

Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 19, 2020



Low Sunday Niedziela Przewodnia

April 19, 2020

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

First reading: Acts 2:42-47 Psalm: 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

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

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9 Gospel: John 20:19-31

Intention: 9:30am for Diving Providence and healing, for all parishioners

living and deceased.

Celebrant: 9:30am Rev. James Konicki.

• Easter Lauds at 9:20am, Easter Asperges and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3. Prayers for Divine Providence.

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry, drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.

R. And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

3rd Sunday of Easter III Niedziela po Wielkanocy

April 26, 2020

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

First reading: Acts 2:14,22-33 Psalm: Ps 16:1-2,5,7-11

R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.

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NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. My eyes are ever upon the Lord, Who frees my feet from the snare. Alleluia.

R. Look upon me, have pity on me, for I am alone and afflicted. Alleluia. V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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.

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Upcoming...

- April 19: Low Sunday. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.
- April 20: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Virtual Parish Committee Meeting at 7:30pm via Zoom.
- April 25: Feast St. Mark the Evangelist.
- April 26: Third Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.
- April 28-29: Meeting of the Supreme Council of the P.N.C.C.
- April 30: Solemnity St. Joseph the Workman.
- May 1: Feast Ss. Philip & James, Apostles.
- May 3: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am. Polish Constitution Day.
- May 4: Solemnity Finding of the Holy Cross (translated).
- May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am. Also, 69th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski.
- May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.

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 Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint, and bring Jesus' healing presence to them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

Then he said to Thomas, "Put vour finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.'

The Grand Ole Opry hosted a Bluegrass night last night. Dailey & Vincent sang By The Mark.

When I cross over I will shout and sing. I will know my Savior By the mark where the nails have been.

By the mark where the nails have been.

By the sign upon his precious skin.

I will know my savior when I come to him.

By the mark where the nails have been.

A man of riches May claim a crown of jewels, But the king of heaven

By the mark where the nails have been...

Indeed, we are, in these days very closely in touch with St. Thomas. Consider what he had been through. Everything he had heard and seen at the hands of Jesus followed by betrayal, suffering and death. He was filled, as we are in these days, with doubt, anger, and hunger.

Maybe Thomas hungered for how it was. I believe we do. We haven't been separated from the way things were long enough to really evaluate the implications of our choices. In fact, recent protests focused on reopening and going back is a sinful desire for old ways. No lessons have been learned there. Thomas rather learned a very important lesson. He would not believe unless he could go back. Jesus charged him instead with going forward, to act on faith and to have confidence. Thomas, move forward.

Doubt, anger, hunger. Can be told from the prince of fools. Maybe Thomas was angry. His apple cart was upset, his cheese had been moved. He had to reevaluate and adjust, but that can make us upset, uncomfortable, and sometimes even angry. If you read some social media messages the anger is palpable and deeply immature. Is that where Thomas stayed? No, of course, but he could have. He could have stayed angry, lived in the past. Instead, encountering Jesus in a new way he came to new life. He moved from angry and hungering disciple to Apostle, bearer of the Good News. Thomas, move forward.

> Thomas doubted. How could it change, how could it get better? He learned it was not by going back or by being angry. Thomas learned, as we must, it is by the mark and living in the promise of Jesus, by living Jesus' way, and by knowing our life is not here, but in Jesus' holy name.

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

1 Corinthians 10:13

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 John 5:13 MONDAY: James 5:15 TUESDAY: Romans 8:5 WEDNESDAY: Romans 8:38-39 THURSDAY: Proverbs 1:7 FRIDAY: 1 John 1:9 SATURDAY: Matthew 10:1

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant me the grace to turn doubt, anger, and hunger to the fullness of life in You.

Our Virtual Parish

Thank you so much to all who are living their Christian commitment and are participating in Holy Mass virtually each week. You are hosting watch parties, inviting others, spreading the word, providing much needed feedback, suggestions, and encouragement to our team.

Did you know that we now have the ability to use Zoom for meetings and get-togethers? Other parishes are holding virtual coffee hours or just occasional get-togethers to share time. If you are interested, please let Fr. Jim know. He can set-it-up.

The Future

What does the future hold? Interestingly, we know as much about the future as we knew before this whole crisis started. Ironic, isn't it? We have come to more fully realize certain realities that were always with us and the fact that the lesson of Easter means we overcome all things in Christ Jesus. I do know this, made apparent to me by the Holy Spirit right at the start of this crisis: Prepare to give thanks!

One reality we will face is the varied calls to 'reopen.' These, of course, are political. One reality we should realize more fully now is that our politics must not be about countries, economies, systems of government, or any other such thing. Our focus must be on the Kingship of Jesus and the work of the kingdom which is our true home. We will not reopen based on some politician's proclamation, but rather based on the health and safety of God's kingdom workers.

Our faith tells us that we are responsible for our brothers and sisters: The least of these; The traveler who was robbed and left for dead; Whomever is around us. We are responsible to God alone. We will not allow a politician's words or actions to cause sickness and death. Stay home, stay safe, and live the commandment of love: Thou shall love the Lord thy God and thy neighbor.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

An Act of Spiritual Communion at communion time and anytime we desire to be most closely united with our Lord and Savior, Jesus: Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. Inflame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

Giving in Challenging Times

During this challenging time, we ask that you continue your support of the parish. You may make your donations to the parish by mail, orbetter yet, securely and safely online at https://www.holynamencc.org/2020/03/giving-during-the-covid19-<u>crisis</u>/. God bless you for living the biblical principal of giving. God's promise to the faithful giver is trustworthy and true. Give and it will be given to you.

Praying for...

<u>Jasmine</u> Russo, <u>Laura</u> Covari, <u>Alice</u> Houser, <u>Angela</u> Kaminski, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, <u>Virginia</u> Lamb, <u>Virginia</u> Rogers, <u>Curtis</u> Sczepkowski, <u>Dolores</u> Konicki, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Chris Tatlock, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Kathleen Hietala, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Adam, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, <u>Theresa</u>, <u>Kit Yarrow</u>, <u>Wayne</u> Wienclawski, <u>Zach</u>, <u>Stanley</u> Ordon, David Urbanski, Greg Kaczmarek, Dewey Rogers, Carla, Anita, Polly, Sherry, William & Frances, Joanne Houser, Ewelina Filyushchenko, <u>Dave</u> Micka, <u>Grace</u> Lewis, all suffering due to Coroniavirus, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Garrett Grochowski, Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Pattric 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 St. Casimir Parish, Wallingford, CT.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. There is a sign-up sheet. Please take a week. We need your help.

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 reconstituted branch 140/168 of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. See Pastor Jim.