

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 04/25 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Eucharist. Coffee Hour in the Church Hall as usual.
- 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!
- 05/02 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Mass Intention: "For Jan Piekarczywski on the occasion of his 3rd birthday."

- We're looking for volunteers to run May fundraising events in the Church. In the back you will find a Sign-Up list (yellow sheet) for the upcoming Polish Food Sales. Please, consider your participation! Let's pray & work together for the good of the Church and salvation of every soul...

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.

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 25, 2021

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PARISH BULLETIN

IV SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD)

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For benefactors of St. John's Church - both living and deceased.

INTROIT

C: You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

R: Then we, Your people and the sheep of Your pasture will give thanks to You forever; through all generations we will declare Your praise. Alleluia.

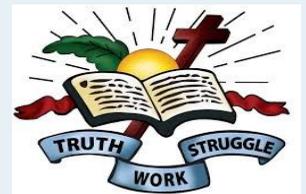
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed.

ACTS ACTS 4:8-12

He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

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

GOSPEL

JN 10:11-18

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said:

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118

„The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.“

READING 2

1 JN 3:1-2

A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, Jesus identifies Himself as the GOoD Shepherd. As the GOoD Shepherd, Jesus has a personal interest in each and every one of His sheep. Being a caring and providing shepherd, Jesus does what is best for the sheep, even to the point of laying down His life so that the sheep will live. Unlike the hired shepherd who is only looking for pay and what can be obtained from the sheep, Jesus establishes a close connection (relationship) with all of His sheep. They recognize and respond to His voice and He responds to them.

As I reflect on all the readings today, I am overwhelmed by the plan of GOD. GOD wants to have a personal, individual relationship with every person, including you and me. Not only does GOD give human (mortal) life to people, but also GOD wants to establish a unique relationship with each and every human. Part of that relationship is salus – healing, wholeness, salvation. GOD wants what is best for us, even more than we want or can imagine. We are sometime misled into putting our trust and hope in mere human pursuits: wealth, fame, power, prestige, and other people. If any of those pursuits is the sum total of our existence, we have missed out on what the Lord Jesus intends for us.