



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 15, 2018

## 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.

---

## Good Shepherd Sunday Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

April 22, 2018

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

First reading: Acts 4:8-12

Psalm: Ps 118:1,8-9,21-23,26,28,29

**The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners, living and deceased, of Good Shepherd Parish – Amsterdam, NY.

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 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).

---

***"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.

## Contact



**Holy Name of Jesus**

National Catholic Church, PNCC

1040 Pearl Street

Schenectady, New York 12303-1846

Parish and Hall: 518-372-1992

In an emergency: Fr. James Konicki at

518-522-0944 or 518-765-2134

On the Web: [www.holynamencc.org](http://www.holynamencc.org)

## Upcoming...

- **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.**
- **May 6: 6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 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.

## We have a gift to deliver.

*He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."*

Beside ourselves, who are the sinners we know? Who are the least of sinners, who are the worst?

Our minds might have wandered to that person who had annoyed us, the one who treated us badly, the one who cut us off in traffic. Perhaps our minds dwell on ourselves, how we fall short.

It is probably best to start with ourselves. There is an old story about a person who went to confession after

many, many, years. They sat down with the priest and said 'I haven't been to confession in years.' The priest asks: 'So my child, what sins do you have to confess?' The person said: 'Well, I really don't have any.' The priest looks up, takes off his glasses, and said: Well now you do, for St. John tells us: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us." In other words child, you just lied a big lie.

Frankly, as St. Paul instructed the Church at Rome: "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Knowing this, we know we have a real problem, and it is not the problem our minds go to.

Who here is forgetful? I know that I am getting more and more forgetful. Without a calendar filled with appointments, I just might not be where I need to be. Thankfully I have a loving wife and a great secretary who keep

me on track. I forget stuff at home and leave things behind. Then I have to figure out where I left it. Is it in the car, on my desk, on the kitchen table? Did you ever go to a party and forget the gift you were supposed to bring?

Today, Jesus reminds us that sin and forgetfulness go hand in hand. Being forgetful isn't sin, but forgetting what we are about is.

The problem is that we are quick to count sin and offense, either our own or that of others. Every person, even those worst at math, deserves a degree in accounting. We can add up sins with real expertise. Yes, *all have fallen short*. So we can leave that message to scripture. The part of scripture, the gift we forget is what Jesus says today (and every day). We need to preach repentance for the forgiveness of sins. We are to be *witnesses of these things*. "We have a gift to give and it isn't our ability to count! Our gift is word of Jesus's redemption. Through Him all who confess are free.

*Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!*

**2 Corinthians 9:15**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: James 1:17  
MONDAY: Romans 6:23  
TUESDAY: 1 Timothy 4:14  
WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 2:8-9  
THURSDAY: Ephesians 4:8  
FRIDAY: 1 Peter 4:10  
SATURDAY: Romans 11:29

### Pray

Lord, You have lavished the gift of forgiveness on me. Grant that I may share the tremendous gift.

## Basket Social

Here we are for our annual basket social. Thank you for all of your hard work, donations, desserts, and the invitations you issued to this wonderful event. Through your love and charity, we are able to touch the lives of others and maintain a vibrant faith community.

## Next Week is Good Shepherd Sunday

Each year the Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Easter is text extracted from John Chapter 10, no matter which cycle we are in, hence the name "Good Shepherd Sunday." The image of the Good Shepherd is one of the earliest Christian images and one of the most popular. Early Christian images were often symbolic. This was due to the need to be discreet in a world where Christians were often viewed with suspicion at best and persecuted even to death at worst. The image summoned up by the words of Jesus, "I am the good shepherd."

Next week, Holy Mass will be offered for all living and deceased parishioners of Good Shepherd Parish in Amsterdam, New York.

Let us pray: *Where are you pasturing Your flock, O Good Shepherd, who carry the whole flock on Your shoulders? Show me the place of peace, lead me to the good grass that will nourish me, call me by name so that I, Your sheep, hear Your voice, and by Your speech give me eternal life. Answer me, You whom my soul loves.*

## 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.

Of note:

## 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 Chapel and Priory of Notre Dame, Aysènes, 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.

**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! ---