



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter VI Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 14, 2023

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

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

Psalm: Ps 66:1-7,16,20.

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Intention: 10am and Noon, for śp. Josephine Panfil, all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and special women in our lives.

Celebrant: Rev. James Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Easter Lauds, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

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 21, 2023

Rite: Deacon Missal.

First reading: Acts 1:12-14

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

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: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Mr. Robert Karoscik.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 10am.
- Coffee Hour Reception

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Upcoming...

- **May 14: 6th Sunday of Easter. Mother's Day. Holy Mass at 10am with May Crowning and Noon. Breakfast.**
- **May 15: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 16: Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **May 17: Holy Mass at Noon. May Marian Devotions at 3pm.**
- **May 18: Solemnity of the Ascension. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 19: Holy Mass at Noon. ANS Convention.**
- **May 20: ANS Convention.**
- **May 21: 7th Sunday of Easter. Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 10am ONLY.**
- **May 22: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 23: Commemoration of Bl. Jerome Savonarola. Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **May 24: Holy Mass at Noon. May Marian Devotions at 3pm.**
- **May 25: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 26: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 28: Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.**
- **May 29: Memorial Day. Holy Mass at the Parish Cemetery at 10am (weather permitting).**
- **May 30: Holy Mass at Noon and Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**

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.

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!

Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear

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

Scripture tells us of Peter's mother-in-law, how Jesus healed her, and how she took care of Jesus and His disciples. Certainly, one of the many amazing, devoted women in Holy Scripture. I must imagine that Peter also had an amazing mom considering the letter that he wrote which we are reflecting on: *Be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear.*

That is a mom statement if I ever heard one. I can hear my mom saying similar things. You know, those occasions when we are upset, feel misunderstood, or are angry and want to run off and do something not quite smart. Maybe the words were slightly different, yet they were the same: 'Explain yourself clearly. Use your words. Do things with gentleness and reverence. Honor those you encounter. Do not sin. Act with integrity. Just because someone wronged you does not mean you should do wrong. Have a clear conscience.'

Consider some of the other moms of the Bible. Like our moms they were wonderful examples of devotion to God, His people, and their families.

Jochebed was the mother of Moses and would not let the commands of government overcome her love for her son. She refused to allow him to be killed, hid him, and saved him. Not only did she protect Moses, but she reverently placed his fate in the hands of God when she placed him in the basket in the Nile. Our moms have confidently placed us in the hands of God. They taught us to trust in God over all things.

Hannah was in despair because she was unable to have a child. She was deeply loved by her husband Elkanah, but still longed for a child of her own. Every time Hannah went to the Temple, she poured her heart out to God. God heard her, and she bore a son. Out of gratitude to the Lord, she surrendered her son back to God. Hannah gave her child to God because she knew it was the best she could do for him. Releasing control opened the door for God to do amazing things for Samuel, one of the greatest prophets. Our moms have prayed for us and have given us to God in baptism so that He bless us as well.

The Widow of Zarephath gave what little she had to feed the prophet Elijah. Amid famine and

desperation, her reverent faith and trust in God was essential to her and her son's survival. Later when her son died, she went to Elijah for help, and her son was saved. Our moms have had "famine" seasons where things seemed bleak and hopeless. During those times, they taught us that reverent trust and faith in God overcome even when things don't make sense.

Elizabeth and Mary reverently surrendered themselves to God's will even though His way seemed impossible from a human perspective. They act as the premier example of moms who allowed God's will to be done.

If we have learned from our moms and the moms of the Bible, our ears are opened to what Jesus asks and promises: "*Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.*" Let us honor the special women of our lives by our reverence to God and by living His gospel way of life.

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed"

Luke 1:46-48

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 19:26-27
MONDAY: Proverbs 31:28
TUESDAY: Proverbs 1:8-9
WEDNESDAY: Psalm 139:13
THURSDAY: 2 Timothy 1:5
FRIDAY: 3 John 1:4
SATURDAY: Proverbs 23:25

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, thank you for the gift of our heavenly mother, Mary, and for the special women in our lives. May their reverence take root in my life as I endeavor to do Your will.

Today's Music

- May Crowning: O Mary Our Mother (handout)
- Easter Asperges: E14, I Saw Water.
- Entrance: B268, Hail Blessed Mary.
- Gloria: Alleluia (handout).
- Sacrament of the Word: B141, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: E14, Stainless The Maiden.
- Canon: Alleluia 107 (handout).
- Communion: Hail Mary, Gentle Woman (Instrumental).
- Communion Reflection 1: B266, Mary Dear.
- Communion Reflection 2: Tell Mother I'll Be There (handout).
- Recessional: Hail Holy Queen (handout).

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Happy Mother's Day!** Today's Holy Mass is offered for all our moms and the other special women who were mom to us. We have flowers for mom. Please take one. Please stay after church and join us for a lovely breakfast held in honor of our mom's.
- **Christmas Vigil Raffle:** A 1 in 100 chance to win \$2,500 (if all tickets are sold)? You can't get those kinds of odds anywhere. See Joe Kaczynski
- **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. Let Fr. Jim know if you are attending. He will drive and the parish will cover costs. You can also contact unitedymsofr@gmail.com for more information.
- **Kurs 2023 Registration is now open.** Visit <https://www.kurscamp.org>. You DO NOT HAVE TO PAY. The parish covers the cost of your registration.

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 St. Joseph's Parish, Davie, FL.

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

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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.

Of note.

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