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# NEWSLETTER

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*For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of sonship. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"*

## Daddy

The word 'ab-ba' in Aramaic corresponds to the emphatic or definite form of 'av,' literally meaning "the father," or "O Father." It was the intimate name used by children for their fathers and combines some of the intimacy of the English word "papa" while retaining the dignity of the word "father," being both informal and yet respectful. It was, therefore, an endearing form of address rather than a title and was among the first words a child learned to speak.

Jesus called God, in the person of His Father, Abba. In using the term He spoke of the deep love and respect He had for His Father. St. Paul, in writing to the Romans, tells that we are to call the Father Abba. We are not to be a people who are enslaved to or fearful of our God. We are to see Him as sons and daughters; we are to approach Him in the same spirit that Jesus

expressed, a spirit of love and respect.

Our God sent His Son, Jesus, to show us this very fact. We are not distant from God and our God is not the kind of god so many fear. Our God is Abba to us.

The good fathers among us engender that spirit in us, their children. They bring us up to be people of love and respect toward God and toward them, to have confidence that we are God's and their beloved children. For this we love, respect, and thank them.

When we face fears, and those do come, we should reflect on the fact that we are children of fathers and the Father whose love surpasses any fear. We can face anything knowing that even if it seems unsurpassable, our destiny with Abba makes them nothing. So too when we are tempted to worship the gods of fear and worldliness. We are children of Abba alone.

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## Congratulations Marianna!

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On Saturday, May 25th, we welcomed Marianna Josephine Zemken, daughter of Donovan Zemken and Rebecca Ann (Clas)



I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Martineau into the family of faith through the waters of regeneration in baptism. The godparents were Mitchell Zemken and Rebecca Delisa. May our

Lord and Savior watch over and protect Marianna and continually fill her life with knowledge of Him and His joy.

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## Need a career change?

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The month of June is career change month - better known as Sacred Vocations month in our Church.

Will a career change to the sacred ministry bring lots of wealth? Perhaps not in the sense most people think, but a kind of wealth and security that surpasses any other career. It actually makes



sense and there's nothing to fear from our Father who calls us to serve Him and Him alone.

*And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. — Matthew 4:19-20*

Do I have a vocation? In simple words, yes, we all do. God has a role for each of us in His kingdom. But, how can I be sure that God is calling me to a life of professional commitment to His people through ministry in the Church?

Some people can enter a church and feel suddenly at peace. Some are taken by the beauty of the Eucharist or a liturgical service. Some feel a passion for proclaiming God's word and for teaching. Some see the suffering or need in their brothers and sisters and want to help – not just with the immediate need but with God's eternal love. Others look to the holy example of the saints and modern heroes, who espouse and live according to God's word, and seek to follow that example.

Yes, each person has a role in God's Kingdom. The role is clearest when we listen to God's plan for us. When we wipe away the facades and the pretenses, and stand before God as the people we really are. When we do this we can say to the Lord – "Here I am, I heard you calling" We are then ready to strive to meet that calling with all our energy, freely giving of ourselves and our talents in the process.

Giving ourselves to God does not

necessarily require us to commit to the life of a priest or deacon. It does require that we give ourselves to God fully in each thing we do. It requires us to see Christ in all of our brothers and sisters – especially in those where it is most difficult to find Him.

If you have undertaken and committed to a process of striving to follow God's will in everything you do, and have done so for quite a while, you may be at the right moment in your life – a moment in which God is clearly calling you to investigate making a full time commitment to Him as a priest or deacon.

A commitment at this level is filled with rewards, the greatest of which is serving the Lord. At the same time there are necessary sacrifices. As with any vocation the rewards and sacrifices are in balance as long as the individual taking them on is in balance. In the ministry this balance is aided by God's gift of Grace imparted at ordination.

Are you ready to "Come and See"? Now is the time to explore the possibilities of a life in the ministry of the Church. Whether you are married or single, a recent graduate, or on your second or third career, the Church encourages you to "Come and See".

To find out more about vocations to the diaconate and the priesthood, please contact the Savonarola Theological Seminary of the Polish National Catholic Church, 1031

Cedar Ave, Scranton, PA 18505.  
School, (570) 961-9288, Office,  
(570) 343-0100.

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### **Craft Fair this Fall**

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We will be holding a seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 12th from 9am till 4:30pm at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St.,



Schenectady. At the present time we are seeking vendors for the fair, so if you know any crafters

please invite them. Tables are \$25/\$30 with \$10 extra for tables with electric. We will be serving food too.

