

Focus Bulletin

5th Sunday in Easter V Niedziela po Wielkanocy

April 28, 2024 Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77. First reading: Acts 9:26-31 Psalm: 22:26-28,30-32

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. Epistle: 1 John 3:18-24 Gospel: John 15:1-8

Intention: For śp. Stefan Węglinski off. by daughter Christine. Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki. Lector: 10am, Lauren DeBlois.

- Easter Lauds, Holy Mass at 10am (Contemporary Rite, pg. 63).
- Coffee Hour Reception
- Holy Mass at Noon (Traditional Rite, Pew Missal pg. 15).

THIS WEEK'S ENTRANCE HYMN

V. In the same way, my brothers, you also were put to death to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to the One Who was raised from the dead in order that we might bear fruit for God. Alleluia.

R. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 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.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.
- THANK YOU to all who did so much to bring this day about, those who prepared food, donated baskets, came out to support our ministry, and acted as good shepherds to all our guests. We did very well with a gross receipt of over \$8,200
- **EVENTS:** of various kinds are upon us as we approach the summer. There are deadlines for registration. We unfortunately had no one step forward for the Mission and Evangelism Conference this year. Let us make a point of participating next year. Please see Fr. Jim in relation to these events.
 - The Men's Retreat with keynote speaker SSG. Earl Granville is fast approaching (June 12 15). Please join in this fantastic spiritual opportunity.
 - Kurs (July 4 13) for youth ages 8 to 17 and
 - \circ **Convo** (July 22 26) for youth ages 13 to 27.
- A Ministry for You? We need people to minister in Jesus' model as Altar Servers, Lectors, and School of Christian Living Teachers. Please 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.

--- And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." ---

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH - APRIL 28, 2024

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Today's Music

- Easter Asperges: E14, I Saw Water.
- Entrance: B129, Leave Your Sorrows.
- Gloria: Alleluia (handout).
- Sacrament of the Word: B141, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: B127, Come Rejoice.
- Canon: Alleluia 107 (handout).
- Communion: Sing To The Mountains (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B136, That Easter Day.
- Recessional: B137, The Strife Is O'er.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia!

My dear brothers and sisters, we continue in our celebration of the Easter Season. We have not so much journeyed with Jesus as we do in other seasons of the Church vear, rather we have sat and listened to His teaching, encountering His Risen presence, and being reassured in what He has won for us. We are having the meaning of all scripture opened to us so we might integrate all we learned as we did journey with Him. In short, Easter is about a deeper learning and integration of that learning into ourselves.

We heard this same gospel of the vine just seven weeks ago on the Solemnity of the Institution. On that occasion we related the meaning of the True Vine and our connection to it corporately as the Church.

Today, we consider our personal union with Jesus. Today is about how we are effectuating Jesus' life in us in tangible ways, i.e., how we are bearing fruit.

We are given the best of examples of bearing fruit in Acts. Saul has just encountered Jesus on the Damascus Road. This man, who, as Paul, would later write about his life of animosity toward the Body of Christ, and toward Jesus, who lived as an enemy of God in his self-righteousness, now lives washed of all sin. Saul was regenerated and made new in forgiveness and in his desire for unity with Christ's body. Not only that, but he now lives on fire for evangelization: [He] spoke out boldly in the name of the

Lord.

We see fruit in Barnabas who brought Saul into the community. He acted as a true brother in kindness and personal witness.

St. John reminds us of our obligation toward love of God and each other. He tells us: And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. He also reveals to us the mark of our salvation, the source of the confidence we should have from living in the True Vine and bearing His fruit, the Spirit he gave us.

Having the Holy Spirit in us and carrying out the work of Jesus in building the kingdom, evangelizing the unbeliever, acting in witness and welcome, we glorify the Father and bear great fruit living what we have learned.

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

SUNDAY: Philippians 1:6 MONDAY: 2 Peter 1:5-9 TUESDAY: Matthew 3:8 WEDNESDAY: Psalm 1:3 THURSDAY: Romans 7:4 FRIDAY: Galatians 6:7-8 SATURDAY: 1 Peter 4:10

Pray the week: Lord Jesus, grant me fruitfulness in doing Your work. When my courage lacks, fortify it. Where my witness fails, renew it. Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepkowski, Joshua Moraski, Jessie Feathers-Ostrowski, Joanne Bauer, Madison Sheridan, Tom Abbot, Derek Westcott, Karen Kisch, Gregory Henderson, Theresa Ordon, Michelle Zawistowski, Susan Jones, Garry Packer, Gary & Sandra Tatlock, Shirley Maliszewski, Fred Hendricks, Theresa, Carla, Francine, Eileen, Joyce Colson, Karen Weyant, Helen Spencer, Steve and Claudia Miller, Michael Clough, Frances Gary, Dan Crawley, Bob Chelkowski, Lyle, Ralph Zell, Phil Wielewinski, Brian Rohan, Mary Walters, Tom Walters, Nedra Liebert, Dawn Main, Tony and Fran Muscatello, and all in need of God's healing grace.

- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States esp. <u>Michael</u> Angehr, <u>Mark</u> Collins, <u>Pattric</u> Jones, <u>Timothy</u> Olsen, <u>Charlie</u> Prothero, Fr. <u>Joseph</u> Kolek, Fr. <u>Andrew</u> Bilinski, Fr. <u>Stan</u> Jasiurkowski, Fr. <u>Andrew</u> 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
- All who have asked for our prayers for any need or intention.

This week we remember and pray for the people and clergy of Holy Family parish, North Java, NY.

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

Upcoming

- April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.
- April 29: No Holy Mass.
- April 30: Solemnity St. Joseph the Workman. Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.
- May 1: Feast Ss. Philip & James, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions follow.
- May 2: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 3: Solemnity Finding of the Holy Cross. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 5: 6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am with Baptism and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Memorial Holy Mass at the Polish American Citizens Club at 4pm.
- May 6: No Holy Mass.