



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 18, 2021

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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).

THIS 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.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

April 25, 2021

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

First reading: Acts 4:8-12

Psalm: Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28-29

R. The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Intention: 10am and Noon, for all living and deceased members of Good Shepherd Parish.

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).

NEXT 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.

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 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 (translated). 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 10: Commemoration – Bl. Joseph Padewski, Martyr (69th Anniversary of Martyrdom)**
- **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.

Membership.

But whoever keeps his word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.

The words membership and identity are hot terms in these days. That said, they have been terms used throughout history to impose or self-impose a sense of communal belonging.

In some cases, membership and identity were imposed upon others as a result of prejudices – in an accusatory manner – to differ the other from self, to reduce people’s humanity. In other cases, we have taken on our own memberships and definitions of identity.

If we took a moment to pull out our wallets and purses, we could quickly list some of our memberships. Here are some of mine: SEFCU member, NY driver, PACC member, AARP member (how did that happen?), BJ’s Club member, and others. A quick look at someone’s Facebook – memberships and identity markers abound. Where in all of that is our Jesus card?

The most significant sign of our belonging to Christ is that we bear markers that cannot be reduced to a card or social profile.

Our communal membership, our mutuality, our identity as Christians starts with that which was written on our souls at Baptism-Confirmation, our regeneration, from which our membership and identity as family, as brothers and sisters permeates our entire being and way of living.

Jesus, joined with His disciples as recounted today, told them that *repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name to all the nations*. This statement directed His disciples to go out and bear witness throughout the world. With the gifts of the Holy Spirit and, as St. John’s letter describes, *the keeping of His word*, they grew the family of faith. Out of people of every nation, class, status, color, and gender the Church grew as family.

Faithfulness to Jesus does not make us individuals, separate from each other. Rather, we are defined

by our belonging, our obligation to God and each other.

We, the people of the Church, are not a separate people, each on his or her own path who just happen to get together for a moment. Instead, our getting together in worship is sign and symbol that we belong to God, that He belongs to us, and that we belong to each other. God infuses us with a grace to see beyond self to the family. He causes us to share with the Body of Christ as a symbol – a sacrament - of our love and of each person’s dignity.

In today’s Psalm we hear, *for you alone, O LORD, bring security to my dwelling*. This is not just our home, a physical structure in which we reside. Rather, the term *my dwelling* refers to our house, the place we reside together. He secures us in the family of faith and calls us to show our Jesus card by being “*witnesses of these things*” and *bearing perfected love*.

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

Romans 12:10

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Philippians 2:3
MONDAY: Ephesians 5:21
TUESDAY: Luke 6:31
WEDNESDAY: 1 Peter 3:8
THURSDAY: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
FRIDAY: Hebrews 10:25
SATURDAY: Romans 12:4-5

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, by Your grace I have been made a member of Your Body, the Church. Grant, O Lord, the grace to build up the body and witness to the power of Your family.

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.

Mission & Evangelism Workshop

The 2021 Mission and Evangelism Virtual Workshop "Discovering the P.N.C.C." will be held on Friday, April 30th from 6:45 to 8:15pm and Saturday, May 1st from 10am to 2pm with a 45 minute lunch break. I strongly encourage all parishioners to attend. These workshops are very inspiring. If you wish to attend please send a request giving your name, parish, and email address to the Prime Bishop at pbmikovsky@pncc.org. The deadline for registration is Monday, April 26th. The link will be sent a day or two before the Workshop.

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. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.

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, Patricia 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 Spójnia Credit Union.

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. ---