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LISTEN TO GOD

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH  
APRIL 29, 2012

## Good Shepherd Sunday Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

April 29, 2012  
Rite: Deacon Missal  
First reading: Acts 4:8-12  
Psalm: Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29  
R. **The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**  
Epistle: 1 John 3:1-2  
Gospel: John 10:11-18

Intention: For all parishioners living and deceased

Worship leader: Rev. Mr. James Konicki  
Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds.
- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.
- Coffee Hour – please join us

## Fifth Sunday of Easter V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 6, 2012  
Rite: Pew Missal, Page 63  
First reading: Acts 9:26-31  
Psalm: Ps 22:26-28,30-32  
R. **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: Rev. Adam Czarnecki  
Lector: Marilyn Heitala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds.
- Holy Mass
- Coffee Hour – please join us
- Memorial Holy Mass at the Polish American Citizens Club in Albany

### Crop Walk:

Crop Walk is Sunday, May 6th. Crop Walk raises funds that help in 80 countries providing food; emergency supplies; wells for safe drinking water; as well as seeds, tools, and education to assist people in caring for themselves. Twenty-five percent (25%) of all funds raised assist in our community. For more details and sign ups please see Deacon Jim.

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### Upcoming...

- Apr. 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman
- May 5th: Diocesan ANS Convention
- May 6: 5th Sunday of Easter
- May 10: Martyrdom of Bishop Padewski
- May 13: 6th Sunday of Easter
- May 13: Mother's Day
- May 17: Solemnity of the Ascension, Solemn Vespers at 7pm
- May 18-20: 67th Annual YMSofR Bowling Tournament, Schenectady
- May 20: 7th Sunday of Easter
- May 27: Pentecost Sunday

# Baaaaaaa!

*I'll be right there.*

*"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me"*

Some of us may remember that time where we cried out for our parents only to find that they didn't come right away. Perhaps we heard them say 'wait,' or 'I'll be right there.'

Whether we can actively recall that moment or not, just the mention of it makes us uncomfortable. We realized that there would be those times where we will be utterly alone.

Or, so we thought...

Today we are reminded that we are never alone and without assistance. We also become acutely aware that the One who stands with us has done everything possible to heal any brokenness that exists in our lives, curing us of every sin.

Today, Jesus comes to us in the form of the Good Shepherd.

Peter and the Apostles standing before the Sanhedrin (the same one that had brought Jesus to Pilate to be crucified) strongly proclaim that the cripple was healed through the power and proclamation of Jesus. They go on to say that no one may be saved except through Jesus' name. Were they a little afraid? Perhaps, not knowing everything that might happen to them. Yet they acted and spoke with absolute confidence that their Shepherd was at their side, protecting, feeding, supporting, and strengthening them. Their confidence was not their own, but from the One who comes every time we call on Him. The One who listens to us and speaks to us.

So here we are. Perhaps our parents don't come running every time we cry out. Perhaps we don't even talk to them about our little (and sometimes larger) hurts.

Perhaps they are no longer with us in bodily form. But we do have someone we can always turn to. Someone we should speak to about our joys and hurts, our thoughts and questions. That is Jesus.

Having laid down His life for us, we must know that we are totally valuable to Jesus; that the smallest thing in our lives is of concern to Him.

Jesus promises us that He knows us and that we will know His voice. Listen as He says: *"I know mine, and mine know me."* To make this true requires some effort on our part. We have to reach out and talk to Jesus. Then we have to listen. Jesus does speak to us, to our conscience, to our needs, and He does come to render assistance, to give that hug, and to guide us back to the straight and narrow path when we stray. Finally, we need to live like the Apostles we are, with a spirit of confidence. Live with confidence because Jesus hears us and comes to us every time, right away.

*"The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want."*

**Psalm 23:1**

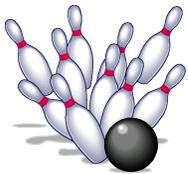
## Time to Study God's Word

- SUNDAY: 2 Samuel 7:8-9
- MONDAY: John 10:15-16
- TUESDAY: Ezekiel 34:23
- WEDNESDAY: Jeremiah: 23:1-4
- THURSDAY: Psalm 23
- FRIDAY: 1 Peter 5:2-4
- SATURDAY: Acts 20:28-29

### Pray

Lord Jesus, shepherd us and teach us to trust and follow Your way.

## Bowling



The **67th Annual PNCC Bowling Tournament**, which we are hosting, is not too far off. If you wish to bowl, have children who would like to bowl (for free at the children's event), or join in fellowship with members of the PNCC from across the country, forms are available from Deacon Jim or online at <http://www.ymsrbowl.org/>.

This wonderful event is a real opportunity to show the life and energy of our parish. We are not only a blessing to our local community and each other, but to the whole Church.

We also ask for your assistance in manning the registration table, providing assistance at the banquet (sign-ins), and other needed areas.

## Pray for all Workers

Did you know that our Holy Polish National Catholic Church has always been supportive of, and an ally of the Labor movement? Right from the beginning, Bishop Hodur traveled the country to speak at Labor rallies and to support the rights of workers to the fruits of their labor – fair compensation, days of rest, a share in the ownership of the companies they worked for. We should not only celebrate this heritage, but also re-enliven it through our support of workers rights.

April 30<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of St. Joseph the Workman. On this day please remember and offer a prayer for worker rights, the Labor movement, and let us live the Holy Church's call to justice and equality as is our democratic tradition.

## Of note...

**Coffee Hour:** Our weekly coffee hours are a warm and wonderful experience, a time to gather and speak with each other while we enjoy a wealth of good things to eat. If you are able, please help by signing up to take care of a coffee hour. Please see Ed Bertasso with any questions.

**Parish Organizations:** Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you. God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. The YMSofR – Men's Society of the Resurrection, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Deacon Jim.

**Serendipity Calendar:** What a fun way to support the parish and potentially WIN! The Serendipity Calendar

## Praying for...

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, Art, Dee & Baby, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Jasimine Russo, Stanley Radzyminski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Derek, 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, Patricia Lewis Joan, Matthew, Brian, Shari, Adam, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, Lasser Family, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson

- 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:

Holy Trinity Parish, McKees Rocks, PA its congregation and pastor, Fr. Michael Selep.

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

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