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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

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Rite: See Program Book.

Entrance Hymn: V. Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. "Come," says my heart, "seek God's face"; Your face, Lord, do I seek! Alleluia. **R. Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior. 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 6:1-7

Psalm: Ps 33:1-2,4-5,18-19

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Epistle: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Intention: For Rev. śp. Zbigniew Pastuszek, śp. Marian Pięta. off. by Krystyna Pastuszek

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Joe Kaczynski.

- 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: Sing to the Mountains (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.
- **Basket Social THANK YOU**: WOW, WOW, WOW, because of all your hard work, collaboration, and the leadership Gail brought to the fore, and most especially for your generosity, not just in donating time and baskets, but in meeting and welcoming people we had tremendous success! What an absolutely marvelous family of faith!
- **Welcome/Introduction Cards**: Our new welcome/introduction/prayer cards are on the back table. Take a few and share them. If you see someone new in church, give them one.
- **Month of Mary**: May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin. We will seek her intercession for our parish through prayer on Wednesday afternoons at 3pm. Please join in.
- **ACTIVITIES: 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 ---

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.

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

In today's gospel, Jesus confronts His fearful disciples with a reality meant to not just reassure them, but to give them the strong, solid, everlasting reality of Who He is, the Way, Truth, and Life.

As in several occurrences in John's gospel record of Jesus' life, Jesus uses the term I AM. Those words, seemingly simple to us, when rendered in Hebrew give us the name of God. Remember that when Moses asks God for His name, God replies, I AM.

That term is so sacred that most devote Jews will not say the whole word. In English, when we say God, they will render it as G-d. In Scriptures, when the name of God is used it is rendered 'the LORD.'

When Jesus speaks these words at His trial before the Sanhedrin, the Chief Priest tears his robe. Although the Chief Priest was expressly forbidden to do that, he did it anyway as an expression of horror and outrage upon hearing what he considered Jesus' blasphemy.

Jesus is telling His disciples, as well as all of us that He is God. He is telling us who are fearful, often confused, timid, easily scared by the unknown that God is the

Way, Truth, and Life.

If we take Jesus' own proclamation and our own profession of faith seriously, we allow God's reality to penetrate our existence. We grab onto the confidence that God-reality entered our world to offer us His way, truth, and life as our strength.

We have been called into that light. As St. Peter says, we became living stones and are solidly *built into a spiritual house.*

As people built into a spiritual fortress with Christ's light in us, let us face every challenge with the confidence and security God Himself offers us.

Memory Verse

God said to Moses, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you.'"

Exodus 3:14

Time to Study God's Word

SUN: John 8:58
 MON: Revelation 1:8
 TUE: John 14:6
 WED: John 11:25
 THR: Isaiah 41:10
 FRI: John 8:12
 SAT: John 6:35

Pray the Week:

Lord Jesus, the great I AM, grant that Your way may be my way, Your truth my truth, and Your life my life. Help me to draw deeply from You so that I may overcome all that challenges and confronts me.
 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, 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 Tenu, 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 Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, South Milwaukee, WI.

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

Upcoming

- **May 3: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Holy Mass at the Albany PACC at 4pm.**
- 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.
- **May 10: 6th Sunday of Easter. Mother's Day. May Crowning. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.**
- May 11: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.
- May 12: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 13: May Marian Devotions at 3pm.
- May 14: Solemnity of the Ascension. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 15: No Holy Mass
- **May 17: 7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**