



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 29, 2018

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

Intention: 9:30am for Finley Edward. 11:30am for all parishioners.

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

Lector: 9:30am Joe Kaczynski, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter VI Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 6, 2018

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

First reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Psalm: Ps 98:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

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. May Crowning. Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Exposition and Benediction
- 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.

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Upcoming...

- **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.**
- **May 19: Armed Forces Day. Gospel Concert at HNJ at 2pm.**
- **May 20: Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am.**
- **May 23: Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola.**

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.

Condemned or free?

Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us.

Today we witness the baptism of Finley Edward. It is the first step of the sacrament of Baptism-Confirmation by which we enter and grow in the regenerated life. While the two parts of this sacrament, both baptism and confirmation, seem like bookends, they are not. Rather they are steps in a journey, a journey from condemnation to freedom.

What is best and most amazing in the process of Baptism-

Confirmation is that by our actions of faith, our proclamation of belief in Jesus and trust in His salvation, and rejection of all sin we are saved and are completely freed. We are changed in the most essential of ways.

Theologians call it an ontological change. Really old folks like me were taught that our soul receives an indelible mark – something that can never be undone. This is why we call it what Jesus called it in speaking with Nicodemus – regeneration or rebirth: “*Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again... Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.”*

Today, St. John reminds us of what we received. We have new hearts and spirits that will not

condemn us. They have been freed and that should give us great confidence. At the same time, St. John knew that we know somewhat differently.

While we are able to have confidence, while we have been essentially changed and regenerated, we fall. We fail to keep the commandments of God – the two key ones – to love God enabled by our belief in Jesus because in Jesus we know God, and to love each other. When we fall short in those regards we lose confidence.

When we forget the commandments, are away from the vine, apart from the love of Jesus’ community, we lose confidence. That’s when our hearts condemn us. Yet if we remain on the path of transformation we are freed, and in freedom bear much good fruit.

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

Titus 3:5

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Ezekiel 36:26

MONDAY: John 3:5

TUESDAY: Ephesians 2:8

WEDNESDAY: 1 John 3:9

THURSDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17

FRIDAY: 1 Peter 1:23

SATURDAY: Acts 2:38

Pray

Lord, You have regenerated me. Grant that I may live up to my pledge of faith and action through the new spirit You have given me.

Welcome Finley Edward

Baptism is the first step in the Sacrament of Baptism-Confirmation. This sacrament is the foundation of our Christian faith; it is a gateway to life in the Spirit and the door that gives access to other sacraments. It regenerates us to a new life of grace, unites us with God, and makes us members of Christ’s Church. In baptism we are immersed into the life of Jesus – His death, resurrection, and return.

We congratulate Charles Joseph and Amy Lynn (Smith) Most on the baptism of their son, Finley Edward at today’s principal Holy Mass. We also congratulate the proud godparents, grandparents, members of Most and Smith families, relatives and friends.

The Holy Cross

This Thursday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Finding of the Holy Cross. Forty years after Jesus’ death and resurrection, the Romans destroyed Jerusalem. They built a small temple to Venus on Calvary, and another to Jupiter over the Holy Sepulcher. By this, the Romans perpetuated knowledge of two of the most sacred sites of interest. Once Christianity was established, Christians regained access to these sites, removed pagan monuments, and beheld these holy places. As to the Cross, it was not easily found. Excavations were made at the site traditionally known to be the burial place of the Cross. Three Crosses were revealed. St. Helen and Bishop Macarius united prayers and a subsequent miracle revealed the True Cross to them. The Church was put in possession of the instrument of the world's Redemption. Christ’s standard of victory was now raised over the world.

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:

- 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!
- 73rd Annual Bowling Tournament, June 8-10. Waymart, PA.

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 Sczepakowski, 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, Fred Hendricks. 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 Oratory of the Way and the Mind of the Spirit throughout the United Kingdom.

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! ---