

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 05/22 (Today) Holy Mass at 10am. After the Mass - Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the Shrine (outside if weather permits) followed by Coffee Hour in the Church Hall.
- 05/28 (Saturday) Polish Food Sale 9-12.
- 05/29 (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. No Mass intention so far!
- 2pm - Holy Mass w. renewal of marriage vows of Nicole & Chris Kostic

- We're still looking for one volunteer to run the last sale in MAY. 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." This stage of kitchen renovation includes closing a small window and a big window replacement. Next step: preparing space for a bigger refrigerator, countertops renovation.
- Upcoming birthdays: SANDRA GOTAVASKAS (06/06), MARIA BEDNARZ (06/17). 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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May 22, 2022

BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

VI SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For JOSEPH STEPIEN—new member of St. John's Parish.

INTROIT

C: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia.

R: He came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. Alleluia.

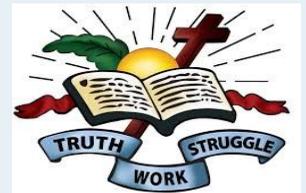
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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.

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question. The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them: "The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who

ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29

went out without any mandate from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

„O God, let all the nations praise you!“

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READING 2

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites.

REV 21:10-14, 22-23

There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

JN 14:23-29

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Gospel passage is part of Jesus' last words to His disciples on the night before He dies. He is giving them (and through them, us) what they/we will need in order to carry on His mission and ministry. The words today reveal the unity of purpose within the Triune GODhead. Jesus is intimately united with His Father. And just as He has come to do the will of His Father in love, so He is sending out ("apostling") His disciples to do the will of His Father by their loving one another. Jesus realizes that they will need help in doing this. He knows that He has been empowered by His union with His Father through the Holy Spirit Who is the completion of the GODhead. So Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit upon His disciples to enlighten them and bring them the Shalom (Peace) which they will need to carry on His work. In John's Gospel, Jesus fulfills this promise on Easter (Resurrection) Sunday when He greets the apostles with the message of "Shalom" and breathes the Holy Spirit into them. It is only when the disciples participate in the life of the Triune GOD that they are able to proclaim the message of salvation to others.