

# DEACONS

# focus

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.*

John 12:26

WEEKLY BULLETIN OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 18, 2014

## 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

- Parish Committee Meeting, 9:30am
- Worship begins at 10:50am with Easter Lauds
- Easter Asperges, Holy Mass at 11am
- Coffee Hour, Free Lunch, No classes today.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter VI Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 25, 2014

Rite: 9:30am Deacon Missal

First reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm: 66:1-7,16,20

**Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Intention: In memory of Joseph & Yolanda DiCocco on the 72nd Anniversary of their Marriage off. by Joanne Tatangelo. For all who offered their lives for our country

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

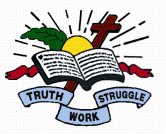
Lector: Larry Panfil

- Worship begins at 9:20am with Easter Lauds and May Crowning
- Asperges, Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am
- Coffee hour, SOCL and Confirmation Classes

*In like manner let everyone respect the deacons as they would respect Jesus Christ, and just as they respect the bishop as a type of the Father, and the presbyters as the council of God and college of the apostles. Without these, it cannot be called a Church. I am confident that you accept this, for I have received the exemplar of your love and have it with me in the person of your bishop. His very demeanor is a great lesson and his meekness is his strength. I believe that even the godless do respect him. – St. Ignatius of Antioch*

**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 18th: Fifth Sunday of Easter. HOLY MASS at 11am**
- **May 21st: Funeral Service for Helen Zebrowski at De Legge Funeral Home, 1346 Chrisler Ave, Schenectady at 11:30am**
- **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**

## Find and offer men who love and are wise

*“Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this duty.”*

The early Church was experiencing a need. It was growing rapidly; *the disciples were increasing in number.* That’s not a bad problem to have! The apostles were spreading the word. *The twelve summoned the body of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God.”* They were devoting themselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word, but needed helpers. There are important lessons for our parish and the wider Church in this passage from Acts.

The number of disciples grew because the apostles were devoted to prayer and preaching of the word. Certainly our

bishops and clergy pray and devote themselves to preaching the word, but we too must pray as Jesus’ disciples. We honor our call to pray for growth in the Church by collectively raising our voices for that blessing each week and in a special way on the first Sunday of each month. We should do so at home as well, spending even less than a minute in simple prayer – Lord, increase Your flock here and throughout the world.

We also pray for an increase in vocations so that the word may be solemnly proclaimed and taught. But, we too must proclaim and teach the word by living as Jesus asked AND attributing our way of living to Jesus.

Next we see that whenever problems arise we must not turn to ourselves and perpetuate the problem. Rather, we are to go to the apostles and seek their guidance. Then we are to act on their guidance trusting that the Holy Spirit guides the apostles.

The successors to the apostles, the

bishops, turn to us and ask that we pick men from among our company who are *reputable and filled with the Spirit and wisdom.* Those who are to serve the church, spread the word, and baptize are to come from the people – and we are to make sure they have good reputations and are filled with the Spirit. It is significant in our democratic tradition of Church we find and offer men who are *reputable and filled with the Spirit and wisdom* to serve us. We then present them before the bishops of our Church who like the apostles lay their hands on them in the sacrament of Orders by which they receive the special grace of God and gift of the Holy Spirit.

As we pray and witness, as we trust in the Church, we fulfill our duty to raise men to fulfill these roles. They are among us every week, strong men, reputable, wise, and filled with the Spirit. Their love and wisdom model for us belief in and loyalty to the One who is *“the way and the truth and the life.”*

*“This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.”*  
Joshua 1:8

## Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: 1 Corinthians 10:23  
MONDAY: 1 Corinthians 8:9  
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 4:10  
WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 27:12  
THURSDAY: Ephesians 5:16-17  
FRIDAY: Hebrews 11:6  
SATURDAY: 1 Thessalonians 4:11

## Pray

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace of discernment so that I may make the right decisions.

## Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola

The organizer and first Prime Bishop of the PNCC, Francis Hodur, held great admiration for Jerome Savonarola’s work in attempting to reform the Roman Catholic Church. At 7:30pm on Sunday, October 2, 1898 then Father Hodur lectured on the life of Savonarola, recalling that Savonarola was burned at the stake in 1498. Father Hodur proceeded to burn the writ of “excommunication” he had received from the Roman Church, and had the ashes of the document tossed into a stream below the Cathedral parish in Scranton.

Savonarola was a friar and prophet who lived from 1452 to 1498. He is considered to be the forerunner of the Reformation. He has also been called the “15th century John the Baptist.” Born of a noble family at Ferrara in 1452, in 1474 he received an education leading toward the medical profession. It is believed that due to romantic rejection Savonarola adopted a life of piety and asceticism. He entered the order of preachers. In 1486, he first expounded his thoughts and visions with powerful effect: “The Church will be scourged. The church will be renewed. This will happen soon.” In 1489 he was recalled to Florence. His interests were focused on morals and a practical view of the evils in society as opposed to Church dogma. He preached at San Marco, speaking of the sinfulness and apostasy of the time. Some hailed him as an inspired prophet. His eloquent sermons and gift of predicting future events made him the most popular preacher in Florence. Savonarola attracted many enthusiastic followers among them Botticelli and Michelangelo. While his fame and following increased, Savonarola continued to live an ascetic and pious life. He was also a prolific author. Throughout his works Savonarola publicly confessed his faithfulness to the Church while protesting papal corruption and power, advocating reliance on the Bible as a sure guide, and exhibiting moral earnestness.

The Bishop of Rome did not escape Savonarola’s call to repentance. Savonarola was focused on removing corruption from the Roman Church. Alexander, incensed at Savonarola’s political and religious activities, and most especially his call for reform, tried to destroy him. Savonarola was “excommunicated.” He was brought to trial, tortured by the Inquisition, sentenced to death and was hanged and burned on May 23, 1498.

## Ś+P Helen Zebrowski

Our sister Helen Zebrowski passed to the Lord earlier this week. A funeral service will be held at De Legge Funeral Home, 1346 Chrysler Ave, Schenectady at 11:30am on Wednesday, May 21st. Eternal rest grant unto her.

## 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.

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 Radzysinski, 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: Holy Cross Parish in Hamtramck, MI and its congregation and pastor, Very Rev. Jarosław Nowak.

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.