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AND BE SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU HAVE. GOD HAS SAID, "I WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU; I WILL NEVER RUN AWAY FROM YOU."

I can just hear my mom saying words similar to what God spoke through His Apostles in Hebrews 13:5 - "*be satisfied with what you have.*"

Our moms didn't want us to be jealous or covetous of others. Instead they wanted to focus us on our blessings - what we have - and most especially on all that God has done and has in store for us.

Good lessons for life of course. Don't get yourself into debt chasing after stuff that doesn't really matter. Don't be earth focused - stay heaven focused. Focus on what is really important: faith in God Who brings all things to perfection. With Him we have family, community, true knowledge, and our work is blessed even if the world doesn't see it.

In telling us to "*be satisfied with what you have*" the Apostle conveys to us the wealth we really have in the promises of the Lord. No matter what happens, if we have much or little, if we are part of a huge family

or alone, if we are young, middle aged, or elderly - God stays with us.

The explicit promise in our being "*satisfied with what you have*" is God's provision for us. God will reach to the last grain of sand and the remotest star to bless us. *I will never run away from you.*

During this month let us consider the depth of God's provision. God promises to always be with us, to stay at our side, to make it all alright. When we face challenges, even if the entire world has abandoned us, even if our mom were to reject us, God remains.

Early on God's people felt abandoned and alone. They were exiled. The Prophet Isaiah gave them God's word: "*Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.*"

There is nothing that can stand between God and us, His love is the perfection of all love and is for us. Let us be joyfully satisfied.

Mother's Day

♥ God BLESS You Mom! ♥

On May 8th we honor all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and those special women in our lives that exemplify the goodness of motherhood in our lives. We also remember all those who do not or have not had a positive relationship with their mother.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is referred to as the *Theotokos*, Greek for "God bearer." In the English speaking world of today, we speak of Mary as the "Mother of God." Mary's acceptance of the gift of motherhood was necessary for our salvation. So too the good Christian mothers of the world bear God to us and bring us to Him through their example, teaching, and love. They cooperate with our Lord to lead us to faith in our Savior.

Let us pray for God's blessing on our mothers who are with us and for those who have gone on to their eternal rest. Let us also help and pray for all those (too many in our day) who do not or have not had a positive relationship with their mother. May they receive Mary's special care and see her as standing forth as their heavenly mother in a very special way.

Basket Social Thank You



Our 14th Annual Basket Social was a great success. Thank you to all who attended and our deepest apologies to those who could not get in because we reached the room's capacity. Our thanks to the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center for the use of their facilities and a special thank you to all the generous donors who prepared baskets, those who prepared and worked, cooked, and pitched in. A new record of 116 baskets were put up for auction. We raised over \$800 over the prior year's total with a grand total of \$7,535. God is great!!!! God bless you all!!!!!!!

Baptisms galore

Since Easter we have welcomed two children into God's Holy Church through the waters of regeneration: Ayla Marie and Vincent John. Also we completed the various Rites that accompany baptism for Grayson.



When an emergency baptism takes

place a child is not later re-baptized (there is no such thing as re-baptism - baptism is once for always) but is brought to church where the ceremonies omitted in the emergency situation are provided.

May God bless Grayson, Vincent, and Ayla and their families and cause their faith to grow ever richer.

EVENTS GALORE IN MAY

Solemnity of the Ascension

The church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension on the 40th day after Easter as is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Why is this day important to us? It isn't only that Jesus is returning to His rightful place of honor in heaven. Rather it shows us that Jesus, who emptied Himself and came as a man, who lived, ate, laughed, cried, suffered, and died as a man, Whose human body was glorified in the resurrection also ascended in that glorified body into heaven. This is our assurance that we too will rise and live in heaven eternally with Him in our glorified bodies. The parish will hold Holy Mass on Thursday, May 5th at 7pm in celebration of the Solemnity.



Mother's Day

During Mary's month of May, the nation celebrates Mother's Day and so do we as

Church. The crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin along with special prayers and Holy Mass offered for our mothers living and deceased will be held on Sunday, May 8th. We will also have a special breakfast for moms, grandmothers, godmothers, and those special women in our lives that morning. Please start that day in church in prayer as a special thanksgiving for mom.

Music Scholarship and CONVO Applications Due

Please visit www.nucmusic scholarship.weebly.com to download a copy of the National United Choir's Music Scholarship application. Write to Cathy Bilinski at nucscholarship@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Kurs and CONVO are not that far off. Youth who will be attending CONVO should get there applications in as soon as possible so we make take advantage of the discounted early bird rate. <http://www.pncc.org/?event=convo-2016>.

The application deadline for both Music Scholarships and CONVO is May 15th.

Holy Mass for Healing

Our next monthly Holy Mass for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, May 16th at 6:15pm. Come join us.

Bible study

Our next Bible study will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at 6pm (an earlier time). The pastors and people of Gathered Remnant Ministries will be joining with us and leading this Bible study. Join in and show your support for God's gracious word.

Memorial Day

The Holy Church joins the nation in the solemn remembrance of Memorial Day. We will gather for Holy Mass at our parish cemetery (or in our parish church in the case of inclement weather) on Monday, May 30th at 10am for Holy Mass. In doing so we pray for all of those who have died in combat defending our nation and all of our veterans who have also been called to their eternal rest.

