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# REMOVE ALL DOUBT

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 27, 2014

## Low Sunday Niedziela Przewodnia

April 27, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 2:42-47

Psalm: 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Intention: śp. Jane Kopec off. by Shirley Maliszewski & Dorothy Morrison

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

Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Matins
- Easter Asperges, Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee Hour, SOCL and Confirmation Classes

## Third Sunday of Easter III Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 4, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 2:14,22-23

Psalm: Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11

**Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

Intention: For all parishioners

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

Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Matins
- Easter Asperges, Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
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***Peace be unto you. That is, Be not troubled; at the same time reminding them of the word which He spoke to them before the Crucifixion, My peace I leave unto you; and again, In me you have peace, but in the world you shall have tribulation. Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Do you see the words issuing in deeds? For what He said before the Crucifixion, that I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man takes from you, this He now accomplished in deed; but all these things led them to a most exact faith. - 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 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 27th: Low Sunday
- April 30th: Solemnity of St. Joseph the Workman
- May 1st: Ss. Philip & James, Apostles
- May 3rd: Solemnity, Finding of the Holy Cross; Holy Mother, Queen of Poland; Polish Constitution Day
- May 4th: Third Sunday of Easter, May Crowning
- May 10th: 63rd Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski
- May 11th: Good Shepherd Sunday, Mothers' Day
- May 18th: Fifth Sunday of Easter
- May 23rd: Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola
- May 25th: Sixth Sunday of Easter
- May 26th: Memorial Day – Cemetery Service at 10am
- May 29th: Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord

## Jesus, help me to see!

*Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."*

Jesus is here; right now saying, "Peace be with you."

The world challenges our faith constantly. As we discussed on Easter, the guards at the tomb had a choice. Would they declare the truth or take the bribe and ignore what really happened? We can imagine that having seen what had happened, taking the bribe was not going to be quite satisfactory. Truth has a way of pushing against our consciences – prompting us to moments where we cannot be peaceful.

Jesus is the reality of heavenly perfection, grace, and truth

intersecting with earth. In saying, "Peace be with you." Jesus is giving a blessing, reassurance, and an instruction to His followers.

The blessing of peace is not a blessing that protects us from all earthly harm or sadness – after all, the apostles all faced struggles, imprisonment, and almost all were martyred for the faith. Jesus' peace overcame the apostles' post-crucifixion sadness and remained with them. For us, His blessing of peace surpasses understanding. It is greater than anything we might face. His peace is given to us and is something we own; it is ours forever. His peace is constant and remains with us regardless of what we have faced, have done, will face, or will do. Not even the very depths of pain and sadness can overcome His peace if we believe.

Jesus' peace is reassuring. The apostles did some pretty horrible things – they abandoned Him, denied Him, were unsure of Him, and may have very well lost all faith in Him. They sit in a locked

room, afraid. His peace is their reassurance of forgiveness. We sin in big and small ways – yet Jesus is always prepared to welcome us back and impart His peace if we believe.

The instruction is that His peace will be with us if we acknowledge the truth – the truth of that intersection between heaven and earth. The truth that God sacrificed His Son for us and because of His obedience raised Him from the dead. The truth that, by an act of faith, those regenerated in the waters of baptism were buried with Christ so that they may rise with Him.

When we are faced with challenges, when we fail in sin and error, when we are confronted by the doubt and denial so active in the world, let us recognize the gift of peace Jesus gave us. If we, like the guards, do not feel peaceful then something is wrong in our belief and how we see. Let us "not be unbelieving, but believe" and have His peace.

*"What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?"*

Romans 3:3

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Acts 14:27

MONDAY: Acts 16:5

TUESDAY: Acts 24:24

WEDNESDAY: Romans 1:8

THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 2:5

FRIDAY: 1 Corinthians 16:13

SATURDAY: Galatians 2:20

## Pray

Lord Jesus, enrich my faith. Help me. Free me from unbelief.

## Š+P Jane

Our beloved sister, šp. Jane Kopec was born to eternal life on Tuesday of Bright Week, April 22nd. We extend our deepest sympathies to Linda and Denny and their entire families, and Deborah and her family. Jane left the world and our parish a brighter place. She was a blessing to all of us. Her physical presence will be greatly missed, but we know that she remains with us as part of our Church in heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.  
And may the perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace. Amen.

## How to say happy Easter for 50 days

The Paschal greeting is an Easter custom among Christians. Instead of saying "hello," "good morning," or some other greeting for the 50 days of Easter we are to greet each other with "Christ is Risen!" The proper response is "Truly, He is Risen." Here is the Pascal greeting in several languages:

English: Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!  
Spanish: ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!  
Italian: Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!  
Polish: Chrystus zmartwychwsta! Prawdziwie zmartwychwsta!  
Swahili – Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!  
German: Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!  
Norwegian: Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!  
Rastafarian – Krestos a uprisin! Seen, him a uprisin fe tru!  
French: Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité!  
Greek: Χριστός ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!  
Ukrainian: Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!  
Gaelic: Tá Críost éirithe! Go deimhin, tá sé éirithe!  
Scottish: Tha Crìosd air èiridh! Gu dearbh, tha e air èiridh!

## Landscaping and vandalism

We began our landscaping project and our contractor, Ken, did a beautiful job removing old plantings and installing new ones. That very day the work was vandalized. Let us not react with a heart of vengeance, but rather forgive our trespassers as the Lord taught us to both pray and DO. The work was re-done and we pray that the Lord envelop us in His protection. Let us too find a way to fix the problems and pressures area young people face that caused this.

## FREE LUNCH on Sunday

Our next free lunch is May 18th. 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 Haberman, Stanley Radzimirski, 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

- 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: St. Mary's Parish in West Allis, WI and its congregation and pastor, Very Rev. John Z. Kraus.

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.