



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 3, 2020

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2020 PNCC



## Good Shepherd Sunday Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

May 3, 2020

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

First reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

Psalm: 23:1-6

**The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:20-35

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Intention: 9:30am for Diving Providence and healing, for all parishioners living and deceased. For former members of Good Shepherd parish.

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.
- Exposition and Benediction with prayer for the intention of our parish, youth of the Church, vocations, and healing.

### THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

**R. Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. 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.**

## 5th Sunday of Easter

### V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 10, 2020

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

First reading: Acts 6:1-7

Psalm: Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

**R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Intention: 9:30am for all mothers living and deceased.

Celebrant: 9:30am Rev. James Konicki.

- Easter Lauds at 9:20am, May Crowning, Easter Asperges and Holy Mass at 9:30am (Contemporary Rite). Ordinary music ppg. E1 to E3. May devotion.

### NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. "Come," says my heart, "seek God's face"; Your face, Lord, do I seek! Alleluia.

**R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior. 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...

- **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. Mother's Day. Also, 69th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski.**
- **May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.**
- **May 18: Holy Mass of Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee meets virtually at 7:30pm.**
- **May 21: Solemnity of the Ascension. Holy Mass broadcast at 7pm.**
- **May 23: Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola, Martyr.**
- **May 25: Memorial Day. Holy Mass for all who gave their lives in service to our country at 10am.**
- **May 24: Seventh Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.**
- **May 31: Solemnity of Pentecost. 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.

## One Way.

*“Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep... Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.”*

It is pretty easy to picture Jesus as the Good Shepherd. We have all seen many beautiful and heart moving images of the Good Shepherd, Jesus cradling us as the lamb in His arms. This Good Shepherd Sunday we are asked to consider Jesus as the gate to the sheepfold.

Jesus as the gate to the sheepfold seems a little odd to us. If we come at it from the perspective of modern farming and ranching, we might see Jesus as a wooden gate or a metal fence gate. That seems - well - weird. We have to take a step back to Jesus' time to recognize what He was really talking about.

In Jesus' time, the gate to the sheepfold was a man. There would be a big stone pen with a man who stayed at its entrance guarding the sheep. The shepherds would lead their flocks in, and one would ensure their safety. When the time came the shepherds would return, the gate-man would allow them entry. They would call their sheep by name and they would follow the shepherds out to pasture. The gate-man would fend off robbers and carnivorous animals, protecting the sheep.

There are many allusions to shepherds and some even like to focus on those who are bad or indifferent shepherds. Let's not do that. Our only focus should be on the Good Shepherd. Jesus is called that for a reason.

The reason He is called the Good Shepherd is because He is indeed Good. His shepherding is awesome. His voice is trustworthy. His words are music to us. He draws us to

Himself. He leads us. He protects us. He has saved us. He suffered for us, fending off the power of sin and death to rob from us and to destroy us. He took up our defense at the cost of His flesh and blood; at the cost of His life. Finally, as the gate-man to heaven, He opened the door to everlasting life in the joy of the Kingdom - the promise made to each of us His faithful.

The people Peter and the eleven were speaking to *were cut to the heart* by the truth of Who Jesus is. They asked: *“What are we to do, my brothers?”* The answer is not fancy or complex, it is simple. Be baptized, enter in through Jesus, the gate-man. Enter through His death and burial so to rise to new life, life to the full, and live like you got it. *“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.”* Live like you got it.

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”*

**Psalm 91:1-2**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 46:1  
MONDAY: Psalm 61:3  
TUESDAY: Psalm 91:3-4  
WEDNESDAY: Matthew 7:13-14  
THURSDAY: Isaiah 25:4-5  
FRIDAY: Psalm 61:2-4  
SATURDAY: 2 Samuel 22:33

### Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You are my Good Shepherd and my shelter. Lead me to life abundant. Grant that I may live Your life in my every action.

## Good Shepherd - A Parish Feast

Good Shepherd Sunday is, of course, special in and of itself. It also holds additional significance for our parish. A good share of our parishioners are from the former Good Shepherd parish in Amsterdam, NY. Today would be their parish's patronal feast. On this day we both grieve with them for the loss of that beautiful parish and we rejoice with them for the Good Shepherd is always with us, in our hearts and in the way we live.

## Legacy from Holy Spirit Parish

We are honored to have received a beautiful monstrance from Holy Spirit parish in Little Falls, NY. We honor the legacy of that parish and its faithful.

The root word for monstrance means 'to show.' The monstrance offers us an opportunity to 'show' Jesus and our faith to the whole world. As we sing, pray, and offer up our special needs during exposition we do not just show-off Jesus, rather in kneeling before Jesus' presence, we show the truth of faith - that Jesus is truly and fully present under the appearance of the consecrated eucharistic bread. We would not be foolish enough to kneel to bread alone! At benediction, we are blessed by Jesus Himself.

## The Future

What does the future hold? Interestingly, we know as much about the future as we knew before this whole crisis started. Many say that churches are closed. That is a misnomer. Church has not been nor will it ever be closed. Not only is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass being offered for each of us regularly, we are the living church in each of our homes and in our community of family, friends, and neighbors. Note that our parish will not reopen for public worship on a whim. When the time is right, when we can gather again safely, we will reopen. We will do so responsibly and with great care.

## 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. In flame 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, or better yet, securely and safely online at <https://www.holynamencc.org/2020/03/giving-during-the-covid19-crisis/>. 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...

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, 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, Theresa, Kit Yarrow, Wayne Wienclawski, Zach, Stanley Ordon, David Urbanski, Greg Kaczmarek, Dewey Rogers, Carla, Anita, Polly, Sherry, William & Frances, Joanne Houser, Ewelina Filyushchenko, Dave Micka, Grace Lewis, all suffering due to Coronaviirus, 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, 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 St. Joseph's of Stratford Parish, Stratford, CT.

Bless them, O Lord! Pobjogosław 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.

--- For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ---