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WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 11, 2014

## Good Shepherd Sunday Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

May 11, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

Psalm: 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 Josephine Panfil off. by Larry & Donna Panfil, For all Mothers living and deceased. For all Bishops of our Holy Church

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

Lector: Marilyn Hietala

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds and May Crowning
- Asperges, Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Mother's Day breakfast, SOCL and Confirmation Classes

## Fifth Sunday of Easter V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 18, 2014

Rite: 11am Pew Missal

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: śp. Jane Kopec off. by Stan Podkulski

Celebrant: 11am, Rev. Mark Gnidzinski

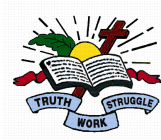
Lector: Claudia Bertasso

- Worship begins at 10:50am with Easter Lauds
- Easter Asperges, Holy Mass at 11am
- Coffee Hour, No classes today.

*Thus too the Church bathed in the light of the Lord projects its rays over the whole world, yet there is one light which is diffused everywhere, and the unity of the body is not separated. She extends her branches over the whole earth in fruitful abundance; she extends her richly flowing streams far and wide; yet her head is one, and her source is one, and she is the one mother copious in the results of her fruitfulness. By her womb we are born; by her milk we are nourished; by her spirit we are animated.*  
– St. Cyprian

**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...

- **May 11th: Good Shepherd Sunday, Mothers' Day, May Crowning**
- **May 18th: Fifth Sunday of Easter. HOLY MASS at 11am**
- **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, Vespers at 7pm.**
- **June 1st: 7th Sunday of Easter**
- **June 6th – 8th: 69th Annual PNCC-YMSofR Bowling Tournament in Sterling Heights, MI**
- **June 8th: Pentecost Sunday. HOLY MASS at 9am**
- **June 15th: Trinity Sunday. HOLY MASS at 9am**

## Recognize the right Shepherd

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

Jesus begins talking about sheep, shepherds, and gates with a scene from everyday life. In Jewish villages each family owned a couple of sheep for personal use. The animals stay at night in the courtyard of the family's house. Families in the village agree as to who will shepherd their combined flock. In the morning this shepherd goes down the street to gather the sheep. The person at the door recognizes the shepherd and opens the gate for the sheep to pass through. The

shepherd has a distinct call or whistle, which the sheep recognize and follow.

We too live as a single village, a family; the family of Jesus called the Holy Church. We are God's single flock composed of sheep gathered from the courtyards of various homes. The doorkeepers in our homes are our faithful parents, particularly our mothers who were our gatekeepers. They stood watch over the gate of the home. They recognized what was best for us, what was safest, what would lead us to salvation and life. So, they opened the doors of their homes to the Good Shepherd. They took action to recognize Jesus as the Good Shepherd, as the One who would shepherd their little flock, their children to salvation and life.

The One to Whom our mothers gave authorization, Jesus, enters into our lives in the proper fashion, through the gate. We recognize Him and He leads us to salvation and life while those

without authorization, the false prophets, only have "the voice of strangers." These forces of media, politics, celebrity, and peer group are not really powerful at all, but constantly try to draw us to ideas and aspirations that are contrary to those of our Shepherd. They want to lead us to separation, loneliness, fear, fading vanity, and death. They do not have the good of the sheep, our good, in mind but rather selfish ends of their own.

Our parents, our mothers who guard the fold, recognized the Good Shepherd. His entry into our lives was natural, out in the open, without forcing. Such has been Jesus' entrance into this world and amongst his own people. He has come in the appropriate manner, having been sent by the Father to bring us life that is *faithful, loving, dependable, and gentle*.

What has been shown to us, taught to us, starting with our mothers, is the manner by which we recognize the Good Shepherd. In recognizing Him we find salvation and life.

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you."

2 Timothy 1:5

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Peter 5:4

MONDAY: Ephesians 4:11

TUESDAY: 1 Peter 2:25

WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 27:23

THURSDAY: Hebrews 13:20

FRIDAY: Revelation 7:17

SATURDAY: Matthew 9:36

## Pray

Lord Jesus, You are my Good Shepherd. Grant me the grace to recognize Your voice and follow You each day.

## May, Mary, and Mother's Day

The Blessed Virgin Mary is referred to as the *Theotokos*, Greek for "God bearer." In the English-speaking world we speak of Mary as the "Mother of God."

Mary's acceptance of the gift of motherhood was necessary for our salvation. So too the good Christian mothers of the world bear God to us and bring us to Him through their example, teaching, and love. They cooperate with our Lord to lead us to faith in our Savior. They pray for us.

Throughout May seek Mary's prayers for our parish and our Holy Church. Let us too pray for God's blessing on our mothers who are with us and for the eternal rest of those who have been born into eternal life.

Today, May 11th, we honor all women that exemplify the goodness of motherhood in our lives. We will hold our annual May crowning, special prayers for Mary's intercession, and thanks to Ed Bertasso have a special breakfast for all moms.

## Thank you and Prayers

**Thank You** – From Edward Panfil to all parishioners who signed his get well card. Your thoughts and prayers are much appreciated. Ed is at Baptist Rehab in Scotia and is recovering well. Keep him in your prayers and stop by for a visit.

**Our Shepherds** – Our Holy Church has been specially blessed with dedicated, hard working, and faithful shepherds in our Bishops. Please remember them in your prayers – Prime Bishop Anthony, Our Diocesan Bishop Bernard, Diocesan Bishops Paul, Stanley, and John. Bishop Roald in Norway, Bishop Wiktor in Poland, Our retired Prime Bishops John and Robert, and Retired Bishops Thomas, Anthony, and Thaddeus.

O God, the pastor and ruler of all the faithful, mercifully look upon Thy servants, Anthony, Bernard, Paul, Stanley, John, Roald, Wiktor, John, Robert, Thomas, Anthony, and Thaddeus, whom Thou has been pleased to set as Bishops in Thy Church; grant them we beseech Thee, to be in word and conversation wholesome examples to the people committed to their charge, that they with them may attain everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## 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: All Saints Parish in Sterling Heights, MI and its congregation and pastor, Rev. Raymond Drada.

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.