

## COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 05/07 (Today) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the “Shrine of Mary” - outside (if weather permits). Special collection for Missions at the door (red box in the vestibule). Jasiu’s birthday cake in the Church Hall. Please, join us!
- 05/13 (Saturday) **Polish Food Sale 10am—12pm.**  
**Only4Men meeting at 5pm.** We will talk about Judas!
- 05/14 (VI Sunday of Easter—MOTHERS’ DAY) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Special blessing for all women. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the “Shrine of Mary” - outside (if weather permits). **Mothers’ Day breakfast** follows the Mass for everybody - no sign-up required!

- **THANK YOU Mike** for cleaning up the Shrine of Mary in preparation for May devotions.
- **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*. See the attached flier for more information about the need for volunteers.

### CHURCH NEWS

- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: 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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May 7, 2023

# BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

### V SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

*For JASIU PIEKARZEWSKI on the occasion of his 5th b-day.*

#### INTROIT

C: Hear my voice, Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me. “Come,” says my heart, “seek God’s face”; Your face, Lord, do I seek! Alleluia.

**R: Do not hide Your face from me; do not repel Your servant in anger. You are my help; do not cast me off; do not forsake me, God my Savior. Alleluia.**

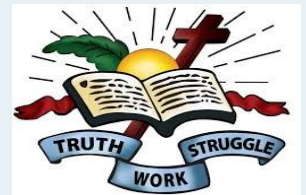
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**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.

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole

## ACTS 6:1-7

community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

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

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## PS 33

*„Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.“*

## READING 2

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

Beloved:  
Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture:  
Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.

Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith:  
The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and  
A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.  
They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

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

## GOSPEL

## JN 14:1-12

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

*Glory be to You, Lord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

### The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

All of us, by virtue of our Baptism, share in the life and ministry of Jesus. Jesus, the High Priest of the new and eternal covenant, came not to be served but to serve and to give His life for others. He has called each of us to be a part of His mission to lead others back to the house of His Abba-Father, Who happens to be GOD. Thus, each of us share in the priestly ministry of Jesus. We are called to remind others that they are holy (they have been sanctified by Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection). We must never forget our vocation to be of loving service to others. We must pray for each other so that all of us can fulfill our role in sharing in the priesthood of Jesus the Christ.