

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 05/21 (Today) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the "Shrine of Mary" - outside (if weather permits). Coffee hour in the Church hall as usual.
- 05/27 (Saturday) Polish Food Sale 10am - 12pm.
- 05/28 (Pentecost - Solemnity) **Holy Mass** at 10am. Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the "Shrine of Mary" - outside (if weather permits). Coffee hour in the Church hall as usual.

- **THANK YOU Linda, Jeff and Joe** for volunteering at yesterday's Free Lunch Saturday event. We still have some lunches left, so please, take them home at the Coffee Hour.
- **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*.

CHURCH NEWS

- We ask your prayers for Fr. Henry and his wife Marguerite as she was admitted to the hospital couple of days ago. Thank you!
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: TIMOTHY&CORI WROBEL (05/29), DAVID GREGORSKI (05/30), JEFFREY LUKAS (05/31). 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 21, 2023

BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

VII SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

For St. John's Church benefactors both living and deceased.

INTROIT

C: Commit your way to the Lord; trust that God will act and make your integrity shine like the dawn, your vindication like noonday. Alleluia.

R: I wait with longing for the Lord, my soul waits for His word. Alleluia.

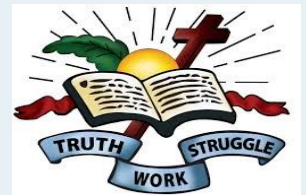
C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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.

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

ACTS 1:12-14

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer, together with some women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

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

GOSPEL

JN 17:1-11A

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ. I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do. Now glorify me, Father, with you, with the glory that I had with you before the world began. "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours, and everything of mine is yours and everything of yours is mine, and I have been glorified in them. And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 27

„I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.“

READING 2

1 PT 4:13-16

A reading from the First Letter of St. Peter.

Beloved:

Rejoice to the extent that you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that when his glory is revealed you may also rejoice exultantly. If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. But let no one among you be made to suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as an intriguer.

But whoever is made to suffer as a Christian should not be ashamed but glorify God because of the name.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Even though we know where GOD ultimately wants us to be – with GOD in heaven for all eternity – it sometimes can cause concern and anxiety as we struggle through life on our journey of faith. We joyfully long to be with GOD, but we are not sure we want to go through the valley of suffering and death to get to the place where we can be with GOD eternally.

The Gospel is from chapter 17 of St. John's Gospel, which is Jesus' prayer for His disciples. Jesus realizes that His time with His followers is drawing to close. The next day (GOod Friday), He will be crucified and die. And even when He rises on Easter, He will only be with His disciples for a short period of time before He ascends to be with His Abba. Thus with anticipation of what will be happening over the next days, He address His Abba with this prayer for His disciples and for all those who will come into a closer relationship with Him, His Abba, and the Holy Spirit through the ministry of those He sends forth.