



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 17, 2020

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2020 PNCC



6th Sunday of Easter VI Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 17, 2020

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

First reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Psalm: 66:1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

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. May devotion.

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. Alleluia.

R. Blessed be the Lord day by day, God, our salvation, Who carries us. 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.

7th Sunday of Easter VII Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 24, 2020

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

First reading: Acts 1:12-14

Psalm: Ps 27:1,4,7-8

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Intention: 9:30am for all mothers 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. May devotion.

NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Commit your way to the Lord; trust that God will act and make your integrity shine like the dawn, your vindication like noonday. Alleluia.

R. I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word. 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.

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Upcoming...

- **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.**
- SACRED VOCATIONS MONTH**
- **June 7: Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.**
 - **June 11: Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 7pm.**
 - **June 14: Sunday within the Octave. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.**
 - **June 18: Octave of Corpus Christi. YMSofR Men's Virtual Spiritual Retreat begins**

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.

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.

Getting us ready.

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live."

Last week we studied Jesus' dialog with his disciples. He was preparing them for the long and difficult road to Jerusalem and the cross. That dialog continues today. Jesus was setting expectations for what would occur. He would go to Jerusalem, be hailed, then persecuted and killed. He would rise. And then, what's next?

What's next is Jesus' description of the next two weeks of celebration. He would Ascend. This Thursday (no, it is not on a Sunday), Jesus would ascend to the Father to take up His throne in heaven. Ten days later the

great gift of the Holy Spirit would descend, the Church would be born, and Jesus' salvation, Jesus the way, truth, and life would be preached to the ends of the earth.

We often think of the world as some random series of occurrences, a daily happenstance of events. Hey, maybe today my ship will come in?

Jesus shows us how untrue that is. He has a plan, a roadmap for us. As faithful Christians we know that the randomness of sin around us is not the way things are meant to be.

Jesus laid it out simply for the disciples even though they didn't get it at the time. As Jesus says: *"On that day you will realize."* Ten days after He ascended, after ten days of prayer, they did realize, and they stepped up and followed the plan. In following the plan, they submitted to the Father and overcame randomness. In following the plan, they brought many to

know, love, and serve the Lord. In following the plan, the Holy Spirit's promptings were brought to fruition in lives one with Jesus.

Our reading from Acts is just one small example of a faithful person following the roadmap. The Deacon Philip preaches to Samaria and people come to the Lord. Centuries before, David sings of the great things God does for His faithful. This is something we need to focus on and sing in our times: *Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"*

In saying *"I will not leave you orphans"* Jesus is guaranteeing that He will not leave us alone. There are two ways of looking at this, and both are great. Jesus' ascension was not the end because He would send the Holy Spirit to be with us and guide us. In that He was saying too, I will be on you, pushing you to follow the roadmap. Be on board.

"You pore over the Scriptures because you presume that by them you possess eternal life. These are the very words that testify about Me, yet you refuse to come to Me to have life."

John 5:39-40

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Deuteronomy 29:29
MONDAY: Luke 24:25
TUESDAY: John 5:46
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 16:11
THURSDAY: John 14:6
FRIDAY: Psalm 37:23
SATURDAY: Psalm 37:30-31

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, grant that I may follow the roadmap You have established so that I may be counted among Your saints.

Exciting Info Is Here

We have been informed that the YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat will be conducted this year. It will be available virtually to all who wish to participate. As your pastor I highly recommend all men participate in this event. Great graces have been obtained by those who have taken part in the past. Let us come before the Lord in petition as the men of the Holy Church.

This summer's Kurs will also take place virtually. Holy Mass, sessions with Fr. Jim and other clergy, and all the fun games and events we know will happen. Watch your Counselors be total goofballs. Groups will earn points from home too. Outreach on your ideas will happen soon. Be sure to give your input. Kurs will begin with Holy Mass celebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony on July 4th.

Getting Ready for Memorial Day

We plan, weather permitting, to hold our annual Holy mass at the parish cemetery at 10am. For this to succeed we will need everyone's cooperation and attention to detail. If you plan to attend, you **must** stay seated at least six feet from each other. You **must** wear a mask. Allow one person to enter the cemetery grounds at a time. This will be an important practice for the eventual resumption of public worship. I know you can and will do these sensible things.

The Future

Remember, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is offered for each of us regularly. Even though we cannot gather at the table of the Lord, we are the living church in each of our homes and in our community of family, friends, and neighbors. Let us be the church by our faithful participation in Holy Mass, our personal prayer and Scriptural reading, and by the outreach we do to our parish family members. 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 Divine Word Parish, Chicago, IL.

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

Coffee Hour: Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. One day we will gather again and give thanks.

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.

Of note...

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