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NEWSLETTER

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*God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship
in spirit and truth.*

Decisions, decisions...

Last February's newsletter marked the beginning of Pre-Lent. This year we are already in the midst of the pre-Lenten season. Ash Wednesday is only 13 days away. Have we begun to consider our Lenten journey?

Lent is all about preparation and pre-Lent gives us a head start. It gives us a chance to think through the journey just around the corner.

What are we preparing for? In practical terms we are preparing for our journey, alongside Jesus, as He ventures out into the desert. His desert sojourn prepared Him for His ministry and for what He was to do, offer His life to redeem us. We prepare to die with Him so that we too may rise again.

We must venture into the desert so that we reconnect to what is real. We may think that our

daily lives are real as-is. These are our duties - work, cooking, cleaning, caring for children, washing dishes, dealing with spouses, neighbors, friends, and the occasional problem person in our lives - aren't they?

These things are not real life if they are just things we do, if they are disconnected from Christ. If everything we do and experience are joined to Jesus they are re-imagined to reflect His life

How can we prepare? Like any effort, we need to reflect upon where we are in life and our failings. We need to take the time to strategize on how we will re-connect to Jesus. We need to ensure that we make a start in our calendars by taking part in regular worship, Lenten practices, and charity.

God stands ready to give us the grace to prepare worthily and re-connect. Take advantage of His love & worship Him for it!

The Bible - live on TV

The Bible is an upcoming television series, produced by Emmy award winning couple Roma Downey and Mark Burnett, which is based on the Bible. It will air on the History channel beginning March 3rd.

The series will cover everything "from Genesis to Revelation" within five two-hour parts, airing every Sunday for 5 weeks (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31). Each part will cover two or three biblical stories told through live action.



Check out the series at <http://www.bibleseries.tv> and view the trailers. If you can, host a viewing party and invite friends over to watch. If people want to know more you know where to send them - to your church. Apps are available for your smartphone as well.

Soup on Sunday

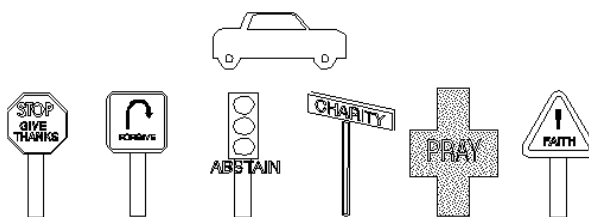
Our next Soup on Sunday event is Sunday, February 24th from 11:30am until 1:30pm. We offer free soup and more for anyone in need - whether its warmth, food,

friendship, or just some company. February's soups are chicken and beef barley. Please help spread the word. Grab a flyer and post it in local markets and shops.

God bless all who work so hard to serve those in need - without cost or requirement. We especially thank Bob & Stephanie Dominy for their leadership!!!

Pre-Lent to Lent

As we prepare for Lent let us keep in mind those practices that are worthy and recommended by the Church in our journey. It is time to ready ourselves to:



- **Abstain from meat on Wednesdays and Fridays:** A small practice of denial in which we regulate our minds and bodies. We need to practice for all endeavors. So too spiritually. If we practice small denials we are better prepared to reject things that are truly damaging to our lives.
- **Pray and Participate in Lenten Devotions:** The Church calls us to prayer and reflection during Lent. We will offer Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent at 7:30 PM. These are great opportunities to join in community and pray through Jesus' journey.

