

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 04/30 (Today) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall. Please, join us!
- 05/07 (V Sunday of Easter) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the "Shrine of Mary" - outside (if weather permits). Coffee hour as usual in the Church Hall. Mass Intention: For JASIU PIEKARZEWSKI on the occasion of his 5th birthday.

- **THANK YOU Jacqueline** for running yesterday's Polish Food Sale.
- **POLISH FOOD & HERITAGE FAMILY FESTIVAL** is planned for **June 24, 2023** (rain date: June 25) **12-6pm**. This will be an event open to the public and it's a part of **Manchester Bicentennial Celebrations**. Bouncy Houses, playdough table and other attractions for kids, grilled kielbasa, pierogies and golabki, quick bingo games every hour, Polish folk music, etc. Please, book this date in your calendar. We will need many volunteers to run this event. More info coming soon...
- We would like to invite men to become a part of the Liturgical Service in our Church. You can be an **Altar Server** or **Lector**. To serve the altar is a great privilege and an important ministry to our parish. We are looking for more men who will be faithful to this commitment for the beauty of the liturgy and the glory of God. For more details ask Fr. Adam or Mitchell.

### CHURCH NEWS

- NEW LED LIGHTS have been installed yesterday in the church hall!
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: JAN PIEKARZEWSKI (05/06), MAUREEN JOHNSON (05/10), KRISTA&JONATHAN COMTOIS (05/11). Happy anniversary! 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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April 30, 2023

# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

### IV SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MASS INTENTION - 10am**

*For JEFFREY LUKAS—new member of St. John's Church.*

**WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S FAMILY, JEFF!**

**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.

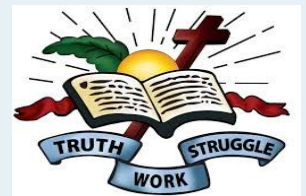
**C:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**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.

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will

## ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PS 23

*„The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.“*

## READING 2

## 1 PT 2:20B-25

### A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter.

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself

over to the one who judges justly.

He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

**The Word of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL

## JN 10:1-10

### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Jesus said:

"Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers."

Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

In the tenth chapter of St. John's Gospel we see Jesus portrayed as the GOOD Shepherd, the One Who calls each sheep and leads all His flock to safety. Jesus also is the Sheep Gate. Thus we hear how the GOOD Shepherd has a personal relationship with His sheep (they knowing Him as He calls our their name); the GOOD Shepherd is willing to lay down His life for the protection of the sheep; and He leads the flock to verdant pastures.

As I reflect on the role of the GOOD Shepherd and the response that should come from the sheep under the care of the GOOD Shepherd, I am humbled and edified. Jesus is concerned for each of us in a very personal, intimate way. Jesus knows each of us. He is willing to do whatever is necessary so that not one of His flock is lost or hurt. We should not worry about anything if we truly know the voice of our GOOD Shepherd and respond to His call. Our GOOD Shepherd will provide for us.