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# Fourth Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday Mothers' Day May 11, 2014

# Czwarta Niedziela Wielkanocna Niedziela Dobrego Pasterza Dzień Matki 11 Maja 2014



"You are the Gate. Thank you for opening it for us. You are the Shepherd. Thank you for enabling us to hear your voice. You lead us forward and into God's pastures. You have made us holy, Shepherd Jesus, even though it was for our sins that you died. In our baptized life, we hear you, follow, and are transformed. You empower us to be shepherds of God's heart and healing presence by the way we treat, speak to and lead each other. We learn from you, Jesus, how not to return evil or violence, even when it is thrown at us. You are the gate to a power greater and more gentle than all the violence, darkness, and strange voices we experience. Open gates within us and our society which need to be open to the Shepherd's call.

Bless our Moms today, and all the women who give us life and nurture us, as a reflection and human expression of Your maternal love for us!"

### 4 Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd Sunday - Mothers' Day

# 9:15 a.m. - Sunday Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. - Holy Mass - Traditional Rite - Mass Book, page 13. Mass intention: For all Mothers living and dead.

ENTRANCE HYMN (Ezekiel 34:31, Psalm 79:13)

*Priest:* You, My sheep, you are the sheep of My pasture, and I am your God, says the Lord God. Alleluia.

- *All:* 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.
- Priest: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- *All:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
- FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 36-41

**GRADUAL** (Isaiah 40:11)

- *Priest:* Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers the lambs. Alleluia.
- All: Carrying them in His bosom, and leading the ewes with care. Alleluia.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:20-25

ALLELUIA (1 Peter 5:4; Psalm 95:7)

Priest: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Priest:* When the Chief Shepherd is revealed, you will receive the unfading crown of glory. For He is our God, and we are the people He shepherds, the flock He guides.

### All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

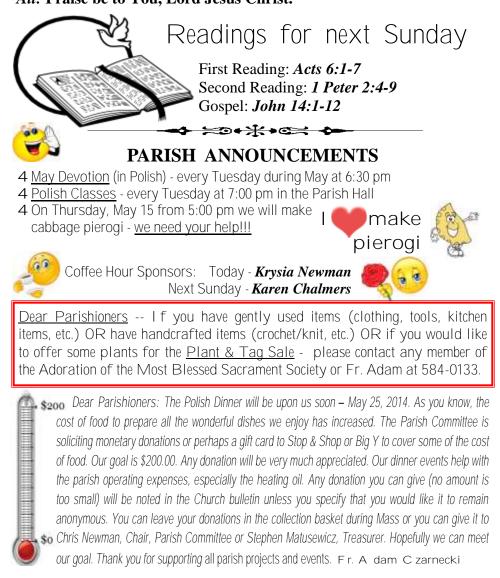
GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

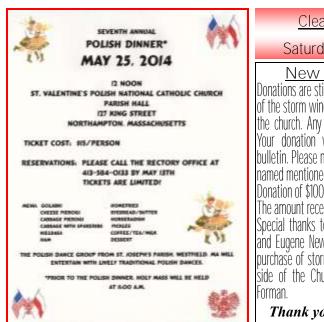
*Priest:* A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John *All:* Glory be to You, Lord!

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."

*Priest:* This is the Gospel of the Lord. *All:* **Praise be to You, Lord Jesus Christ.** 





### Cleaning of the Church

Saturday, May 17 at 8:00 am

<u>New Storm Windows</u> Donations are still being accepted to help defray the cost of the storm windows which were recently purchased for the church. Any amount will be gratefully appreciated. Your donation will be acknowledged in our Church bulletin. Please notify us if you do not want to have your named mentioned in the bulletin. Donation of \$100.00 received from Kathy Tefft. The amount received thus far \$675.00. Special thanks to Wallace Forman, Krysia and Eugene Newman who sponsored the purchase of storm windows for the south side of the Church in memory of Joan Forman. **Thank you. Bóg zapłać!** 

# PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Helen Golec - 71 State Street, Apt. 130, Northampton, MA 01060
Shirley Krawczynski - 18 Dickinson Street, Northampton, MA 01060
John Lenkowski - 31 Denise Court, Northampton, MA 01060
Grace Mackiewicz - 9 Chestnut Street, #6, Amherst, MA 01002
Diane Scott - 2 Admiral Street, Easthampton, MA 01027
Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak - 73 Main Street, Westfield, MA 01085
Rt. Rev. Stanley Bilinski - 9201 West Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631
Rt. Rev. Thomas Gnat - 104 Naphin Hill Road, Dunmore, PA 18512
Rt. Rev. John Mack - 6298 Broadway, Lancaster, NY 14086
Please say a prayer for peace, comfort and healing for our sick sisters and brothers; send a card to them; if you can, participate in the Holy Mass celebrated in their intention every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
(except holidays when Holy Mass is celebrated at 7:00 p.m. - see bulletins).
PASTORAL CARE AT HOME AND HOSPITAL

If you have a family member or friend at hospital or home unable to take part in Holy Mass and Sacraments, please notify Fr. Adam at 584-0133.



For Holy Mass intentions contact Fr. Adam after Sunday Holy Mass or anytime by phone (413) 584-0133.