- **Be Charitable:** We are called to take up the cross of others who are in need during our Lenten journey. Our directed giving program is a perfect opportunity to set aside our needs, using our resources for the good of others through the gift of food.
- **Forgive:** The road through Lent leads us to the cross, the source of forgiveness for the world. When the Father looks at us, He no longer sees our brokenness and separateness, but rather the blood of His Son Jesus that washes us clean and makes us His adopted sons and daughters. Scripture reminds us that before we come before God we must make peace with those with whom we have disagreement (Matthew 5:23-24). We must reconcile. Take time to forgive this Lent. Then we can come before God with open hearts.
- **Stand in Faith:** St. Paul tells us that we make little sense to the world. Our faith is an offense to some and foolishness to others (1 Corinthians 1:23). Paul goes on to tell us that we have been called by God. The light of faith shows us that the crucified Jesus is the power and wisdom of God. We are called to strengthen our faith by our worship and the way we live.
- **Be Thankful:** Finally, we are called to be thankful this Lent. A few short weeks ago we celebrated God's coming, the gift of Himself to us. That journey ends at an empty tomb. We stand before that tomb assured of our salvation and

owning the gift of life that will never end.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

- 1 Janet Spurck
- 2 Christine Spooner, Jean Martin
- 5 Suzanne Heins, Kathleen Dominy-White
- 9 Christine Caden
- 11 Bob Shufelt, Justice Smith, Joseph Ruchalski
- 12 Kristen Smith-Prusky
- 16 Celina Maliszewski
- 18 Paul Podkulski
- 20 Kelly Supinski, Lisa Kaminski
- 21 - Casey Carroll
- 28 - Patrick Clas

i thank
the Lord
for you.
happy
birthday!

Wedding Anniversaries

- 14 Frederick & Louise James
- 17 Tom & Kelly Supinski
- 18 Stefan & Elizabeth Węglinski
- 26 Michael & Kimberly DonVito

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

With Thanks

To all who have assisted in Parish clean up and organizational duties. Much has been accomplished and your energy and enthusiasm for this task is a blessing.

To all who assisted in the taking down of our Christmas decorations.

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz

Battaglia, and to Ed Bertasso for his ministry of hospitality.

To all who have welcomed me to your homes for Epiphany visitations/ Kolęda. Your hospitality and graciousness are greatly appreciated. You are a blessing.

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

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

You are so beautiful



We welcome to the community of faith: Ryder Xavier, son of Zach & Kristen Prusky; Callie Elizabeth, daughter of Jason & Christie Lennon; and Julia Grace, daughter of

John White IV and Kathleen Dominy-White.



We are on **Facebook** and **Twitter** too



Check us out and Like us on **Facebook** at <http://www.facebook.com/HolyNameOfJesusSchenectady>

Follow us on **Twitter** @[HolyNameNCC](https://twitter.com/HolyNameNCC)

Please Help

Basket Social - April 7th

It is time to get ready for our annual basket social to be held April 7th. We really need your help to make this year's Social a success. Can you donate a basket, or two, or three? They don't have to be huge - anything will do. Through your love and charity we are able to touch the lives of others and maintain a vibrant faith community. Need ideas - check out Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/cm1953/basket-party-ideas/>

Free stuff



We all know the old saying, "nothing in life is free." Well there is one place you can still get free stuff. Where!?! In church. Of course we start with God's free gift of grace, and also free:

- Chalk and Incense (Jan. 6th)

- Candles (Feb. 2nd)
- Ashes (Feb. 13th)
- Palms (Mar. 24th)
- Plants and Herbs (Aug. 15th)

All these, and a wonderful faith family, all for free, in church. Wow!!!

Poetry for the Month

Through the years - The Hymn of the Polish National Catholic Church as composed by Bishop Hodur.

*Through the years unto Thee, O Lord,
Faithful service we have rendered,
At the break of dawn marched sunward,
At the chains of bondage straining,
At the chains of bondage straining.*

*Unto Thee we built a temple,
Which for us became a treasure,
Pouring gifts of faith and courage,
In it is our hope forever,
In it is our hope forever.*

*Christ Himself speaks from its altars,
As He spoke throughout the ages,
To the poor among His people,
When their blinded eyes He opened.
When their blinded eyes He opened.*

*Now again He comes from heaven,
Midst the lab'ring, toiling people,
In the form of Bread and God's Word,
To His humble, needful people.
To His humble, needful people.*

*When in doubt by Him we are strengthened,
From degrading sin He lifts us,
Animates us and enobles,*

