



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 22, 2018

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).

Fifth Sunday of Easter V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

April 29, 2018

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

First reading: Acts 9:26-31

Psalm: Ps 22:26-28,30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Epistle: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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"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 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. May Crowning.**
- **May 10: Solemnity of the Ascension. 67th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski. Holy Mass at 7pm.**
- **May 13: 7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am. Mother's Day.**

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.

Who carries who?

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

The image of the Good Shepherd is one of the earliest Christian images and one of the most popular even to this day.

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."

The image of the Good Shepherd often depicts Jesus carrying the lost sheep on His shoulders, bringing the lost back. The image is evocative of the power and strength of Jesus as well as of His care and concern for each of the sheep. We see Him going off among the

brambles and thorns, the rocks and cliffs, among the wolves and other dangers, letting nothing stop Him from His mission of care, His rescue.

As Christians, we have the same call, but it can be muffled by our dual personality.

The call is to be imitators of the Good Shepherd. We are to live up to our responsibility to search for the lost. How many do we know that have lost their relationship or have a broken relationship with Jesus – we need to seek them out and bring them back. Jesus gives us the grace to have the same strength He has, so we can go among the brambles, thorns, rocks, cliffs, wolves and other dangers of this world to bring them back. As He carried us back or into the fold, we are to carry others back or into the fold.

Our dual personality is such,

that while we are His sheep, we too go astray at times. Our call can be muffled by the sinful attraction of the world. It is in those moments that we may have confidence that Jesus will not leave us alone and abandoned in the wild. Jesus will marshal all His resources, graces, and people to bring us back. As we carry others back, Jesus carries us.

There are great temptations and sadness, seemingly impossible obstacles in our journey with Jesus' flock. Yet we have great power in Jesus and the strong shoulders of a great God. It is time to have confidence; it is time to work out our shoulders in scripture, prayer, and the grace of sacramental encounter. The question is not who carries who, but the confidence that that Jesus carries us and we are strong to carry each other.

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Psalm 100:3

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Luke 15:4
MONDAY: Psalm 23:1
TUESDAY: Micah 2:12
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 119:176
THURSDAY: 1 Peter 2:25
FRIDAY: Hebrews 13:20-21
SATURDAY: Revelation 7:17

Pray

Lord, Great Shepherd, as You have carried me, grant that I may carry all those I encounter into your flock.

Basket Social Thank You

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. We raised a total of over \$6,300 before expenses that goes a long way to support the good work we do together.

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."

Holy Mass today is 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.

HNJ Gospel Concert

On Saturday, May 19th at 2pm we will hold our first ever Gospel Concert right here at Holy Name of Jesus. This exciting event will include Gospel music, poetry, liturgical dance, and other performers. We are so blessed that a dedicated group of great faith has reached out to us – because of our faith and openness. Please take a flyer and invite friends, family, and all those you know to this event. Let us thank God for this blessing!

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 St. Mary, Ferrieres, France.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobłogosław 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! ---