



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 18, 2025

## 5th Sunday of Easter V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

May 18, 2025

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

Entrance Hymn: I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. Alleluia. **R. This is how all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.** 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 14:21-27

Psalm: Ps 145:8-13

**R. I will praise Your name for ever, my king and my God.**

Epistle: Revelation 21:1-5

Gospel: John 13:31-35

Intention: For śp. William and Barbara VanShufflin

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Easter Lauds, 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

- Easter Asperges: I Saw Water (handout)
- Entrance: B128, Jesus Christ, Our Lord Has Risen.
- Gloria: Hymn of Joy (handout)
- Word of God: B141, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: B134, Beloved Queen Rejoice.
- Canon: Alleluia 107 (handout).
- Communion: Be Not Afraid (instrumental)
- Communion Reflection: B129, Leave Your Sorrows.
- Recessional: B137, The Strife Is O'er.

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Men's Retreat:** Information and registration for the 2025 Men's Retreat is now available. See the back table.
- **Father's Day Greetings:** Forms for publishing Father's Day Greetings in God's Field are on the back table. Remember your dad, a priest who had a positive influence in your life, or your godfather, grandfather, or uncles. Donations for these greetings go to the Clergy Pension Fund.
- **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.
- **Memorial Day:** Fr. Jim will be offering the Benediction at the Mont Pleasant Veterans Memorial (corner of Chrysler and Van Velsen) on Monday, May 19th at 6:30pm. Our annual Holy Mass for Memorial Day, in memory of those who gave their lives in service to our country, will be held at Holy Name of Jesus Cemetery on Monday, May 26th starting at 10am. Please bring chairs and sun protection. In case on inclement weather, the Holy Mass will be held at church.

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." ---

*"This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

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

As we have been journeying through this fifty-day celebration of Easter, we may have noticed one theme that re-emerges week after week. That theme is Jesus' revelation of Who His Father is.

That revelation was made clear from the cross, where obedience to the Father's will caused His very Son, Jesus, to give Himself up to death to save us.

From the empty tomb we learned that the resurrected Lord appearing in glorified body had opened the gates of heaven to us. We will be like Him in that same glory

for all of eternity.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus tell us that 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.

Today, Jesus speaks of the Father's powerful love. Love is what motivates God, love is His character. God is the perfection of love.

The perfection of love calls us to love, calls us to move our love from imperfect to perfect.

God's perfect love is now in the Church by Jesus' very command: *"I give you a new commandment: love one another."*

Jesus speaks of glory: *"Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him."* What we might understand of glory is far removed from

God's self-understanding of what glory entails. Glory is simply perfect love.

Glory is not crowns or treasures or power in the earthly banal sense, but rather a treasury of love that we can draw from. As we draw from it, we have cause to share, grow, and perfect love (by God's grace) in ourselves and in our interactions with others.

St. John in Revelation shares his vision of the new heaven and the new earth. That reality is very much dependent on our cooperation with God and our work in building His Kingdom.

We will not get it done through earthly power nor riches or special wisdom. That work is completely dependent on how well we love.

## Memory Verse

*You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.*

**Matthew 5:48**

## Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Romans 12:2  
MONDAY: Psalm 138:8  
TUESDAY: Hebrews 10:14  
WEDNESDAY: Genesis 1:27  
THURSDAY: 1 John 4:18  
FRIDAY: Galatians 5:22-23  
SATURDAY: 1 John 4:17

## Pray the Week:

Father, Your Son Jesus revealed Who You are. Grant that we may draw from the well of Your perfect love and effectuate that love in our every step. Amen.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, 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 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
- 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 of Christ Parish, Dunellen, NJ.

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

## Upcoming

- **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.**
- **May 25: 6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Second Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 26: Memorial Day. Holy Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Cemetery at 10am. NO Food Pantry.**
- **May 27: Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 28: Holy Mass at Noon. Marian Devotions at 3pm.**