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# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 5, 2026

## Solemnity of the Resurrection Niedzielą Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego

April 5, 2026

Rite: See Program Book.

Entrance Hymn: V. I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom. Alleluia.

**R. O Lord, you have probed me and you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand. 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.**

First reading Acts 10:34,37-43

Psalm: Ps 118:1-2,16-17,22-23

**R. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4

Sequence: Praises to the Pascal Victim

Gospel: John 20:1-9

Intention: For all members and parishioners

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Resurrection Liturgy, Procession, Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am (Easter Sunday Booklet).
- Easter Repast.
- Holy Mass at 10am (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).
- Easter Repast.

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### Today's Music

- See Program Book

R=Red Hymnal, B=Blue Hymnal

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **Thank You:** To all who participated so prayerfully throughout all of Lent and during Holy Week. Thank you to all who helped to decorate the church prior to Maundy Thursday and in preparation for today. Your loving work and hands have prepared a suitable space in which we all glorify God for His salvation wrought in Jesus. Thank you to all who donated foods throughout Lent. They were donated to Schenectady Shares.
- **The Solemnity of the Resurrection / Easter:** More than just a day – an entire season of 50 days. Join us for everything Easter starting with the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday today. A repast / Swięconka will follow each Holy Mass.
- **Dear Brothers and Sisters,** On behalf of the Parish committee, myself, and my family, I extend our wishes for every blessing and grace for you and yours this Easter season. - Fr. Jim.
- **Drodzy Bracia i Siostry,** Jezus zmartwychwstając śmierć pokonał, a cudu tego dla nas - ludzi dokonał, abyśmy z czasowego życia ziemskiego mogli przejść do boskiego życia wiecznego. Niech Zmartwychwstanie Pańskie, które niesie duchowe odrodzenie, napelni wszystkich spokojem i wiarą, oraz da siłę w pokonywaniu trudności i pozwole z ufnością patrzeć w przyszłość. Radosnych i błogosławionych Świąt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego spędzonych w gronie najbliższych życzę. - ks. Jakub

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.

--- Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed ---

*He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that He is the One appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead.*

Early that morning, the women came to the tomb, and they were met with confusion. The stone rolled away, the body gone. Where was Jesus? Peter and John ran to the tomb and found the same reality. The place where death had seemed to claim victory is now empty.

What did that moment mean for them? In truth, they did not yet understand.

In many ways, we stand in the same place today. We gather as they did—with faith, yes—but also with questions. What does it all mean? What does the empty tomb mean for me?

We struggle to get a God who would give His all for us. We know our own faults,

weaknesses, and sins—and we wonder how such love could possibly be meant for me. And yet, there is the empty tomb, proclaiming a truth we can barely grasp: that death is not the end, and sin does not have the final word.

We try to analyze it, to explain it, to work through all the layers of meaning. But the more we think the harder it is to understand.

The answer is not complex. The answer is freedom.

Through Christ, we are no longer bound by sin. The sacrifice has already been made. The debt has already been paid. We do not need to live crushed by guilt or defined by our past. In Him, we are released—restored—made new.

More than that, He shows us that this life is not all there is. The noise of the world, the burdens we carry, the anxieties that weigh on us—these are not the final reality.

Before us lies eternity: a life filled with perfect peace, love, and unending communion with God.

Jesus has opened the door. That is the meaning of this day. The tomb is empty, not because something is missing—but because something has begun.

And now, the invitation is before us: to step out of our own tombs—our fears, our sins, our doubts—and to walk into the freedom He has won for us. The stone has been rolled away. We need only enter His new life.

### Memory Verse

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Revelation 21:4  
MONDAY: 1 Peter 1:3  
TUESDAY: Hebrews 11:1  
WEDNESDAY: Romans 8:1  
THURSDAY: Philippians 3:14  
FRIDAY: Romans 10:9-10  
SATURDAY: Romans 6:3-4

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, Your resurrection provides the promise of true freedom. The world no longer has its clutches around me. rather, I am free in You to live the fullness of Your promise. Alleluia Lord, I praise You. Amen!

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Kelly Noble, Curtis Sczepakowski, 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, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Brian Rohan, Tom Walters, Dawn Main, Fran Muscatello, Zosia Wiczorek, Bob Giczkowski, Bishop John, Bishop Paul, Gordon Lamb, Aimee, Liz, Dorothy Morrison, Jennifer, Daniel & Julia Byrnes, Steve Snyder, Susan D'Ameco, Ed Sargalis, Chip, Jacqueline Lawrence, Don Carpenter, Barbara Rogers, and all needing 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. Andrew Tenus, Fr. Nadeem Yaqoob, Fr. Mariusz Mularczyk, and for all Veterans.
- All those in Public Service: Civil Servants, Police Officers, and Fire Fighters.
- All Active and Retired Clergy of the Holy 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 St. Francis Mission Parish, McHenry, IL.

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

### Upcoming

- **April 5: Solemnity of the Resurrection (Easter): Resurrection Liturgy, Procession, and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Second Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- April 6: Bright Monday. Roni Bylina Funeral Service at Gleason's Funeral Home at 11am. Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.
- April 7: Bright Tuesday.
- April 8: Bright Wednesday.
- April 9: Bright Thursday.
- April 10: Bright Friday. Pierogi/Soup Sale and pierogi Making 9am until 1pm. Fr. Jim at Seminary.
- April 11: Diocesan Council Meeting at 10am. Fr. Jim attends.
- **April 12: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- April 13: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.
- April 14: Holy Mass at Noon.
- April 15: Holy Mass at Noon.
- April 16: Holy Mass at Noon.