



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 8, 2018

## Low Sunday

### Niedziela Przewodnia

April 8, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

First reading: Acts 4:32-35

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

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

Epistle: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 9:30am and 11:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 9:30am Marilyn Hietala, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Easter Lauds at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour, SOCL/Confirmation/First Communion Classes
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

## Third Sunday of Easter

### III Niedziela po Wielkanocy

April 15, 2018

Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

First reading: Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Psalm: Ps 4:2,4,7-9

**Lord, let your face shine on us.**

Epistle: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Intention: 9:30am for our parish.

Celebrant: 9:30am Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 9:30am Joe Kaczynski

- Easter Lauds at 9:20am. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Basket Social at 12PM.

***"O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." -- 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 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...

- **April 8: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am.**
- **April 9: Annunciation of the B.V.M. (translated).**
- **April 15: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30am only. Basket Social at Noon.**
- **April 16: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.**
- **April 22: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am.**
- **April 24-25: Supreme Council Meets.**
- **April 25: Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist.**
- **April 27-29: National Mission and Evangelism Workshop, Carnegie, PA.**
- **April 29: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am.**
- **April 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman.**
- **May 1: Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles**
- **May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross**

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.

## All we need is faith and love!

*For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world.*

We were looking through the closet in our office at home – a closet that has been changed into a set of storage shelves. We were looking for bags and ribbon for our basket social baskets – ribbons found, no bags. A trip to Michael's and all set.

While looking through the closet I came across a lovely table runner from Poland. It is intricately woven together. That is what today is all about.

The community to whom First John was written was facing a crisis. Former members were denying that Jesus was God's flesh and blood Son, fully human and fully God. Like many churches facing doctrinal conflict, the community was confused, afraid, and unsure of what to do. Whom should they believe? How could they know

what was true, and what was not? How should they react? Their closely woven life of faith and love was coming undone.

John's response in a lesson to the community was both simple and confident: You know who you are – the faithful. You know *whose* you are – you are God's. You know what you have been told from the beginning – love God, love the brethren, and keep God's commandments. God's own Spirit is with us to show us the way forward. There's no need for confusion, anxiety, or fear. Focus on living your faith woven together in unity and love.

John echoes Jesus' conversation with his disciples on the night before his death: *"They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them;"* and *"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you"*

Loving God, loving God's children, and keeping God's commandments are all an inseparable part of our life in Christ. They are links in the chain of faith. We live in an interwoven reality that is the Church of God – the basic principles of Christianity. Like that beautiful table runner, every thread is linked together into something beautiful; something that gives joy and that makes love strong and real.

In today's Gospel we have all the markers from the First John community. Perhaps the first display of fear and anxiety in the Christian community. Jesus settled the Apostles' crises quickly. Yet the Apostle Thomas was missing. He was the one thread missing. He exhibits some aggressive non-belief. His thread was not just unraveled, but frayed and nearly broken. We get that way. The comfort is that Jesus returns for him as He returns for us – Jesus won't let us stay unraveled. Easter is to live restored, interwoven, and unbroken.

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.*

**Psalm 51:12**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Isaiah 61:7

MONDAY: Job 42:10

TUESDAY: Acts 3:19-21

WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 5:10

THURSDAY: Jeremiah 32:27

FRIDAY: Galatians 6:1

SATURDAY: John 10:10

## Pray

Lord, You came to restore us. Make me new each day. Refresh and renew faith and love in me by your Spirit.

## Low Sunday?

The First Sunday after Easter is also known as Low Sunday. The origin of the name is uncertain, but it is apparently intended to indicate the contrast between it and the great Easter festival the prior Sunday.

This Sunday is also the end of the Easter Octave. Its liturgical name is derived from the fact that on this day the newly baptized laid aside their white baptismal robes.

The old joke is that it is called Low Sunday because all the people who showed up for church on Easter didn't come back – low attendance Sunday.

The beautiful thing about this Sunday is that it is a continuation of our Easter joy – and in this parish at least – always well attended. Low or High, let us keep sharing our faith in the risen Lord.

## Busy Time

There are so many church wide activities starting this month. Please keep these in mind and please take part. Please remember that music scholarship applications are due by May 1st. Other activities include:

- The Eighteenth Annual National Mission and Evangelism Conference, April 27th through 29th at All Saints Parish, Carnegie, PA.
- Men's Spiritual Retreat sponsored by the National YMS of R from May 17th through 19th in Walmart, PA.
- Gospel Concert at Holy Name, Saturday, May 19th from 2-5pm. Come out and praise!

## National Convo Raffle

Fr. Jim has tickets for the national Convo raffle. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Winners receive one of two \$500 cash cards. See Fr. Jim.

## Gospel Jubilee Concert & HNJ Concert

The largest continuing gospel celebration in the Capital Region, Gospel Jubilee, is back at Proctors on Friday, April 20th at 7pm. Let's get a group together.

We expect to hold a Gospel concert here in the parish on Saturday, May 19th. Please stay tuned for further details.

## Basket Social

Our annual basket social is only 1 week away. Please invite family and friends. We really need your help to make this year's Social a success. Can you donate a basket, or two, or three? They don't have to be huge - anything will do. There is also a sign up sheet for desserts. Through your love and charity, we are able to touch the lives of others and maintain a vibrant faith community.

## Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley, Brian Soos, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Sczepkowski, Dolores Konicki, Pastor Tom Kendall, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, Shirley Greene, Madison Sheridan, Sean and Jessie Wilcox, Snyder Family, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Donnie Wright, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Joe Emmanuel, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Richard and Suzette Place, Amanda Carr, Tyler Hoffman, the Hoffman Family, Daniel DiIanne, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Vincenzo DiIanne, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Crystal Haley, Michelle & Eric, Tina Haq, Louis Kiernan, Jan Shufelt, Shirley Maliszewski, Allen Panfil. 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, Patric Jones. Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Sr. Robert Pleczkowski, Fr. Andrew Bilinski.
- 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 the Priory of St Charbel, Lye, France.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Please join us for Coffee. Your support and assistance are needed for this ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to take a week.

Of note...

**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.

--- Holy Name: Sing O Christians! ---