



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 25, 2021

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Good Shepherd Sunday

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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).

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 2, 2021

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

First reading: Acts 9:26-31

Psalm: Ps 22:26-28,30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Epistle: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Intention: 10am and Noon, For ks. śp. Zbigniew Pastuszek (22nd anniversary) by Krystyna Pastuszek and for all parishioners.

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

Lector: 10am Lauren DeBlois

- 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. In the same way, my brothers, you also were put to death to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to the One Who was raised from the dead in order that we might bear fruit for God. Alleluia.

R. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 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 25: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Centennial Meeting**
- **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. Holy Mass and Baptisms at noon.**
- **May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. May Crowning. Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.**
- **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.**
- **May 16: Seventh Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**

Together in Faith & Love Zoom every Thursday at 7pm.

Sick Calls and Hospital Visits – If someone is in need, please let Pastor Jim know so he might visit, pray with, anoint them. Call Pastor Jim at 518-522-0944.

The Lord is my...

Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, and I will lay down my life for the sheep.”

Today is a good day to recall the words of our esteemed English teachers. Recall when they used to ask us to compare and contrast works by different authors, poems by different poets.

Jesus breaks right into a compare and contrast with His listeners today. Compare the good shepherd and the hired worker. He cites their motivations, one of concern, love, and sacrifice versus a pecuniary motivation – getting paid and not really caring. He cites their reactions – defense of the flock or running away.

Beyond that immediate compare and contrast, Jesus speaks of those listening as belonging to a fold and another group of people who do not currently belong to

that fold. While they were of different folds at that time, Jesus tells His listeners that they will all be brought into one fold, one flock, with one Shepherd.

What Jesus was trying to impress upon those listening is that there is an ideal – a way of being that is unique to fellowship with Him.

In this new reality – in the Kingdom and the gospel way of life – we need not worry about who might care for us. We have a Chief Shepherd Who is I AM – God Himself among us - watching over, guiding, guarding, and caring for us. We need not worry about what tribe, nation, people, or party we belong to for that is all worldly death. Instead, we belong to the one fold, the one flock of Jesus.

Peter, on trial with the other disciples, clearly tells the court of the old Israel, “There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.” There is no other fold, or flock, or Shepherd. There is one, only one,

for salvation and it is the flock of Jesus, the Good Shepherd.

St. John expounds: *See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.* Children of One Father, brothers and sisters of the One Lord, no longer separate and apart from God and each other. One flock.

Brothers and sisters, we have a new reality in Christ Jesus. Our esteemed English teachers called us rightly to compare and contrast, and so we should. What was I before Jesus (apart, alone, afraid, without hope beyond today) and what am I now (an heir to eternal life and a member of the eternal family of God)? Who was God to me before Jesus (judge, accuser, punisher) and Who is He now (Good Shepherd)?

As we go forth from this blessed day, let us continually reflect on who the Lord is in our lives. Let us give thanks that we are in Him, the Good Shepherd, the cornerstone, where we together lack nothing.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Time to Study God’s Word

SUNDAY: Galatians 3:27-29
MONDAY: Ephesians 4:22-24
TUESDAY: John 15:15
WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 2:10
THURSDAY: Galatians 2:20
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17
SATURDAY: Romans 8:14-15

Pray the week

Lord Jesus, You have endured us with a new identity, a new reality, as children of Your one flock. Grant that I may faithfully live my new identity, regenerated into Your image.

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.

--- 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, Charles Hobbib, 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, Patric 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 people and clergy of St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish in Lucca, Italy.

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...