

COMMUNITY COMING EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

04/27 (II Easter Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *No Mass intention so far!*

05/04 (III Easter Sunday) **Holy Mass** at 10am. **Catechism Class** for kids after the Mass. Coffee hour (fellowship hour) in the church hall. *Mass intention: For JASIU PIEKARZEWSKI on the occasion of his birthday.*

- Join us for our **annual Tag Sale on Saturday, May 10!** All proceeds will go directly toward purchasing new windows for our Church Hall. There's still time to donate items you no longer need—your contributions make a big difference! We are also seeking volunteers to help run the event. To donate items or volunteer, please speak with Mike. Thank you for your generosity and support!
- Thank You for Your Lenten Tithe!** We extend our thanks to everyone who generously contributed to this year's Lenten Tithe. With your donations, we were able to purchase a beautiful new chasuble for Pentecost (\$200) and six tall altar candlesticks (\$2,235). Due to supply delays, the candlesticks are currently backordered but are expected to arrive by mid-July. Thank you again for your generosity and patience. May God bless you abundantly for your continued support!

- Renovation of women's restroom in the church hall.
- Upcoming birthdays & anniversaries: JASIU PIEKARZEWSKI (05/06). 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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BEHOLD

PARISH BULLETIN

II SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASS INTENTION - 10am

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

INTROIT

C: I waited, waited for the Lord; Who bent down and heard my cry; Drew me out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud of the swamp, Set my feet upon rock, steadied my steps. Alleluia.

R: And put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God. Many shall look on in awe and they shall trust in the Lord. 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.

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon’s portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets

ACTS 5:12-16

and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

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

GOSPEL

JN 20:19-31

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory be to You, Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name. **The Gospel of the Lord.** *Praise be to You, Lord Jesus*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 118

„Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.“

READING 2

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God’s word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord’s day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, “Write on a scroll what you see.” Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like

REV 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19

a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, “Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

When I think of Jesus’ appearance to the apostles on Easter Sunday afternoon, I am continually amazed. If I had experienced the rejection, denial, and abandonment from my close friends, I think the first words I would have said would be, “Why did you desert me?” or “I want to talk to you about your leaving me alone to face my suffering.” Yet Jesus’ first words to His followers was “Shalom” – a word of a re-established and renewed relationship, a word of reconciliation and forgiveness, a word of Hesed-Divine Mercy. Jesus does not blame, accuse, or question the apostles. He speaks about being able to move forward together with renewed enthusiasm and spirited unity. Our GOD is amazingly awesome.