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NEWSLETTER

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*If we seek God and serve Him,
we will be filled. He will not disappoint*

Summer spiritual doldrums

The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted?" (Genesis 4:6-7)

Have you ever experienced the doldrums? Doldrums is a word that comes from an area of the ocean near the equator where the wind can practically cease so that boats which run by sail can be trapped for weeks waiting for wind to move them along. Applying the word doldrums to Christianity refers to a mental slump, depression, inactivity, or state of restless unhappiness. How is it that Christians experience doldrums? How should we respond to doldrums?

Many Christians complain of this problem in their lives. There is nothing inspiring about services. They don't feel uplifted anymore. They feel down and restless and just don't feel like coming to church.

They might feel its not even worth inviting family and others to their church. They need "me" time to rest and recuperate from a busy week. Their critical eye can point out the problems that are being experienced within the congregation. There's a host of reasons "not to."

We are human and even though we experience spiritual and personal doldrums we have to get back up, push forward, and strive to meet the perfection of Christ in our lives.

When we face spiritual doldrums connect to Jesus' words in Matthew 5:6, "*Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*" Getting back up and back to church is the first step to being filled, to getting up and out of the doldrums. Doing so, we are able to set sail once again, and reach our goal - a life of faithfulness to Christ and His community. We hunger for you to come back to the family of faith.

Take note: Changes in our Weekly Church Service Schedule

On every first Sunday of the month, we will have a Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am and Holy Mass at 11am. We strongly encourage attendance at 11am Holy Mass on the first Sunday of the month if it is at all possible for you. Holy Mass is the central act of worship for Christians. In it we receive the three key sacraments so necessary for salvation, Penance, the Word, and the Holy Eucharist.

On all other Sundays we will continue to hold a Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.

Welcome to the Family of Christ Callie and Julia

On June 24th we welcomed Callie, daughter of Jason and Christine Lennon, and on July 29th we welcomed Julia, daughter of John White IV and Kathy Dominy-White to the family of faith and our Holy Polish National Catholic Church in baptism. Baptism is their first step on the journey of faith and faithfulness. The act of baptism infuses those baptized with the grace to start. It is not an all in one moment where everything is revealed and salvation is automatically obtained, but rather strength for continual regeneration, and an invitation to live life as a member of God's regenerated people. Callie's and Julia's parents and godparents have made the choice to support and live this

journey. May God bless them for this beautiful choice and may He and we assist them in raising these children of the Church.

Back to Church Sunday

Come check it out, Sunday, September 16th. Its not about being a member of a religion - its about a relationship - with Jesus and the family of faith. Been away a while, in the spiritual doldrums? Here's a chance to reconnect, build that relationship, and to invite others to do so too. Did you know that 82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited. Invite someone. We can and will do wonderful things together - at our little church.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

1 Wendy Brook
5 Christine D'Amico
7 Karen Cimmino
10 Matthew Hines
12 Ginny Dinsmore
15 Roger Jarosz
19 Joanne Hernick
20 George Houser
21 Ruth Collins
29 Megan DonVito, Tyme LaPorte
Smith, John Kaminski
31 Teresa Mazzone

Anniversaries

7 Jack & Joan Kaminski

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

With Thanks

To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love and charity on behalf of our parish.

To the members of our Parish Committee for their hard work and sacrifice.

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and to Ed Bertasso for his ministry of hospitality.

To Bob Dominy and Pete Battaglia for their work in replacing all of the florescent lights in church, Pete Battaglia and his brother for removing a downed tree in our cemetery, and Bob Dominy, Pete Battaglia and Darryl DePaula for rewiring and moving our carillon.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure.

God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać! Grazie mille! Thank you!!!

Coffee Hours to resume

We are taking a break from our weekly coffee hours for the summer months. Coffee hours will resume with a special breakfast on Back to Church Sunday, September 16th.

Poetry for the Month

Kraków by Krzysztof Koehler

*I lifted my eyes and slowly into the space
of my room cluttered with things
there entered
a silent, majestic tune from the
church tower*

*as crystal clear as a mountain
stream.*

*Before I could cover my eyes there
followed*

*The accompaniment of loudly
clanging bells*

*And the towers of all the churches
hereabouts*

Chattered away at that hour of dusk

*Until the sounds died out. So only
the echo carried*

*Like the noise of battle brought in
from far away, when*

*The wind blows over to an army
waiting to face its fate,*

*Its high spirits and deepest fears, its
anger, and its hope . . .*

Translation unattributed

*Podniosłem oczy i wolno się wdarła
W przestrzeń pokoju zatłoczonych
rzeczy*

*Cicha, jak kryształ czystej górskiej
rzeki*

Majestatyczna sygnaturka z wieży.

*Nim oczy przykryć zdążyłem
zawtórowały*

Jej głośnie dźwięki dzwonów,

I rozgadały się w godzinie zmierzchu

*Wieże tych wszystkich, które są,
kościółów.*

*Aż przebrzmiał dźwięk. I tylko echo
niosło,*

*Jak z dala szum bitewny, kiedy wiatr
przywieje*

*Do wojska, które jeszcze czeka na
sвій los,*

radość i strach, i gniew, i nadzieję...

CONVO – Wow!!!

The biennial CONVO themed
"Confirmed to Walk on Water" was

held July 23-27th. What a wonderful experience. So much to say! Our hearts were filled, the Holy Spirit continues to move through us. We have such a wonderful, faith filled cadre of youth in the PNCC – our future is bright!!! The clergy, chaperones, presenters, and organizers were all moved as we joined with our youth in prayer, study, and a full week of life with God. It was difficult to leave, all thinking – Lord, how wonderful it was for us to be here. We look forward to seeing our new friends at CONVO 2014 to be held in the Western Diocese. Thank you to Claudia, Adam, and Victoria for their participation and our new friends from Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa parish in Latham – Adrienne, Leonardo, and Rafael. Thank you also to all who donated items for local food pantries in Western New York.

Planning For:

- August 5th: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- August 6th: Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord
- August 12th: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- August 15: Solemnity of the Dormition/Assumption of the BVM
- August 19: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- August 24: Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle
- August 26: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Youth Sunday,

Solemnity of Our Lady of Częstochowa

- September 1: Track & Field Meet
- September 2: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- September 3: Labor Day
- September 14th: Consecration of Bishops at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton.
- September 16th: Back to Church Sunday

Parish Organizations and Ministries

Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. The YMSofR – Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. We also need altar servers and lectors. Please see Deacon Jim.

Consecration of Bishops

The Bishops elect, the Rev. Bernard Nowicki and the Rev. Stanley Bilinski will be consecrated at St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral in Scranton, PA on Friday, September 14th, the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. If you would like to attend, please let Deacon Jim or Larry Panfil know. We will attempt to make transportation arrangements.

August 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil Holy Mass, 11am Lector: Marilyn Heitala	6 Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord	7	8	9	10	11
12 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala Parish Committee Meets	13	14	15 Solemnity of the Dormition/Assumption of the BVM	16	17	18
19 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala	20	21	22	23	24 Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle	25
26 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Youth Sunday, Solemnity of Our Lady of Czestochowa Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil	27	28	29 Solemnity- Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30	31	

EVENTS

September Upcoming

- 1st – Track & Field Meet
- 3rd – Labor Day

- 9th – Solemnity of Brotherly Love
- 14th – Exaltation of the Cross and Consecration of Bishops

- 16th – Back to Church Sunday