



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 7, 2024

Low Sunday Niedziela Przewodnia

April 7, 2024

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

First reading: Acts 4:32-35

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

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: For all parishioners.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- 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. 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.

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Today's Music

- Easter Asperges: E14, I Saw Water.
- Entrance: R297, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today.
- Gloria: Alleluia (handout).
- Sacrament of the Word: B142, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: B124, Christ Is Risen.
- Canon: Alleluia 107 (handout).
- Communion: Instrumental
- Communion Reflection: B128, Jesus Christ Our Lord Has Risen.
- Recessional: R289, Christ The Lord Is Risen Today.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **The Basket Social is only 2 weeks away – April 21st! Please bring your baskets in. There are sign-up sheets for the various work that needs to be accomplished. Set-ups will be on Saturday. Please join in helping to make this major event a success. Thank you.**
- **Thursday Musical Club:** The Spring performance of the Thursday Musical Club “Roots and Branches” will be held on Saturday, April 13th at 2pm at the First Reformed Church of Schenectady, 8 North Church Street, Schenectady. Please come out and support our Music Director Liz and these wonderful women.
- **Thank You So Much:** To Roni for coordinating attendance at Jesus Christ Superstar at Proctors yesterday afternoon. This wonderful gathering of parishioners is public witness of our life in Jesus. Thank you also to all parishioners who attended at other times.
- **April Newsletters are available** today. Your name is listed thereon.
- **Solar Eclipse:** Please be sure to take proper precautions on Monday during the Solar Eclipse. Do not look at the eclipse without protective eyewear. Be aware of travel conditions.

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.

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

Whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Christ is Risen! **He is truly Risen! Alleluia!** Chrystus zmartwychwsta! **Prawdziwie zmartwychwsta!** Cristo è Risorto! **È veramente Risorto!**

On Easter Sunday, we spoke of the inevitability of change. We opened our eyes to the heavenward change we must be as we live Easter lives unafraid of change Jesus brings and full of surprise for all we encounter.

Today we encounter a kind of weird surprise. Thomas meets up with his friends, co-workers, followers of Jesus who are reporting the resurrection to him. Thomas is incredulous. In modern parlance we might hear him say: You're taking a horrible situation

and are turning it into a bad joke.

The thing about Thomas and Jesus' other followers is the way they motivate us to place ourselves in their situation and conclude that we would act differently. If I were only there, I would...

For those who went to see Jesus Christ Superstar yesterday, or recently, or perhaps saw the John Legend version of the play on television, or even the original 1973 film adaptation we might connect with Mary Magdala, Judas, Peter, the other Apostles, Pilate, the Sanhedrin, and think along those lines – I wouldn't betray, deny, question, or persecute. I would stand firm in faith and be clear. I have no incredulity as to Who Jesus is. But then we

come to the realization that we would fall short just as they all did.

In the play as in Godspell there is no clear resurrection event. That is left out because it is a matter of faith. It is a matter of surrendering ourselves to the change Jesus wants in us.

St. John speaks of being begotten by God and conquering. John notes that this is completely dependent on faith. If we give ourselves and our shortcomings over to Jesus, we allow Him to change us, to remake us into His very image and to thus become victors over all things and in all things.

St. John is calling us to the confidence of the beloved disciple, the first at the tomb, who stood under the cross with Mary, but who also fell asleep in the garden. John knew that it is not who we were or where we came from, but what we allow Jesus to make of us.

Memory Verse

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints

1 Corinthians 14:33

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 12:2
MONDAY: Colossians 2:8
TUESDAY: Acts 4:12
WEDNESDAY: John 14:1
THURSDAY: John 7:37
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 5:17
SATURDAY: Matthew 6:21

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, Your Resurrection calls me to change and constant renewal. Grant that I may be changed so as to live in faithful clarity concerning Your salvation. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Mary Walters, Tom Walters, Nedra & Rich Liebert, Dawn Main, 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, 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.

This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of Divine Mercy parish, Las Vegas, NV.

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

Upcoming

- **April 7: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **April 8: Solemnity of the Annunciation. Holy Mass at Noon. Schenectady/Mont Pleasant Food Bank Meeting at 1pm.**
- **April 9: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the infant of Prague in Polish.**
- **April 10: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **April 11: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **April 12: Holy Mass at Noon. Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Houtzdale, PA.**
- **April 13: Women's Empowerment Meeting at 10am. Thursday Musical Club Performance at First Reformed Church at 2pm.**
- **April 14: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- **April 15: No Holy Mass. Tax Day. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.**