*From a dormant slumber wakes us.
From a dormant slumber wakes us.*

*He pours new life into our souls,
Fires our hearts with passion sacred,
In contrition He refines us,
As a sword of steel we're tempered.
As a sword of steel we're tempered.*

*Through the storms of life He guides us,
'Midst the thunder and the tempest,*

*Christ is ever there before us,
But are we, Lord, always faithful?
But are we, Lord, always faithful?*

*Would to God we be faithful ever,
Would to God this sacred banner
In our souls and hearts be opened,
Until death our life does sever,
Until death our life does sever.*

*Tyle lat my, Ci, o Panie,
służbę wiernie wypełniali,
szli ku słońcu w świt zaranie,
łańcuch niewoli targali.*

*Dla Ciebie wzniesli świątynię,
co nam skarbnicą się stała,
z niej moc i wiara nam płynie,
w niej nadzieja, przyszłość cała.*

*Chrystus mówi z jej ołtarzy,
jak ongi mówił przed wieki,
do żydowskich szedł nędzarzy,
otwierać ślepym powieki.*

*I dziś znowu schodzi z nieba,
między ludzi pracy, trudu;
w Słowie Bożym, w kształcie chleba,
do nas biednych, swego ludu.*

*W zwątpień chwili nas umacnia,
dźwiga z grzechów poniżenia,*

*i ożywia i uznacza,
budzi z martwoty, uśpienia.*

*Nowe życie wlewa w duszę,
serce ogniem świętym pali,
przetapia w żalu i skrusze,
jak miecz hartowny ze stali.*

*Pośród burzy życia wiedzie,
wśród piorunów, huraganu,
zawsze Chrystus jest na przdzie,
a my, wierni zawsze Panu!*

*O bodajem wierni byli,
o bodaj ten sztandar święty,
aż do zgonu naszej chwili,
w duszy, w sercu był rozpięty.*

SOCL News and Confirmation

We have a wonderful group of students who are getting to know Jesus. We read stories, are learning to use our bell choir bells as well as new songs. Several are preparing for first communion and confirmation. Class remains open to others who have not yet made their confirmation. To make ones confirmation, a student must be at least 14 years old and of sufficient maturity to grasp the adult commitment needed.

Everyone is a student

Classes are not just for the teen/pre-teen crowd. If you are an adult who has questions of faith, or have not made their first communion or confirmation, please see Deacon Jim. We will work together to assist you in your spiritual journey.

Planning For:

- Feb. 2: Solemnity of the Presentation
- Feb. 3: Sexagesima Sunday. Also, blessing of candles (gromnica) and throats. Annual congregational meeting and elections.
- Feb. 10: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 11am.
- Feb. 13: Ash Wednesday, Beginning of the Great Lent. Service at 7:30pm.
- Feb. 16: 60th Anniversary of the death of Ś+P Prime Bishop Francziszek Hodur.
- Feb. 17: First Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 18: President's Day
- Feb. 24: Second Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 25: Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle (translated)
- Mar. 3: Third Sunday of Lent. Annual Budget Meeting. Bible TV series starts.
- 3/10: Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. Daylight Savings Time begins.
- 3/17: Passion Sunday
- 3/19: Solemnity - St. Joseph
- 3/24: Palm Sunday
- 3/26: Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton)
- 3/28: Maundy Thursday
- 3/29: Good Friday
- 3/30: Holy Saturday

- 3/31: Solemnity of the Resurrection
- 4/1: Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur (1866)
- 4/7 - Low Sunday, Annual Basket Social
- Apr 8: Solemnity of the Annunciation (translated)
- Apr 12-14: "Stained Glass Faith," Thirteenth National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Scranton, PA
- 5/17-19 – 68th Annual YMSofR Bowling Tournament, Chicago

Directed Giving for Lent:

Ash Wednesday Week, Feb. 13-16, LET'S DO LUNCH Tuna and Mayonnaise, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Soup and Crackers.

