



Focus Bulletin

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH – MAY 5, 2024

6th Sunday in Easter VI Niedziela po Wielkanocy

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Rite: Pew Missal, page 63, Canon, page 77.

First reading: Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Psalm: 98:1-4

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Intention: For Tallulah, her parents, and family. For śp. Ks. Zbigniew Pastuszek (25th anniversary) off. by wife Krystyna.

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Konicki.

Lector: 10am, Larry Panfil.

- Easter Lauds, Holy Mass & Baptism 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. When I found Your words, I devoured them; they became my joy and the happiness of my heart. Alleluia.

R. You have made known to me the paths of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence. 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.

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Today's Music

- Easter Asperges: E14, I Saw Water.
- Entrance: B128, Jesus Christ Our Lord Is Risen.
- Gloria: Alleluia (handout).
- Sacrament of the Word: B141, Holy Spirit.
- Offertory: B134, Beloved Queen Rejoice.
- Canon: Alleluia 107 (handout).
- Communion: Be Not Afraid (instrumental).
- Communion Reflection: B129, Leave Your Sorrows.
- Recessional: B137, The Strife Is O'er.

+++ Reminders & Notes +++

- **Keep inviting people to meet the Lord and join in worship and fellowship.**
- Welcome Tallulah to the Kingdom of God and the family of faith, the Holy Church. May you, your parents, and family always be blessed in the faith.
- **Newsletters: Are available today. Please take your home with you to save mail costs.**
- **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
 - **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 SOCL 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."* ---

This is My commandment: love one another as I love you.

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen! Alleluia!

On this Sunday in the Easter season, we are blessed to welcome a new member of God's Kingdom through the waters of regeneration – rebirth into a completely new way of life. It is indeed a life of love.

Now, this causes us to raise a question as to Kingdom love, our Christian way of life. What's all so different about it?

Indeed, people of every background provide love and charity for others. Most people regardless of religious affiliation, or no affiliation whatsoever love in ways aimed at the physical, emotional, psychological, relational, and economic well-being of others.

For Tallulah and us this is the difference. It is not the how, where, or work of love, but rather,

its source, sustaining power, and goal.

For those in the Kingdom the source of love is the cross of Christ, the total self-giving of God for a people who neither deserved nor merited His concern. St. John tells us: *"We love because He first loved us."* In the Cross our sins are forgiven, we are justified, accepted, and loved by God. By the cross fear and greed, the great barriers to love, are taken away as we trust in what God has done in Christ. So, the first difference between secular love and Christian love is that our love is rooted in the work of Christ and its impact in us.

Second, Kingdom love is sustained and shaped by the Holy Spirit, where secular love isn't. St. Paul calls it the *"fruit of the Spirit."* It is the Spirit that takes the death of Christ, causes it to be real for us, and gives us new hearts so that the death of

Christ has a love-producing effect on us. The work of the Spirit sustains and shapes Christian love, but not the love of the world.

Finally, Christian love has a radically different goal. All the good we do in our loving has a Godward goal. Our love has more than a here and now goal and effect. Our love is not just for the present, rather it is forever because its emphasis is what is truly good for all, bringing all to God in Christ.

All that was about how our loving is different, what our baptismal faith changes about our outward loving. But there is more. Our commitment to Kingdom love must bring about deep change in us. We cannot remain just as we are. Within ourselves we must be fully convicted of our love's shortcomings and work to grow our love so to meet Christ's commandment.

Memory Verse

If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

1 John 4:20

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: 1 Peter 4:8
MONDAY: Romans 12:10
TUESDAY: Romans 13:8
WEDNESDAY: 1 John 4:11
THURSDAY: Galatians 5:13
FRIDAY: Ephesians 4:32
SATURDAY: Hebrews 10:24

Pray the week:

Lord Jesus, grant me a spirit of self-giving love centered in Your cross and the Holy Spirit's word in me. Wherever sin prevails in my life, give me the grace to change.
Amen.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Jasmine Russo, Laura Covari, Stan Podkulski, Mariea Chase, Kelly Noble, Elizabeth Węglinski, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Virginia Lamb, Curtis Sczepakowski, 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. Michael Angehr, Mark Collins, Patric Jones, Timothy Olsen, Charlie Prothero, Fr. Joseph Kolek, Fr. Andrew Bilinski, Fr. Stan Jasiurkowski, Fr. Andrew 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 Trinity parish, Woodlawn, NY.

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

Upcoming

- **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.**
- **May 7: Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.**
- **May 8: Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions follow.**
- **May 9: Solemnity of the Ascension. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 10: Commemoration – Bl. Joseph Padewski, Martyr. Holy Mass at Noon.**
- **May 11: Women's Empowerment Meeting at 10am.**
- **May 12: 7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.**