

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 05/08 (Today—Mother's Day) Holy Mass at 10am. At the end of the Mass—special blessing for all women present in the church today. After the Mass - Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Shrine (outside if weather permits) followed by **Mother's Day breakfast!**
- 05/14 (Saturday) POLISH FOOD SALE 9-12.
- 05/15 (Sunday) Holy Mass at 10am. After the Mass - Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Shrine (outside). Coffee hour in the church hall as usual. Mass Intention: For ENRIQUE ROSAS — new parishioner of St. John's!

- We're still looking for one volunteer to run MAY fundraising events for the Church. **In the back you will find a Sign-Up list (yellow sheet) for the upcoming sales.** Please, consider your participation! Let's pray & work together for the good of the Church and salvation of every soul...

CHURCH NEWS

- "Church Kitchen renovation project." New range was purchased and installed in the church kitchen. Next step: replacing the big window and removing the small one.
- New shrubs and plants have been added to the church entrance, Shrine of Mary & rectory main entrance.
- Upcoming birthdays: MAUREEN O. JOHNSON (05/10), SANDRA GOTAVASKAS (06/06). Happy birthday!

If you have any information for the „Church News Column”, please inform Fr. Adam by email or phone no later than Friday afternoon.

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PARISH BULLETIN

IV SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For ALL MOTHERS on the occasion of Mother's Day and for JAN PIEKARZEWSKI on the occasion of his 4th birthday.

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 Alleluia.

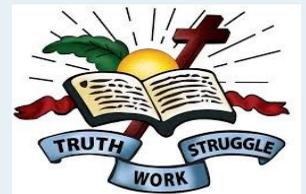
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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.

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God. On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord

ACTS 13:14, 43-52

has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth." The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

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

GOSPEL

JN 10:27-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said:

"My sheep hear my voice;

I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish.

No one can take them out of my hand.

My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand.

The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

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„We are his people, the sheep of his flock.“

READING 2

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them whi-

REV 7:9, 14B-17

te in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (in all three liturgical cycles) has readings from the tenth chapter of John's Gospel which focuses on the role of Jesus as the Shepherd. He truly is the GOoD Shepherd (Pastor Bonus). Today's pericope deals with the unity which exists between Jesus and His Father and which flows out to the flock which His Father has entrusted to Him. It is because Jesus is one with His Father that He is certain of who the sheep are to whom He ministers. He tends the flock exactly as His Father wills because He knows His Father's plan.

What strikes me about the readings today is that a relationship with GOD leads to the joyful care of others. Jesus was very much aware of that. Because He was in complete and perfect relationship (oneness) with His Father, He ministers to the need of all those whom He has been sent to serve. This is not just single experience of ministering, but a life long (a life-giving and joy-filled) mission He has. And it does not end here on earth with His death and resurrection and ascension. His sense of loving service, which took Him to the cross and from the grave, flows into the next life where He, as the Lamb on the throne, continues to bestow blessings and joy on those who have made a commitment to Him and have clothed themselves in the white robes. The faithful hear His voice and follow Him, giving Him eternal worship as He shares the heavenly blessings with them.