



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 21, 2024

Good Shepherd Sunday Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

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

First reading: Acts 4:9-12

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

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Epistle: 1 John 31-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Intention: For all parishioners and all in leadership in the Church.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 8:30am, Joe Kaczynski.

- Easter Lauds, Holy Mass at 8:30am (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.

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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.
- 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 did so much to bring this day about. Please join today in being the image of the Good Shepherd to all our guests.
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the summer. There are deadlines for registration. We unfortunately had no one step forward for the Mission and Evangelism Conference this year. Let us make a point of participating next year. Please see Fr. Jim in relation to these events.
 - **The Men's Retreat** with keynote speaker SSG. Earl Granville is fast approaching (June 12 - 15). Please join in this fantastic spiritual opportunity.
 - **Kurs** (July 4 - 13) for youth ages 8 to 17 and
 - **Convo** (July 22 - 26) for youth ages 13 to 27.
- **Shepherds Help:** On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we reach out to you. We need people to shepherd in Jesus' model as Altar Servers, Lectors, and School of Christian Living Teachers. Please see Fr. Jim.
- "Labor together with one another; strive in company together; run together; suffer together... as the stewards, and associates, and servants of God." – St. Ignatius of Antioch, The Epistles.

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."* ---

Grant a loving, wise and courageous spirit to all who pastor, minister and teach in Your name.

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia!

The verse above will be re-heard in a few minutes as the Offertory Prayer or, Prayer Over The Gifts, or, Secret. Three terms for the same prayer, but that is not important. What is important is the sense of the prayer, our intention as we are offering our gifts to God Who will transform them from mere bread and wine into the Body and Blood of His Son Jesus.

My brothers and sisters, Jesus speaks to us today of two kinds of Shepherds, Himself Who is the Good Shepherd that gives His all for His sheep and the hired hand who merely works for pay and does not really care for the sheep.

We can draw comparisons between the two types of

shepherds, but it is not necessary since it is obvious – it is about the offering.

Jesus' offering is the perfect giving of Himself, and all of us are called to offer ourselves in His model. We must take care in living rightly in relation to our Chief Shepherd and those among us who shepherd.

The shepherds, as we will hear again in that prayer, are more than the priest. They are all who minister, pastor, teach, lead music – and beyond that – those who take up leadership over projects, events, on committees and teams, and as parents, grandparents, and godparents.

You, brothers and sisters, are those wonderful leaders. You do so much to shepherd this congregation and to help it grow by your varied talents in the roles you have taken up.

You lay down your lives for the good of those around you. You sacrifice for Christ and the other. Sometimes you even have to put up with brief tensions or the inevitable well-intended advice that comes your way. Lesser people would let all that get to them. But for us, especially those in leadership, it is about how we shepherd under stress, achieve consensus, and act with loving, wise, and courageous spirits. It is offering.

For those of us who live in relation to the shepherds among us as team members, colleagues, and volunteers, and perhaps just as community members, let us assure those who shepherd of our prayer and act always with charity, kindness, patience, and deference toward them as offering.

In this way shepherds and community members will all be transformed into the beautiful image of the Good Shepherd.

Memory Verse

We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Hebrews 13:17

MONDAY: Hebrews 13:7

TUESDAY: 1 Timothy 5:17

WEDNESDAY: Galatians 6:9

THURSDAY: Matthew 20:26

FRIDAY: Philippians 2:3

SATURDAY: James 1:12

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, help me when I shepherd to live Your example of complete giving and when I follow a humble and understanding heart.
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 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 Holy Family parish, North Java, NY.

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

Upcoming

- **April 21: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 8:30am ONLY. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Basket Social at Noon.**
- **April 22: Food Bank Meeting at 11am at St. Luke's. No Holy Mass.**
- **April 23: Ecumenical Community Prayer at 8:30am. Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague in Polish.**
- **April 24: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **April 25: Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **April 26: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- **April 29: No Holy Mass.**
- **April 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman. Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**