



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 30, 2023

## Good Shepherd Sunday Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

April 30, 2023

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

First reading: Acts 2:14,36-41

Psalm: Ps 23:1-6.

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

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Intention: 10am for the former parishioners of Good Shepherd living and deceased.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil

- Easter Lauds, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Basket Social at Noon.

### 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 7, 2023

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

First reading: Acts 6:1-7

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

**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: 10am for Olivia Darlene and her family and Noon, for all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Easter Lauds, Holy Mass at 10am with Baptism (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).
- Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.

### 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, the Body and Blood of Christ, by placing the elements on the tongue, never in the hand.

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## Upcoming...

- **April 30: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Basket Social at Noon.**
- **May 1: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman (translated). Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.**
- **May 2: Feast – Ss. Philip and James, Apostles (translated). Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Holy Mass at Noon. May Marian Devotions at 3pm.**
- **May 4: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 5: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 7: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am with Baptism and Noon. Memorial Holy Mass at the Polish American Citizen's Club in Albany at 4pm.**
- **May 8: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 9: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 10: Commemoration – Bl. Joseph Padewski, Martyr. Holy Mass at Noon. May Marian Devotions at 3pm.**
- **May 11: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 12: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 13: Women's Empowerment Group Graduation Ceremony at 10am.**
- **May 14: 6th Sunday of Easter. Mother's Day. Holy Mass at 10am with May Crowning and Noon. Breakfast.**

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

## Lived Victory!

*When He has driven out all His own, He walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow Him, because they recognize His voice.*

Thank you for joining today as we continue in our Easter joy. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Lost, wandering, confused, despairing, angry, tired.

Considering our Good Shepherd, Jesus, has caused me to reflect on all those times in my life where I was lost and wandering. In different measure we all live through being lost, wandering, confusion, despair, anger, and tiredness.

One night of my life jumps right out at me. I was literally awake all night, that kind of awake where you know sleep will not come, that kind of awake where you cannot even close your eyes. My eyes were wide open, staring at the ceiling.

A lot had gone on – broken relationships, financial difficulties, job worries, my diabetes not in good control at all, a doctor who could only lecture – no help there. It all

rushed through my mind, and it did not seem solutions were forthcoming. I couldn't even despair.

As I mentioned, people go through times like that and if they have even an inkling of hope to overcome it, they start to actively seek a solution.

Now you might ask: 'Where was your faith?' On that, there was little of that left. I was away from the Church. I never rejected Jesus – but as I've told many people, that was a constant temptation.

So, what happened, how did I overcome? I'll start with the fact that there was no miracle or amazing revelation. One day, thinking about my faith, I realized I never took it seriously. I never even memorized some of the most basic prayers beyond the Our Faith and Hail Mary.

I will ask you to consider this – that for the first time in my life I really heard the Good Shepherd's voice and the message – Get serious! That's what I did, I got serious.

Did my problems go away magically? No. Did I have to work hard? Yes. As I studied my faith, as I memorized those prayers, as I did the work necessary to overcome my troubles, as I went to church each week my life normalized. My week started right, and it made a huge difference to not just have God as an active part of my life, but to truly listen to His voice, to work at walking His path. To seat Him on the throne as God in my life.

Brothers and Sisters, is all solved? Of course not. What has changed is that I am no longer lost, wandering, confused, or despairing. Angry and tired – sometimes – must work more at that, but I know with absolute assurance that when I was at my lowest the Good Shepherd sought me out. He seeks all of us, calls to us, and we innately know His voice.

Wherever we are on the journey of life, wherever we came from, the Shepherd calls to us. Let us listen, not just to listen, but actively engage and follow for a real overcoming.

*For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

**1 Peter 2:25**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Peter 5:1-14  
MONDAY: John 10:11  
TUESDAY: Revelation 7:17  
WEDNESDAY: Hebrews 13:20  
THURSDAY: Mark 6:34  
FRIDAY: John 10:14  
SATURDAY: Micah 5:4

### Pray the week:

Good Shepherd, grant that in the midst of all that confronts me I may hear Your voice, the voice of comfort and protection, the voice of true assurance. Amen.

## Today's Music

- Easter Asperges: E14, I Saw Water.
- Entrance: B137, The Strife Is O'er.
- Gloria: Alleluia (handout).
- Sacrament of the Word: B141, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R61, Like A Lamb Who Needs The Shepherd.
- Canon: Alleluia 107 (handout).
- Communion: Shepherd Me O God (Instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B128, Jesus Christ Our Lord Has Risen.
- Recessional: B134, Beloved Queen Rejoice.

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **The Basket Social is today! Thank you to all who worked so hard – cooking, organizing and leading, lifting and carrying, making baskets, and just being there for each other. WHAT A WONDERFULLY BLESSED COMMUNITY WE HAVE. Thank you. God will bless these efforts richly!**
- **YMSofR Dues:** There are only a couple of men who still need to pay the dues of \$12 for 2023. Please see Paul or Fr. Jim.
- **ANS Convention:** The National Women's Adoration Society is holding its convention May 19 -20 at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT. Two of our women are attending along with Fr. Jim. If interested in going, please see Fr. Jim or Liz.
- **Men's Retreat:** 6th Annual National YMSofR Bp. Stanley Bilinski Memorial Spiritual Retreat with the theme "Christ the Same" from Hebrews 13:8 will be held June 14 – 17 at the Bp. Hodur Retreat Center, Waymart, PA. Men, save the date and please join us. This is so enriching and spiritually powerful. Let Fr. Jim know if you are attending. He will drive and the parish will cover costs. You can also contact [unitedymsofr@gmail.com](mailto:unitedymsofr@gmail.com) for more information.
- **Kurs 2023 Registration is now open.** Visit <https://www.kurscamp.org>. You DO NOT HAVE TO PAY. Note the parish as covering costs on your registration.
- **100th Anniversary in New York Mills:** The New York Mills parish invites all to celebrate with them on Sunday, May 21st at 2pm for Holy Mass with Confirmation followed by a banquet. See Fr. Jim if you would like to attend.

## Praying for:

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węgliński, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepakowski, Joshua Moraski, Sue & Roger White, Helen Pasiak, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Joe Barratiere, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Vince Cacamo, Theresa Ordon, Robert Baia, Michelle Zawistowski, Allyson Keyser, Amanda Carr, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Madison Dunlap, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Nicholas Emanuele, Theresa, Carla, Linda, Carolyn, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Charles Hobbib, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Barbara Rogers, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Dave Taylor, Lyle, and all in need of God's healing.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenus.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, 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 clergy and faithful of Resurrection Parish, Temperance, MI.

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

Of note.

**Coffee Hour:** Thank you to all who support our ministry of hospitality. Please sign up to support a week.

**Parish Organizations:** Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? See Fr. Jim.

-- *And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* --