



Good Shepherd Sunday

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May 7, 2017
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.
First reading: Acts 2:14,36-41
Psalm: Ps 23:1-6
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:20-25
Gospel: John 10:1-10

Intention: for Rev. śp. Zbigniew Pastuszek, for all parishioners
Celebrant: 10am Rev. James Konicki
Lector: 10am Derek Westcott

- Easter Lauds at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite). Monthly Exposition and Benediction. May Marian Devotion
- BASKET SOCIAL at Noon

5th Sunday of Easter

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May 14, 2017
Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.
First reading: Acts 6:1-7
Psalm: Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19
Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.
Epistle: 1 Peter 2:4-9
Gospel: John 14:1-12

Intention: for sp. John Winarski, 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. May Crowning. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). May Marian Devotion
- Mother’s Day Breakfast
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Contemporary Rite).

He said, ‘And he shall go in and out, and find pasture.’ There is therefore not only some sort of entrance, but some outgoing also that is good, by the good door, which is Christ. But what is that praiseworthy and blessed outgoing? I might say, indeed, that we enter when we engage in some inward exercise of thought; and go out, when we take to some active work without: and since, as the apostle says, ‘Christ dwells in our hearts by faith,’ to enter by Christ is to give ourselves to thought in accordance with that faith; but to go out by Christ is, in accordance also with that same faith, to take to outside works, that is to say, in the presence of others. Hence, also, we read in a psalm, Man goes forth to his work; and the Lord Himself says, Let your works shine before men. – 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 518-453-2258.

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Upcoming...

- **May 7: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Basket Social at Noon.**
- **May 8: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows**
- **May 10: 66th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski.**
- **May 14: 5th Sunday of Easter, Mother’s Day, May Crowning, Breakfast. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **May 19-21: 72nd annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament, Wallington, NJ.**
- **May 20: Armed Forces Day**
- **May 21: 6th Sunday of Easter, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **May 23: Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola.**
- **May 25: Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at 7pm**
- **May 28: 7th Sunday of Easter, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

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.

The giving door.

“I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”

This one used to confuse me. I get Jesus being the Good shepherd. I can envision Him leading us, providing for us, protecting us, and rescuing us when we get lost. I also get Jesus being the perfect sacrificial lamb – the Lamb of God who by His sacrificial death took away our sins and freed us. But, what did Jesus mean when He said ‘I AM the door?’

“I AM the door” is the third of seven “I AM” declarations of Jesus recorded only in John’s Gospel. These “I AM” proclamations point to Jesus’ Divinity for He was calling Himself by the same name as God did when Moses asked God His Name. In this statement, Jesus further clarifies that He is the

exclusive way to salvation by saying that He is ‘the door,’ not ‘a door.’

As we know, sheep are completely helpless animals. Sheep graze and wander while doing so. They never look up. They get lost. Further, sheep have no homing instinct. They cannot find their way home, even if it is right in front of them. By nature, sheep are followers and they will follow each other right off a cliff. As such, sheep are totally dependent on their shepherd. Shepherds are the providers, guides, protectors, and constant companions of sheep. The relationship between the flock and shepherd was so close that a shepherd easily knows his own sheep, even if his flock gets mingled with others. This bond is so close, that each sheep recognizes its shepherds’ voice and will follow it.

At nightfall, or when the shepherd had to go do business, he would lead his sheep into the protection

of a sheepfold.

There were two kinds of sheepfolds. One was a public pen found in the cities and villages. It held several flocks of sheep. There was a doorkeeper, whose duty it was to guard the door to the sheep pen and to only admit known shepherds who would call out their flocks. This is a warning to pastors – for the Lord will only allow those He recognizes to pastor.

The second kind of sheep pen was in the countryside and was built by shepherds. It was a rough rock wall with a small open space to enter. There was no gate – rather – the shepherd would protect the sheep by lying across the opening. He literally became the door or gate to the sheep.

When Jesus says, “I am the gate,” He not only reiterating His constant care and His sacrificial love, but His total dedication to complete care for us, His daily provision, His strength giving us full and abundant life.

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

John 14:6

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Revelation 3:20
MONDAY: Matthew 7:7
TUESDAY: Song of Solomon 5:2-4
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 84:10
THURSDAY: 1 Corinthians 16:8-9
FRIDAY: Proverbs 8:34
SATURDAY: Matthew 7:13-14

Pray

Lord Jesus, help me to acknowledge You as the only door to eternal life. Help me to be thankful for your constant care.

Basket Social

Our 15th Annual Basket Social takes place today. It is being held at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St, Schenectady, New York 12303 on Sunday, May 7th starting at noon. We have 104 wonderful baskets up for raffle and some great special prizes. We will be offering great Polish foods for lunch.

This fundraiser is our largest and we have been blessed through the years as a result of **your** generosity and hard work. Thank you. God will reward the blessings you have offered.

“Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full--pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.” -- Jesus

Mother’s Day – Next Sunday

If we are lucky enough to have mom, grandma, aunts, and godmothers still with us – let us pray with them. If departed, let us pray together for – and with – them. Let us also pray for all who have damaged relationships with their mothers – for their healing. Join us on Mother’s Day. Breakfast in honor of Mother’s Day will be provided.

Mother Mary

The Holy Church dedicates the month of May to Mother Mary. Mary is often referred to as the *Mother of God*. The birth of Jesus was a one-time event entrusted to Mary by God, but her role as Jesus’ mother was her continuous, lifetime vocation. Mother Mary was privileged to teach her son His first lessons of morality, faith, love, and compassion. She is the one who worried about His wellbeing as Jesus entered and continued His ministry. Mary is recorded as one among the original followers of Jesus in Jerusalem after the resurrection. Mary was significant in Jesus’ life and formation, and for this reason the Holy Church honors her, especially during the month of May. Let us take a moment each day to reflect on her ministry and example and ask Jesus to help us become more like her. At the end of each Holy Mass we will offer special Marian devotions.

Kurs

Kurs and the deadline for music scholarship applications are not that far off. Youth who will be attending KURS should watch their mailbox and the KURS Facebook group for applications.

Upcoming Events

- 72nd Annual Bowling Tournament at the Church of the Transfiguration, Wallington, NJ, May 19th-21st.
- Independence Day Celebration, Holy Mass, and Picnic, Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Waymart, PA, July 1st.
- Kurs 2017. Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Waymart, PA, July 1st-8th.
- National United Choirs Convention and Workshop, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Manchester, NH, July 26th-28th.

Of note...

--- Share Easter joy and invite others to glory in the cross of Jesus at Holy Name. ---

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Robert & Stephanie Dominy, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Derek Westcott, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Ceil & Eddie Gibbons, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Eddie Stover, Karen & Jacob, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Vicky Stover, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Dennis, Donnie Wright, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Muse En Lystrala, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel Dilanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo Diianne, Cassandra Wade, Garry Packer, 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, Pattie 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 National Catholic Church. This week we remember and pray for the clergy and people of St. Mary’s Parish, Duryea, PA. Rev. Carmen Bolock, Pastor.

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.