



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 28, 2019

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Low Sunday

Niedziela Przewodnia

April 28, 2019

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

First reading: Acts 5:12-16

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

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

Epistle: Revelation 1:9-13,17-19

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Intention: 9:30am and 11:30am for all parishioners, youth, and vocations.

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

Lector: 9:30am Larry Panfil, 11:30am Claudia Bertasso

- Easter Laudes, page B6 at 9:20am. Easter Asperges, page E-13, Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite).
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at 11:30am (Traditional Rite).

3rd Sunday of Easter

III Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 5, 2019

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

First reading: Acts 5:27-32,40-41

Psalm: Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

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Upcoming...

- **April 28: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **April 29: Feast – St. Mark, Evangelist (translated).**
- **April 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman. Supreme Council Meets.**
- **May 1: Feast – Ss. Philip and James, Apostles. Supreme Council Meets.**
- **May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Polish Constitution Day.**
- **May 5: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **May 10: 68th Anniversary – Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski.**
- **May 12: Good Shepherd Sunday. Mother's Day. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **May 16 - 18: YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat, Waymart, PA.**
- **May 19: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**
- **May 23: Commemoration - Jerome Savonarola, Martyr.**
- **May 26: 6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.**

The Lord himself became the first-fruits of the resurrection of mankind, and when its time of punishment for disobedience is over the rest of the body, to which the whole human race belongs, will rise from the grave as the head has done. By God's aid it will grow and be strengthened in all its joints and ligaments, each member having its own proper place in the body. There are many rooms in the Father's house because the body has many members. God bore with man patiently when he fell because he foresaw the victory that would be his through the Word. Weakness allowed strength its full play, and so revealed God's kindness and great power. -- St.

Irenaeus of Lyons.

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.

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 share.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

On the Sunday following His resurrection, in the evening, Jesus appears once again. These appearances of Jesus fulfil many purposes. They perpetuate and reinforce the teachings He had provided over the course of His ministry. They obviously show His resurrected body and its physicality (He eats and drinks with them) - the promise for our resurrection in the body. Today, we see Him also strengthening the faith of Thomas and leaving direction for all who doubt (doubt is never wrong, rather it is the outcome, how we overcome our doubt that matters). We also see a commissioning of the

disciples with power, sending with the right to loose and to bind.

In jumping between Jesus' commissioning of the disciples and the encounter with Thomas, we tend to miss a nuance. The nuance is that we share. As disciples, we share. Christianity is about sharing.

This sharing begins with the fact that we are sent. Consider that Jesus had no reason to send us, nor do we have any reason to go, unless we have something to share.

He asked that we go and share His word, we share His life-giving sacrifice, we share the promise of this - His empty tomb. We share both as empowered individuals and as a community.

It is so nice to share - great to share but sharing also has a

cost. We have to be ready to accept the cost. What would we give up to share Jesus today? Tomorrow?

St. John the Evangelist declared in Revelation: *I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus.* That captures it so well. John starts introducing himself, calls himself our brother, and starts sharing. He sees that he shares in all things - the good and the bad. What a perfect model of what Jesus wanted of us told through the disciple He loved. What a perfect model for us.

The week ahead - share. Let us introduce ourselves, be a brother or sister, share with each person so they may share also in *the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance.* Share to grow the community. Share Jesus because we share.

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Matthew 28:19

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 2 Timothy 4:2
MONDAY: 2 Timothy 1:8
TUESDAY: 1 Peter 3:15
WEDNESDAY: Romans 1:12
THURSDAY: John 15:16
FRIDAY: 1 Timothy 4:12
SATURDAY: Philemon 1:6

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant that I may actively introduce myself and share all that has been handed down to me.

Divine Mercy Sunday?!? NO!!!

Today, the Roman Catholic Church sets aside the Easter season to focus on the tales of a Polish religious sister (Faustina) who lived from 1905 to 1938.

Faustina was born to a poor family. She received little education and worked in various menial jobs. At 19, she felt called to the religious life believing she was receiving messages from Jesus. She tried entering several convents but was turned away at each. One convent finally agreed to accept her. At 20, she entered that convent. In 1931, at the age of 25, she began claiming she had seen visions of Jesus. Jesus allegedly told her that people who worshiped a certain image of Him and said certain prayers would be granted mercy and admission to heaven ("...the soul that will venerate this image will not perish.").

The Roman Church actually rightly condemned this for many years. However, it was promoted by Polish Bishops and finally made a Roman Church feast to trump Easter by a Polish Bishop of Rome.

Our Holy Church does not celebrate this alleged devotion, nor does it consider Faustina a saint. Factually, our Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Conception of the Blessed Virgin, December 8th, as the Feast of Divine Mercy because it set in motion all necessary for the Incarnation of Jesus and for Salvation.

Ok, so what is wrong with this devotion and feast? Isn't Jesus' Divine Mercy always present to us?

In case we missed it, Jesus' Divine Mercy was made perfectly plain in all we celebrated through Holy Week and on the Solemnity we celebrated last Sunday - that of the Resurrection. Yes, Jesus offered His life for us to mercifully wipe our sins away. Yes, Jesus rose to mercifully open the doors of heaven to us. His Incarnation, life, and teaching were all about mercy. The wrongness of this Roman feast does not come from our disagreement with Jesus' merciful work, but rather from the most basic understanding of salvation and sanctification. Bottom line, venerating a certain image, reciting certain prayers, or any other "method" or check list will never get us to heaven. That is false on its face. Heaven is for those who accept Jesus by faith.

Men's Retreat

Following the lead of last year, the men of the United YMSofR would like to formally invite you to the YMSofR Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat, "Defeating Evil in Your Life: Finding Truth", to be held May 16-18 at historic Spojnia Farm in Waymart, PA. The cost for the retreat is \$100, which will cover room, board, and food. The retreat begins Thursday late afternoon and ends Saturday with Mass & lunch. Fr. Jim is going - please join with him.

Parish Census

Please return your parish census forms. We need your help in this regard. It is not difficult, and you can even complete it online.

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Angela Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Marica Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Virginia Rogers, Curtis Szczepkowski, Dolores Konicki, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Lucas Taylor, Joanne Bauer, 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, Paul Griswold, 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, Fred Hendricks, Jeanmarie Vollmer, Nicholas Emanuele, Marysia, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Chris Gancarz, Wayne Wienclawski, and 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 people and clergy of All Saints Parish, Johnson City, NY.

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

Of note...

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to take a week. The new weekly list is posted.

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 140 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Father Jim.

--- He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree. ---