

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 04/18 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Eucharist. Coffee Hour in the Church Hall as usual.
- 04/20 (Tuesday) PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING at 3.30pm.
- 04/24 (Saturday) POLISH DINNER 4-6pm. Preorders only until March 10!
- 04/25 (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!
- Yesterday's POLISH FOOD SALE was again a very successful event thanks to the work and time of our volunteers: **Linda and Diane**. BIG THANK YOU for your time and hard work!

### 2021 Mission and Evangelism Virtual Workshop "Discovering the P.N.C.C."

Friday, April 30, 2021 6:45pm - 8:15pm

Saturday, May 1, 2021 10:00am - 2:00pm (Saturday lunch break from 12:15pm until 1:00pm)

Since the Annual Workshop was cancelled last year due to the pandemic, we did not want to let another year go by without getting together to share the mission work of the P.N.C.C. Since things are not quite back to "normal" throughout our Holy Church it was decided that this Virtual Workshop would allow us to continue the work of Mission and Evangelism.

Anyone who wishes to attend, please send a request giving:

Your name, parish and email address to [pbmikovsky@pncc.org](mailto:pbmikovsky@pncc.org).

Deadline for registration is Monday, April 26, 2021.

The link will be sent a day or two before the Workshop.

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April 18, 2021

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PARISH BULLETIN

## III SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For MAGDA PIEKARZEWSKA as she celebrates her birthday on this coming Tuesday.

INTROIT

C: Shout joyfully to God, all you on earth, sing praise to the glory of His name; proclaim His glorious praise. Alleluia.

R: Say to God, "How tremendous are Your deeds! For Your great strength Your enemies fawn upon You." Alleluia.

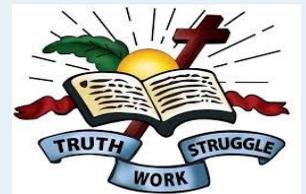
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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.**

Peter said to the people:

“The God of Abraham,  
the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,  
the God of our fathers, has glorified his  
servant Jesus, whom you handed over  
and denied in Pilate’s presence  
when he had decided to release him.  
You denied the Holy and Righteous One  
and asked that a murderer be released to  
you.

## ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19

The author of life you put to death,  
but God raised him from the dead; of this  
we are witnesses. Now I know, brothers,  
that you acted out of ignorance, just as  
your leaders did; but God has thus  
brought to fulfillment what he had anno-  
unced beforehand through the mouth of  
all the prophets, that his Christ would  
suffer. Repent, therefore, and be conver-  
ted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

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

## GOSPEL

## LK 24:35-48

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.**

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

The two disciples recounted what had taken place on the way, and how Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of bread. While they were still speaking about this, he stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” But they were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Then he said to them, “Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” And as he said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While they were still incredulous for joy and were amazed, he asked them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of baked fish; he took it and ate it in front of them.

He said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. And he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”

**The Gospel of the Lord.** *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*„Lord, let your face shine on us.”*

## PS 4

## READING 2

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

My children, I am writing this to you  
so that you may not commit sin.  
But if anyone does sin, we have an Ad-  
vocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous one.  
He is expiation for our sins,  
and not for our sins only but for those of  
the whole world.  
The way we may be sure that we know  
him is to keep his commandments.

## 1 JN 2:1-5A

Those who say, “I know him,” but do not  
keep his commandments  
are liars, and the truth is not in them.  
But whoever keeps his word,  
the love of God is truly perfected in him.

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

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

As I reflect on the readings today, I realize how captivated I have been by news, usually bad news. I have spent a lot of time, listening and watching news, especially during the last thirteen months with the pandemic, political unrest, weather crises. It seems that the bad news, as is often the case, receives more coverage than the more positive news. And even the more up-beat news stories did not often move me to live any differently than I had before hearing the newscasts. As I also reflect on the reporters and anchors who brought the news to the small screen, it was not always apparent how their personal lives were changed by the news they were sharing with viewers. In fact, they are often very “objective” and show no personal connection to the news.

That is not the case with euangelion. GOoD News-ers (or evangelists) are deeply changed by the message they proclaim.