



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 11, 2021

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## Low Sunday

Niedziela Przewodnia

April 11, 2021

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

First reading: Acts 4:32-35

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

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

Epistle: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Intention: 10am For śp. Henryk "Henry" Mazur. Noon for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am and Noon, Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am Larry Panfil

- Easter Lauds at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

### 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 18, 2021

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

First reading: Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Psalm: Ps 4:4,7-9

**Lord, let your face shine on us.**

Epistle: 1 John 2:1-5

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Intention: 10am and Noon, For śp. Marjorie Farina and for all parishioners.

Celebrant: 10am and Noon, Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am Joe Kaczynski

- Easter Lauds at 9:50am. Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite).
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

### NEXT WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name; proclaim His glorious praise. Alleluia.

**R. Say to God, "How tremendous are Your deeds! for Your great strength Your enemies fawn upon You. 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. The Body and Blood of Christ are placed on the tongue, never in the hand.

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## Upcoming...

- **April 11: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **April 18: Third Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Parish Committee Meets.**
- **April 19: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meets.**
- **April 25: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **April 26: Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist. Meeting of the P.N.C.C. Bishops.**
- **April 27-28: Meeting of the Supreme Council.**
- **April 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman. Centennial Holy Mass at 7pm.**
- **May 1: Feast – St. Philip & James, Apostles.**
- **May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. May Crowning.**
- **May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Polish Constitution Day.**
- **May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Mother's Day.**
- **May 13: Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at 7pm.**

**Sick Calls and Hospital Visits** – 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.

Say what?

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “I will not believe.”

As usual, on this Low Sunday, we consider the consternation St. Thomas faced when confronted by the news of the resurrection.

The consternation St. Thomas faced is what we might call ‘say what-ed-ness.’ We all do that, don’t we? Someone tells us something and we proclaim, ‘Say what?’ We shake our heads in a state of perpetual disbelief. I don’t get it. I can’t accept it. This is too foreign to me.

If you ever want to test your own or others ‘say what-ed-ness,’ tell them what the Church teaches in truth and power. Jesus is God and man – He is not just a nice teacher. His words are the Word of God and must be obeyed. We must take up our cross and follow Him, walking the gospel path. All people are the children of God, and each of the baptized are co-heirs with Jesus to the promises

of the Father. The Church’s teachings are not just an option but required belief. Say what?

Within the first three Chapters of the Book of Acts we learn that: *The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.*

We do not even have to imagine the ‘say what’ reaction of the people who witnessed the life of the early Church. The reaction of the established leadership was negative. It is well recorded throughout Acts and the Epistles. We can hear the voices: What do you mean? They sell everything they have and share in the proceeds equally? They proclaim Christ without fear, with no apprehension, but publicly and with great power? Say what? We need to shut them up. That still rings true today.

Our ability to elicit ‘say what-ed-ness’ from the worldly is

founded upon the power we have as recorded in St. John’s writings: *Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God... Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith.*

As a people empowered by the salvation and inheritance we have in the risen Jesus – the God-man who overcame for us - we need to be a people of resolute faith, a people who truly believe and own, within our hearts as well as shown by our actions and words, the power of the Risen One.

We are called then to go out, dressed in Easter joy, with power, to challenge the ‘say what-ed-ness’ of the world. We are called to proclaim truth and liberty, freedom from death in sin to life in the resurrected Christ. The next time we hear ‘say what?’ let us respond with ‘Let me tell you about Jesus.’ “*My Lord and my God!*” He

lives. In Him we have life. Come and believe.

*But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.*

**James 1:6**

**Time to Study God’s Word**

SUNDAY: Ephesians 6:12  
MONDAY: Deuteronomy 4:29  
TUESDAY: 1 Corinthians 14:33  
WEDNESDAY: Proverbs 8:17  
THURSDAY: Proverbs 3:26  
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 3:5  
SATURDAY: Philippians 4:13

**Pray the week**

Lord Jesus, grant me the strength to stand up to the ‘say what-ed-ness’ of the world with the truth of Your gospel way. Help me to call others onto the path You have forged for us so together we may give You all glory and praise.

The Great Centennial Raffle

Not many people have been going to casinos under current Covid-19 restrictions, but let’s say we could. What are the odds of winning on one of those colorful and flashy slot machines? The odds of winning are around 1 in 49.8 million. Ouch! Well, for our centennial year we are offering you a 1 in 100 chance of winning \$5,000! Hey, that’s pretty good!

Our Golden Anniversary 50/50 Raffle with a single Grand Prize of \$5,000 based upon sale limited to 100 tickets is now underway. See Joe Kaczynski, Fr. Jim, or any Parish Committee member to get signed up. If less than 100 tickets are sold, proceeds will be split 50/50. We will draw a winner at our Centennial Banquet on October 2nd. You do not need to be present to win.

Weekly Zoom Meetings

Join us each Thursday evening at 7pm for our Together in Faith and Love Zoom sessions. The winter months and continued social isolation challenge us all. These weekly virtual informal get-togethers are an opportunity where, with faith and love, we can face challenges together; share time, stories, or recipes; reminisce; or even sing songs. If you have a computer or smart phone you can login to Zoom (ask Fr. Jim for a link). If you do not use computers, you can just join by telephone.

Return of Two Holy Masses on Sundays

This week we resume holding two Holy Masses on Sundays to be held at 10am and Noon.

Reception of Holy Communion

With great joy in this celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord last week we resumed reception of the Holy Eucharist. Please approach down the center aisle one person or family at a time. It will take additional time to ensure the protection of all with thorough sanitization between each and every person. We will continue to pray the prayer of Spiritual Communion with all those attending virtually and all those who are not yet comfortable approaching for communion. Remember that Holy Communion is only on the tongue, **never** in the hand.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

*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.*

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

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Alice Houser, Ed Jakubiak, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Stefan & Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Amber Tatlock, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Faith, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Warren Tatlock, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Stanley Ordon, Greg Kaczmarek, Carla, Joanne Houser, Maggie, Susan, Fr. Sr. Don, Linda, Ed Casey, Virginia Rogers, Carolyn, Francine, Margaret, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, all suffering due to Coronavirus, 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, Pattric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, and Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- 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 for any need or intention.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in the Polish National Catholic Church/Union of Scranton. This week we remember and pray for the leadership, employees, and work of the Polish National Union of America.

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...