



# Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – APRIL 26, 2026

## Good Shepherd Sunday

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Rite: See Program Book.

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.**

First reading Acts 2:14,36-41

Psalm: Ps 23:1-6

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Intention: For God's blessing on our parish efforts.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 9am, Larry Panfil.

- Easter Lauds, Holy Mass at 9am (Easter Season Booklet).
- Basket Social at Noon.

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### Today's Music

- See Program Book
- Communion Instrumental: Like A Lamb Who Needs The Shepherd (instrumental)

## +++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- **Easter**: More than just a day – an entire season of 50 days. Join us for everything Easter which started with the celebration of Easter last Sunday.
- **Basket Social Prep**: Thank you so much to all who turned out to make pierogi and gołabki, to get things set up and transported, and to all who have volunteered to work at today's event. You have made this time so very special by your active involvement and encouragement. Thank you so much to all who donated baskets – 102 of them -- for your generosity and artistry in preparing them.
- **New Stuff**: Check out the new logo tablecloths and parish materials that will be at the Basket Social. We have been working with our team from Flight Creative on all of this.
- **Men's Retreat**: Information is on the back table. This event is so very important, especially in this Synod year. In past Synod years the prayer that took place at this event has resulted in many graces and blessings for our Holy Church.
- **Kurs and Convo** – If any youth are interested, their parents/grandparents should see Fr. Jim.

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 ---*

*By His wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!  
**He is truly risen! Alleluia!**

Do you remember that day when you left your childhood home, not for a vacation, or temporary break, or to go away to school, but truly left to set out on your own?

I remember that day well, and it was difficult. I wide eyed with dreams and plans, and my mother was having none of it. She thought I did it too soon, without thinking. It was one of those, 'Who do you think you are' moments.

In retrospect, mom was right. I was being foolish. Things eventually worked out, and I remember several years later her

coming to my then new home with bread, wine, and salt – traditional Polish gifts for the new home that we might have food, joy, and flavor. It is a beautiful tradition.

We all experience those goings and comings in ways particular to ourselves. There are times we go astray – as St. Peter says – like sheep. There are times we return to the safe embrace of family.

Jesus knows this. He knows the conflicts and selfish tendencies we have when we think we are all that, when mom or dad would say: 'Who do you think you are?' Those were times we thought we were enough and could do it on our own.

Jesus the Good Shepherd is

the way to returning, His is the safe way to the embrace that welcomes, cares for us, feeds us, and protects us forever.

Jesus uses the metaphor of Himself as the Sheep Gate. In that, He is illustrating that we have only one way in – through Him. Sure, we can pretend and try to jump the fence, go in and out, do it our own way, but when we do, we cheapen and break our relationship with Him. If we are doing it on our own, we need to fix it, mature, and come through the Gate.

Enter through Him. By the Gate of Christ we come home and the bread and wine that feed us are there to bring us

### Memory Verse

*To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.*

**John 10:3**

### Time to Study God's Word

SUN: Acts 3:2  
MON: Revelation 21:25  
TUE: Revelation 21:12-13  
WED: Psalm 100:4  
THR: John 14:6  
FRI: Psalm 118:20  
SAT: John 3:16-21

### Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, You are the way in, the entrance to true life. Grant that I may always remain inside the sheepfold under Your headship and care so that in appointed time I might live with You in eternity. 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, 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. Mary's Parish, West Allis, WI.

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

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### Upcoming

- **April 26: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 9am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil. Basket Social starting at Noon.**
- April 27: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm. Meeting of PNCC Bishops, Scranton, PA.
- April 28: No Holy Mass. Meeting of the Supreme Council, Scranton, PA.
- April 29: No Holy Mass.
- April 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman. No Holy Mass.
- May 1: Feast – Ss. Philip and James, Apostles. Fr. Jim at Seminary for Semester End. No Holy Mass.
- **May 3: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**
- May 4: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross (translated). Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.
- May 5: No Holy Mass.
- May 6: May Marian Devotions at 3pm.
- May 7: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 8: Holy Mass at Noon.