



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 11, 2025

Good Shepherd Sunday Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza

May 11, 2025

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

Entrance Hymn: 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.** 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.**

First reading Acts 13:14,43-52

Psalm: Ps 100:1-3,5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Epistle: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

Intention: For all mothers living and deceased.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

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

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Today's Music

- Crowning: O Mary Our Mother (handout)
- Easter Asperges: I Saw Water (handout)
- Entrance: B268, Hail O Blessed Mary.
- Gloria: Hymn of Joy (handout)
- Word of God: B141, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: R61, Like A Shepherd.
- Canon: Alleluia 107 (handout).
- Communion: Shepherd Me O God (duo – Liz and Larry)
- Communion Reflection: B266, Mary Dear.
- Recessional: B134, Beloved Queen Rejoice.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Mother's Day:** On this special day, we offer our heartfelt prayers and gratitude for all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and mother figures in our parish community and beyond. Thank you for the love, sacrifice, faith, and strength you share so generously. Your example reflects the tender care of our Blessed Mother, Mary, and the nurturing love of God. May the Lord bless you abundantly today and always, and may you feel deeply appreciated and surrounded by His peace and joy. "Her children rise up and call her blessed." – Proverbs 31:28
- **Blessed Memory:** Our dear sister, Elizabeth Węglinski passed unto eternal life yesterday afternoon. Arrangements have not yet been determined. Please pray for the repose of her soul and the comfort of her family. O Herr, gib ihr die ewige Ruhe.
- **Men's Retreat:** Information and registration for the 2025 Men's Retreat is now available. See the back table.
- **Pray and Give:** Please continue to pray for vocations. IT IS WORKING! Additionally, please continue your contributions to our seminary collection basket on the back table.
- **May Devotions:** May, a month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in our Holy Church, is marked by beautiful Marian hymns, Mother's Day, the May Crowning, and regular Marian Devotions sung each Wednesday at 3pm. We look forward to joining together to honor our Blessed Mother's continued intercession for us.

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." ---

"My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand."

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The eternal creating God, the just God holds us like this.

Jesus calls out a very key point we sometimes fail to grasp. We may miss it because of images like that of Jesus cradling the lamb. In calling Himself the Good Shepherd, it is natural to focus only on the image of Jesus as Shepherd. Yet, what Jesus calls us to today is focus on His Father in heaven holding us.

The Father, upon His throne, holds us in His hands. The Father declares that we are His and no one can take us away from Him.

We could liken this image to

that of a father or mother holding their infant in their arms as they rock away in a chair. We, through our experiences, have all seen that image of perfect love and care, of defense and protection. Love when poured out before our eyes, is naturally understood.

Today we are called to see our Heavenly Father doing that for us. His magnificent, overwhelming, and unconditional love is poured out on us as He holds us.

Some smarty-pants people when talking about our faith, and they are usually 'insiders,' make ridiculous statements like love is more important than doctrine. That is because their definition of doctrine is corrupted. In this 1700th year of the Nicene Creed which we will profess in a few moments we declare

a doctrine that tells us who God is.

And this is Who He is: A Father sending His beloved Son into the world and to the Cross for us; A Father with love so great that He spent it all to bring us into His arms.

If we live what we believe we live love. If we are one with the Father and Son in the Spirit, we bear the image of our loving God.

Yesterday, we experienced the ordination of a new shepherd in the model of Jesus. Fr. Sean. Toward the end of the Holy Mass, after pledging his obedience, the Prime Bishop leaned over and gently kissed him on top of his head. The shepherd's love in the model of the Father exemplified. I cried because God opened my eyes to see that He loves us like that.

Memory Verse

His left hand is under my head, and his right hand embraces me!

Song of Songs 2:6

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: John 3:16
MONDAY: John 3:17
TUESDAY: Hebrews 11:1
WEDNESDAY: Genesis 1:27
THURSDAY: Micah 6:8
FRIDAY: 2 Corinthians 4:17
SATURDAY: Psalm 147:3

Pray the Week:

Father, Through Jesus, Your Son, You showed us the depth of Your love. You hold us as the apple of Your eye, in the palm of Your hand. Help me to love as You love. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Curtis Szczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Tom Abbot, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Helen Spencer, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, and all needing God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patricia Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew Tenu.
- 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
- The residents and staff of Pathways.
- All members of the Civil Air Patrol.
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we pray for the people and clergy of Resurrection Parish, Brooklyn, NY.

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

Upcoming

- **May 11: Good Shepherd Sunday and Mother's Day. Holy Mass at 10am with Crowning of the B.V.M. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Second Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 12: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **May 13: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 14: Holy Mass at Noon. Marian Devotions at 3pm.**
- **May 15: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 16: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 18: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Lary Panfil. Second Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 19: Food Pantry, 3 till 6pm.**
- **May 20: Commemoration – St. Bernadine of Siena. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 21: Holy Mass at Noon. Marian Devotions at 3pm.**
- **May 22: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 23: Commemoration – Bl. Jerome Savonarola, Martyr. Holy Mass at Noon.**