1st Week of Lent, Feb. 17-23, FEELING FRUITY Canned Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple or Applesauce, 100% Juice in Cans.

2nd Week of Lent, Feb. 24 - Mar. 2, VEGGIE MANIA Canned Corn, Canned Peas, Canned Beans, Canned Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes.

3rd Week of Lent, Mar. 3-9, DINNER IS SERVED Canned Beef Stew, Canned Pork and Beans, Instant Potatoes/Stuffing Mix, Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti or other Pasta, Canned Spaghetti Sauce.

4th Week of Lent, Mar. 10-16, SCHOOL NEEDS Pencils and Pens, Folders and Notebooks, Crayons,

Tape and Elmer's Glue.

Passion Week, Mar. 17-23, BABY MAKES THREE Disposable Diapers, Baby Wipes, Liquid Formula, Jars of Baby Food.

Holy Week, Mar. 24-30, SPECIAL NEEDS DIET Low Sodium Soups, Canned Fruit in Juices (not syrup), Canned Tuna in Water, Low Sodium Crackers, Natural Applesauce.

Happy Valentine's Day

May St. Valentine bless all your relationships and marriages. Celebrate the glory of Christian marriage. Not always easy, but always filled with grace.

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, 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.

You can get a guaranteed return on your money!

The PNUA - our Fraternal Insurance Company offers several programs that help to meet your financial planning needs. The PNUA is also a

great way to build equity for our young people in preparation for college. PNUA policies make great gifts. Act now. Call the offices of the Polish National Union of America toll-free at 1-800-724-6352 or see Deacon Jim.

Need Rental Space?

Family gathering, a party, meetings? Check out our Parish Hall. Discounted rental rates are available to parishioners.

Cool/Super/Great ideas:

Our Basket Social.
Our Spring Rummage Sale.
A Fall Craft Fair.
Soup on Sunday.
Operation Souper Bowl.
Operation Christmas Child.
Parties.
Feeding those in need.
Bringing your children to church.
Bringing your friends and family to church.
Doubling the number of people who worship with us in 2013 - by bringing 1 friend.
Glorifying, praising, and worshipping God together.
All great ideas and made possible

only because of you and God's grace active in your life.

A Lasting Heritage

We have several valuable liturgical items that need to be refinished. These have been donated by loving families through the years, perhaps by members of your family, or friends of your family. This includes our ciborium and several chalices. We also need a few items including an extra Intinction set and a new holy water bucket. If you would like to support the refinishing of these items or donate needed items as a lasting legacy, please see Deacon Jim.



February 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Sexagesima Sunday, Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala Annual Parish Meeting	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Quinquagesima Sunday - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Holy Mass, 11am Lector: Larry Panfil	11	12	13 Ash Wednesday, Service and Imposition of Ashes at 7:30pm Fasting Day	14	15 Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm Fasting Day	16 60th Anniversary of the death of S+P Prime Bishop Francziszek Hodur.
17 1st Sunday of Lent - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso Parish Committee Meeting	18 President's Day	19	20 Fasting Day	21	22 Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm Fasting Day	23
24 2nd Sunday of Lent - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala Soup on Sunday, 11:30-1:30	25 Feast – St. Matthias (translated)	26	27 Fasting Day	28		

EVENTS

March Upcoming

Stations of the Cross Fridays at 7:30pm
 Mar. 3rd – Annual Budget Meeting,
 Bible TV Series begins
 Mar. 10th – Solemnity – Institution of the
 PNCC
 Mar. 17th – Passion Sunday

Mar. 24th – Palm Sunday
 Mar. 26th – Holy Mass of Chrism in
 Scranton. Clergy conference.
 Mar. 28th – Maundy Thursday
 Mar. 29th – Good Friday
 Mar. 30th – Holy Saturday
 Mar. 31st – **Easter**

April Upcoming

Apr. 7th – Basket Social
 Apr. 12th to 14th – Mission & Evangelism
 Workshop in Scranton