Stephanie Dominy, Gayle Clas, & Kelly Supinski are leading this effort. We will hold meeting every few weeks in preparation. Please feel free to join in. Also, in the fall, our SOCL student will be creating crafts that we will be able to sell at the fair in support of the SOCL program.

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### **Music, Kurs, more**

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Applications are now available for summer events including the Acolyte Retreat, KURS (June 29-July 6), and the National United Choirs music workshop. Also remember the annual YMSofR Zlot/Track and Field Tournament. See Deacon Jim and sign-up.

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## Milestones to Celebrate:

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### Birthdays

1 Christine

Griessler, Cody

Houser

5 Marc

Wienclawski

6 Peter

Battaglia, Linda

Carringi,

Frances

LaGreca, Amber Laporte-Smith

8 Jenna DonVito, Sabrina Brook

10 Henry Carringi III

11 Claudia Bertasso

15 Michael Houser

16 Timothy Olsen

19 Amber Oravsky

22 Edward Bertasso

30 Emily Ruchalski

i thank  
the Lord  
for you.  
happy  
birthday!

### Anniversaries

22 Peter & Elizabeth Battaglia

22 Larry & Donna Panfil

28 Philip & Angela Jorczak

Wishing you all many years! Sto  
Lat!

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## With Thanks

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

To all who prayed with us this  
past Memorial Day both at our  
parish cemetery and at home.

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 Stephanie and Bob for their  
continuing ministry to the  
community with Soup on Sunday.

To Pete, Bob and Larry who  
cleaned up around the church and  
rectory, cut back overgrown shrubs,  
and trimmed dead branches from  
the pine trees. To Pete and Bob who  
put soil in our planters and to Liz  
and Stephanie for planting bulbs  
and flowers.

To all parishioners who  
provided input on the future of the  
pine trees in front of the church.  
Based on your input (the blessing of  
a democratic Church) the pine trees  
were trimmed and remain standing.

To Pete and Larry who  
replaced burned out spotlights in  
the sanctuary and over the altar. It  
is so much brighter now!

To Father Rafał and Deacon  
Bob who provided ministry to the  
parish in Deacon jim's absence.

To Carol, Eileen, Marilyn,  
Shirley, Kelly S., Linda, Liz & Pete,  
Stephanie & Bob, Claudia & Ed, and  
Donna & Larry for all the work you  
did to make our Rummage Sale a  
great success. Also, to all who  
donated generously, and made  
baked goods. We are so blessed  
because as our generosity grows it  
spreads good throughout our  
community. God takes our work and  
sacrifice and works miracles with

them.

To Stephanie, Gayle, and Kelly who are leading efforts to organize and prepare for our Fall/Winter Craft Fair.

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

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

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### Poetry for the Month

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"What My Father Believed" by John Guzlowski, from *Lightning And Ashes*. © Steel Toe Books, 2007.

*He didn't know about the Rock of Ages  
or bringing in the sheaves or Jacob's ladder  
or gathering at the beautiful river  
that flows beneath the throne of God.  
He'd never heard of the Baltimore  
Catechism  
either, and didn't know the purpose of life  
was to love and honor and serve God.*

*He'd been to the village church as a boy  
in Poland, and knew he was Catholic  
because his mother and father were buried  
in a cemetery under wooden crosses.  
His sister Catherine was buried there too.*

*The day their mother died Catherine took  
to the kitchen corner where the stove sat,  
and cried. She wouldn't eat or drink, just  
cried  
until she died there, died of a broken heart.  
She was three or four years old, he was  
five.*

*What he knew about the nature of God  
and religion came from the sermons  
the priests told at mass, and this got mixed  
up  
with his own life. He knew living was hard,  
and that even children are meant to suffer.  
Sometimes, when he was drinking he'd ask,*

*"Didn't God send his own son here to  
suffer?"*

*My father believed we are here to lift logs  
that can't be lifted, to hammer steel nails  
so bent they crack when we hit them.  
In the slave labor camps in Germany,  
He'd seen men try the impossible and fail.*

*He believed life is hard, and we should  
help each other. If you see someone  
on a cross, his weight pulling him down  
and breaking his muscles, you should try  
to lift him, even if only for a minute,  
even though you know lifting won't save  
him.*

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### A Fathers' Day Prayer

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*God our Father,  
In your wisdom and love you made  
all things.*

*Bless these men, that they may be  
strengthened as Christian fathers.  
Let the example of their faith and  
love shine forth.*

*Grant that we, their sons and  
daughters, may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen*

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### SOCL Thank you and First Communion

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Thank you to all SOCL students, parents, and grandparents for your dedication and to Claudia and Liz for your help over the past school year. We look forward to First Communion of July 14th.

