

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 05/02 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Collection at the door for MISSIONS. Reading of the Catechism at the end of the Eucharist. Coffee Hour in the Church Hall as usual.
- 05/08 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9am-12pm.
- 05/09 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. Mass Intention: "For Jan Piekarczywski on the occasion of his 3rd birthday." Special blessing for all women at the end of the Mass on the occasion of Mother's Day.

- Yesterday's **SPRING CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY** was a great opportunity to all of us to experience fellowship and to express our dedication to the church and St. John's Cemetery. Big THANK YOU to all who volunteered: **Diane, Sandra, Jacqueline, Nancy, Mitchell, Dave and Ron!**
- 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...



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May 2, 2021

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PARISH BULLETIN

V SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For + MARIAN BORCZ (req. by his daughter Magda)

INTROIT

C: 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.**

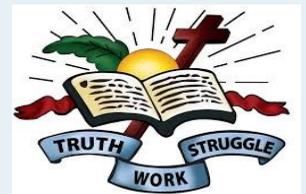
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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.

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem,

ACTS 9:26-31

and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

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

GOSPEL

JN 15:1-8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. 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. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 22

„I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.“

READING 2

A reading from the First Letter of St. John.

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever

1 JN 3:18-24

we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 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. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the Gospel, speaking to His disciples on the night before He died, Jesus proclaims the importance of being united with Him, for He is the life-sustaining Vine that (Who) provides the nutrients for the branches (the disciples) so that they can produce the fruit which GOD the Abba-Father, the Vine Grower, expects. Jesus' followers are quite aware of how grapes grow. They know that the vine is essential for the growth of the branches. They would have also seen how the vine growers prune the dead and useless branches away from the vine so that the healthy branches can have a fuller share in the life sustaining fluids flowing from and throughout the vine. If the branches are not pruned, the GOoD branches would not produce as rich a harvest as they could.

As I reflect on the readings, I realized how important being part of the church is. I know that scripture refers to the church as an edifice with Jesus as the cornerstone, the apostles as the foundation, and each member as part of the structure. Yet, it is important to realize that church is not merely a physical building. It is an edifice of living, human beings. Jesus is not only the cornerstone (on which all the other stones lean), but He is the life sustaining vine through which each of us (the branches) receive what we need to produce fruit.