

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 04/11 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Eucharist. Coffee Hour in the Church Hall as usual.
- 04/17 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9-12.
- 04/18 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. No Mass Intention so far!
- 05/01 (Saturday) CEMETERY SPRING CLEANING at 10am. We gather as a community to clean St. John's Cemetery (Jefferson St., Manchester) - everyone is welcome to join us! Please, bring your gardening gloves, rake and folding chair. After the cleaning lunch will be provided to all volunteers!
- We're still looking for volunteers to run APRIL fundraising events for the Church. In the back you will find a Sign-Up list (yellow sheet) for the upcoming sale and dinner. Please, consider your participation! Let's pray & work together for the good of the Church and salvation of every soul...

### Community Project 2021 - RECTORY ATTIC INSULATION (UPDATE)

Donations up to now: \$ 2,520

- ⇒ Subfloor installation (plywood) - **done**
- ⇒ Fiberglass insulation - **work in progress**
- ⇒ New window installation - **not yet**
- ⇒ Framing installation - **not yet**
- ⇒ Sheetrock installation - **not yet**
- ⇒ Electrical installation & light - **not yet**

God bless all St. John's benefactors!

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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April 11, 2021

# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

## II SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + CYNTHIA (OTT) MACFARLANE (req. by the family)

INTROIT

C: I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry; Drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, Set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.

**R: And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. Alleluia.**

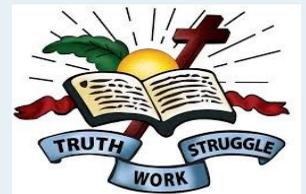
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**



### HOLY MASS

. 10.00 am



### MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to have a Mass said for a particular intention, you must stop by the Parish Office or the sacristy in the Church before/after Sunday mass. Masses can be said for a deceased person or as a special intention for the living. You may reserve a Sunday of your choice, and your intention will be published in the parish bulletin.

We encourage you to offer a Mass on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special personal (family) need.

## READING 1

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The community of believers was of one heart and mind,  
and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own,  
but they had everything in common.  
With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all.  
There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them,  
bring the proceeds of the sale,

## ACTS 4:32-35

and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

**The Word of the Lord.** *Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL

## JN 20:1-9

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. **The Gospel of the Lord.** *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PS 118

*„Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.“*

## READING 2

### A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

Beloved:  
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God

## 1 JN 5:1-6

conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

**The Word of the Lord.**  
*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

When I think of Jesus' appearance to the apostles on Easter Sunday afternoon, I am continually amazed. If I had experienced the rejection, denial, and abandonment from my close friends, I think the first words I would have said would be, "Why did you desert me?" or "I want to talk to you about your leaving me alone to face my suffering." Yet Jesus' first words to His followers was "Shalom" – a word of a re-established and renewed relationship, a word of reconciliation and forgiveness, a word of Hesed-Divine Mercy. Jesus does not blame, accuse, or question the apostles. He speaks about being able to move forward together with renewed enthusiasm and spirited unity. Our GOD is amazingly awesome.