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Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter VII Niedziela po Wielkanocy

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Rite: See Program Book.

Entrance Hymn: V. Commit your way to the Lord; trust that God will act and make your integrity shine like the dawn, your vindication like noonday.

Alleluia. **R. I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word.**

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 1:12-14

Psalm: Ps 27:1,4,7,8

R. I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Epistle: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Intention: For Rev. śp. Maryan and śp. Severina Gorzela off. by Michelle Zawistowski.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Easter Lauds, Holy Mass at 10am (Seasonal Booklet).
- Coffee Hour.
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

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Today's Music

- See Program Book

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Please keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- **F. Jim Away:** Fr. Jim will be leading the Western Diocese Clergy Retreat in Plymouth, IN from Monday through Wednesday. Please pray for his safe travels.
- **Welcome/Introduction Cards:** Our new welcome/introduction/prayer cards are on the back table. There are also brochures. Stay tuned for the launch of our totally redesigned website, hopefully this coming Friday. Take a few and share them. If you see someone new in church, give them one.
- **Veteran's and Service Members Bibles:** We have a good number of Bibles specifically for veterans and service members. If you know someone who is a veteran or service member, let's give them one.
- **The Month of Mary:** May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin.
- **Come Holy Spirit: Pause each day during this period between the Ascension and Pentecost to ask for the Spirit's blessings upon our parish and the entire Church, especially in light of the Holy Synod this Fall.**
- **ACTIVITIES: Memorial Day:** Holy Mass at HNJ Cemetery, 10am, May 24th. **Men's Retreat:** Information is on the back table. **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 ---

"I revealed Your name to those whom You gave me out of the world. They belonged to You, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word."

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

Last week we discussed the change that was needed in our view. Our limited human view needed transformation and indeed it has been transformed by our faith in Jesus Christ.

We now have a Kingdom view that goes far beyond human limits. We have a view informed by faith and molded by the words Jesus spoke to us. That is why bible reading is so key, because the more we read and consider the more informed and educated we are. We are better prepared to tell others about what Jesus has done for us.

Our view continues to be

informed by Jesus' last supper discourse which we read. He speaks of us as being chosen, not just by Him, but by the Father. *They belonged to You, and You gave them to Me.*

We may think we just happened to wander in here, or we came out of habit, or we have been here in this very special family because it is our legacy. Yes, all that is true. More important is the fact each of us were chosen by the Father to belong to His Son, to be part of this family of faith.

That changes our human view, doesn't it?

St. Peter reminds us that we will face suffering, and again, our view must be different. In suffering we are joined to Christ, and

we are asked to see beyond today's suffering to the glory we will share in, how our suffering acts as a witness to Christ and the changed view we have. Indeed, in every moment our changed view sees forward. sees our part in the unfolding plan of salvation.

In these days between the Ascension and Pentecost we are asked to pray and to recognize that the very same prayer of the Apostles reenforced their new view of things. It blessed them as they looked forward with focus on Jesus' words and deeds and strengthened them for the witness they would bear in all times. So may it be for us in our new view, new study, and witness.

Memory Verse

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you.

John 15:16

Time to Study God's Word

SUN: 1 Peter 2:9
MON: Ephesians 1:4-5
TUE: Romans 8:28-30
WED: Ephesians 1:4
THR: Colossians 3:12
FRI: Galatians 1:15
SAT: Jeremiah 1:4-5

Pray the Week:

Holy Spirit, as we prepare to commemorate Your descent upon the Church, grant I may see that the Father chose me and has sent You to inspire and guide 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 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 Holy Cross Parish, Hamtramck, MI.

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

Upcoming

- **May 17: 7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- May 18: Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm. Fr. Jim leads Western Diocese Clergy Retreat.
- May 19: Fr. Jim leads Western Diocese Clergy Retreat.
- May 20: Fr. Jim leads Western Diocese Clergy Retreat. No Marian Devotions.
- May 21: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 22: No Holy Mass.
- **May 24: Pentecost. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.**
- May 25: Memorial Day. Holy Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Cemetery at 10am (at the parish in case of inclement weather). No Food Pantry.
- May 26: Holy Mass at Noon. Flight Creative Meeting at 2pm.
- May 27: May Marian Devotions at 4pm.
- May 28: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 29: Holy Mass at Noon.