Coffee Hour and SOCL, First Communion Class
- Jamberry Party at 11am
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15)

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 Gnidzinski at 518-437-1889.

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# Upcoming...

- Apr. 26: Good Shepherd Sunday: Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.
- Apr. 30: Solemnity of St. Joseph the Workman
- May 1: Feast of Ss. Philip & James, Apostles
- May 3: Fifth Sunday of Easter: Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.
- May 4: Solemnity Finding of the Holy Cross (translated)
- May 10: Sixth Sunday of Easter: Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Mother's Day, 64th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski
- May 14: Solemnity of the Ascension, Solemn Vespers at 7pm
- May 15: Armed Forces Day
- May 17: Seventh Sunday of Easter: Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Free Lunch on Sunday.
- May 23: Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola, Martyr
- May 24: Pentecost Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.

# Asking for good shepherds.

A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep.

We pause this Sunday to reflect on Jesus in His role as the Good Shepherd. We can easily identify with what a good shepherd does by looking at Jesus' words in their cultural context.

#### Middle eastern cultures understood what good shepherding was all about. It was about feeding the lambs, bringing them to good pasture lands and water, grooming and clipping them, delivering new lambs, leading them and teaching them to stay together, going off after the wandering lost ones, and protecting the sheep in the field

#### and in the fold.

To feed the sheep means to take care of them from the beginning of life. Good shepherds begin the lambs' introduction to the ways of God, first with the milk of instruction and teaching in God's way. Then the good shepherds move them to solid food – food for lives lived in righteousness so that the lambs can be fully equipped, able to stand in the day of testing.

Grooming the lambs means good shepherds honestly correct what is wrong and failing in them. Good shepherds must teach lambs discipline and encourage and rebuke them so that they stay true to the Lord and fit for His service.

Delivering the sheep means that good shepherds preach the Gospel so that many are brought to new life – born again and regenerated. Good shepherds must bring many to God's light so that no darkness can overcome their lives. The other side of the equation is

St. Joseph the Workman

The gospels describe Joseph as a "tekton." Tekton has been traditionally translated as "carpenter," but is a more general word (from the same root that gives us "technical" and "technology") that could cover makers of objects in various materials. St. Joseph's association with woodworking is a constant in early Christian tradition. St. Justin Martyr wrote that Jesus made yokes and ploughs, and there are similar early references. In Joseph's time he could have been an itinerant (migrant) worker rather than an established artisan or a highly skilled craftsman, perhaps running a workshop with several employees. It has also been stated that the terms 'carpenter' and 'son of a carpenter' are used in the Jewish writings to signify a very learned man, indicating that Joseph was considered wise and highly literate in the Torah. While there is much speculation and varying interpretations, what we do know is that Joseph was faithful, did God's will, and raised and taught Jesus. We also know that Joseph exemplified dedicated fatherhood and hard work. On April 30th we observe the Solemnity of St. Joseph the Workman. Remember all workers on this day, especially the migrant worker, those who work in unjust conditions, and all who dedicate themselves to provide for their families. Also ask St. Joseph to bless our parish as we work hard to help people to know, love, and serve Jesus. O God, Creator of all things, who laid down for the human race the law of work, graciously grant that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage we may complete the works you set us to do and attain the rewards you promise.

#### Jamberry NailArt Fundraiser Next Sunday

We will be hosting a Jamberry NailArt fundraiser on Sunday, May 3rd at 11am. These nail accent wraps cover two manicures and pedicures plus extra all for \$15. Invite friends and young people to join us on this day. See Stephanie Dominy with any questions.

#### **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**

Please visit <u>www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com</u> to download a copy of the National United Choir's Music Scholarship application. Write to Cathy Bilinski at nucscholarship@gmail.com if you have any questions. The application deadline is May 15th.

#### **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. that good shepherds lead flocks, not just individual sheep. We run into problems when we see Jesus as solely a personal Good Shepherd. True, He is Good Shepherd to us as individuals but not only. Jesus wanted to make sure that we receive all the benefits of being part of His flock, that we be fed, pastured, groomed and trained, that we stay together, that the lost among us be led back, and that we are protected.

To do all this Jesus gave us shepherds who were loyal to His way. We are blessed to have His shepherds among us to this day, who lead us in the pristine Christian faith.

Our bishops and priests maintain the flock and carry out Jesus' work of shepherding. They further call us to be good shepherds to one another. They ask us to take up the same work of feeding, grooming, and delivering each other. Let us honor the work of our good shepherds and take their and our responsibility seriously. And when the chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

1 Peter 5:4

#### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Peter 2:25 MONDAY: Ephesians 4:11 TUESDAY: Revelation 7:17 WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 27:23 THURSDAY: Matthew 9:36 FRIDAY: Acts 26:16 SATURDAY: John 3:18

Pray

Lord Jesus, send us good shepherds to lead us and make us good shepherds to each other.

## Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Stanley Radzyminski, Ed Jakubiak, <u>Rick</u> Kaminski, <u>Bonnie</u> Nelson, Joseph Peplowski, <u>Kelly</u> Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, <u>Robert</u> Dominy, <u>Wayne</u> Balnis, <u>Claudia</u> Bertasso, John Clas, <u>Bishop Stanley</u>, <u>Brian</u> Soos, <u>Frances</u> Myslinski, <u>Virginia</u> Lamb, <u>Virginia</u> Rogers, <u>Curtis</u> Sczepkowski, <u>Derek</u> Westcott, <u>Dolores</u> Konicki, <u>Nellie</u> Kucharski, <u>Pastor Tom</u> Kendall, <u>Irene</u> Borowski, <u>Ted</u> Zebrowski, <u>Joshua</u> Moraski, <u>Sue</u> White, <u>Sue & Roger</u> White, Jeremy Fish, <u>Helen</u> Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, <u>Fr. Sr. Thaddeus</u> Dymkowski, <u>Sue</u> Rummel, <u>Lucas</u> Taylor, Joanne Bauer, <u>Shirley</u> Greene, <u>Diana</u> and <u>Georgette</u> Hannoush, <u>Madison</u> Sheridan, <u>Michael</u> Angehr, <u>Resaan, Kathleen</u>.

- 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 St. Lawrence Parish, Wojsławice, Poland and its pastor, Rev. Jacek Zdrojewski.

Bless them, O Lord! Poblogosław 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.