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### Planning For:

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- June 2: Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi

- June 7: Solemnity – Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 9: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- June 11: Feast – St. Barnabas
- June 16: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time and Father’s Day - breakfast served at church
- June 23rd: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- June 24th: Solemnity – Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- June 26-29: Acolyte Retreat, Waymart, PA
- June 29: Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul
- June 29: KURS begins, Waymart, PA
- June 30: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Soup on Sunday

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### Parish Organizations and Ministries

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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.

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### The Polish National Union offers You...

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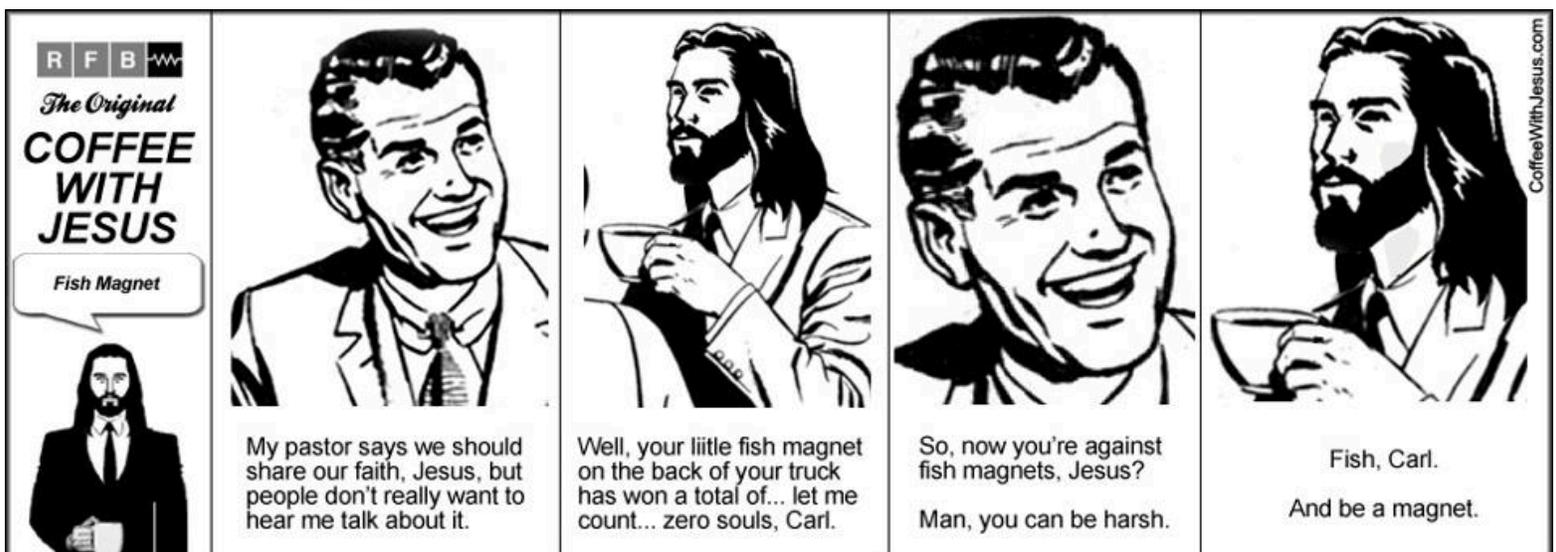
Single Premium Life

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For more information call the offices of the PNUA at 800-724-6352.



# June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi Holy Mass, 9am Lector: Larry Panfil	3	4	5	6	7 Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	8
9 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9am Lector: Claudia Bertasso	10	11 Feast – St. Barnabas	12	13	14	15
16 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day, Father's Day, Holy Mass 9am Lector: Marilyn Heitala	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9am Lector: Larry Panfil	24 Solemnity – Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25	26 Central Diocese Acolyte Retreat – Waymart, PA	27 Central Diocese Acolyte Retreat – Waymart, PA	28 Central Diocese Acolyte Retreat – Waymart, PA	29 Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul Central Diocese Acolyte Retreat – Waymart, PA KURS 2013 – Waymart, PA
30 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9am Lector: Claudia Bertasso KURS 2013 – Waymart, PA						

## EVENTS

### Special Events

- July 13th – First Confession
- July 14th – First Communion
- July 24th – 27th Annual NUC Music Workshop

### July Upcoming

- 2nd - Solemnity, Visitation of the B.V.M.
- 4th – Independence Day
- 6th – Commemoration of John Hus, priest & martyr
- 25th – Feast, St. James the Greater