Summer Events

Planning is underway for the summer events including the:

- KURS 2016 with the theme "Radical Irreverence" will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 2nd-July 9th.
- CONVO with the theme "I AM" will be held at St. Anselm College in Manchester, NH from July 25th-July 29th.

See Fr. Jim and sign-up to go. These are great events!!!

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

- 1 Kimberly DonVito, Roni Bylina, Mary Tate
- 2 Eileen Kupiec
- 9 Melissa Morrison
- 12 James DeMidio
- 15 Irene Borowski
- 16 Loryn DonVito
- 18 John White IV
- 19 Brenda Boyland
- 22 Cameron Goehrig
- 23 Louise James
- 24 Marilyn Hietala, Angie Bray
- 25 Karoline Trela, Jack Hamilton
- 26 Karen Maliszewski
- 27 Jayson Caden
- 28 Marianne Węglinski
- 30 Leonard Ordon

Anniversaries

- 22 Kenneth & Jennifer Brown

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

God bless you!

To all who prayed, sacrificed, abstained, and who join in the

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weekly Eucharist, the greatest act of thanksgiving ever. God bless you!

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and to all who have contributed to coffee hours and the ministry of hospitality.

To every parishioner, visitor,

and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure. Thank you!!!

Free Lunch on Sunday

Our next Free Lunch on Sunday event is Sunday, May 15th at 11:30am. Whether it is warmth, food, friendship, or just some company. Please help spread the word. Tell your friends.

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!!!

Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr

On Tuesday, May 10th, we commemorate the 65th anniversary of Bishop Joseph Padewski.

Bishop Padewski was born February 18, 1894 in Antoniów, a small farming village near Radom in Poland. He emigrated to the United States in 1913 and moved to Detroit, Michigan. In Detroit he came into contact with the Polish National Catholic Church. In 1916 he entered the PNCC Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 16, 1919 by Prime Bishop Francis Hodur. He celebrated his first mass at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

In 1942 Bishop Padewski was arrested by the Nazis and was held at the Montelupich prison in Krakow. He was then transferred to the

Tittmoning POW Camp in Germany where he was held for 18 months. Through the intervention of the Swiss Red Cross he was freed and returned to the United States in March 1944.

Between 1944 and 1946 Bishop Padewski served as pastor of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa Church in Albany, New York.

Bishop Padewski returned to Poland on February 20, 1946 to resume his duties as Bishop of the Polish branch of the PNCC.

Shortly after his return, the Soviet Union completed its takeover of Poland and asserted Communist control. In this atmosphere of Stalinist terror, Bishop Padewski was arrested by the Communist Secret Police (UB) in Warsaw and was held at their prison on Rakowieckiej Street.

Bishop Padewski died on May 10, 1951 as a result of secret police questioning and maltreatment.

Bishop Padewski, martyr for the faith, pray for us.

Planning For:

Remember - Holy Mass is held every Sunday at 9:30am and 11:30am

- May 1: 6th Sunday of Easter. Normal Holy Mass schedule.
- May 2: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles (translated)
- May 3:, Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross, Polish Constitution Day.

- May 5: Solemnity of the Ascension, Holy Mass at 7pm
- May 8: 7th Sunday of Easter. May Crowning. Mother's Day. Normal Holy Mass schedule. Mother's Day Breakfast.
- May 10: 65th Anniversary, Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski
- May 15: Pentecost Sunday. Normal Holy Mass schedule. Free Lunch on Sunday
- May 16: Healing Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.
- May 21: Armed Forces Day - honor our service members.
- May 22: Solemnity of the Holy Trinity/Trinity Sunday. Normal Holy Mass schedule.
- May 23: Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola
- May 25: Bible study at 6pm
- May 26: Corpus Christi
- May 29: Sunday in the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.
- May 30: Memorial Day - Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am
- May 29-31: 70th Annual YMSofR/ PNCC Bowling Tournament
- June 1: Sacred Vocations Month begins - pray for vocations and for those studying for the priesthood and diaconate.

Parish Organizations and Ministries

Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? Ask Fr. Jim how you might help.

Need Rental Space?

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

A Year of Reverence Update

As we continue in our Year of Reverence we focus on Reverence in the family. We know how important the Christian Family is especially in our ever changing and more secular society.

It is in the family setting where children learn their values and about the Catholic faith. May we teach them reverence by setting an example for them in dealing with life situations. We show reverence in the family by incorporating three things into our day to day situations with our children, spouses, parents, siblings and others:

1. Prayer
2. Living the Ten Commandments
3. Living the Two Commandments of Love
4. Prayer

Make time to pray together - teach your children to pray - help them to learn the importance of giving thanks to God. There are many ways to do this - one way is to pray

before meals. Here are some prayers from our 2010 PNCC Prayer Book:

Grace Before Meals: Bless us, O Lord, and these Your gifts, which we are about to receive from Your bounty. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Grace After Meals: We give You thanks, O Almighty God, for all Your mercies, Who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Morning and Evening Prayer is very important as well as it teaches our children and reminds us of the importance God has in our lives and how we are called to live holy and virtuous lives as His holy people. The Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be... can be offered in addition to various petitions and words of thanksgiving and praise.

A Parent's Prayer

Loving God and Father, You gave me my child (children) and I am committed to bring him (her, them) up in the Church in love of You. Assist me in this sacred duty. Teach me what to give him (her, them) and what to withhold; when to correct and when to refrain; when to be gentle and when to be firm. May my child (children) grow in Your grace and in piety. By word and example may I lead him (her, them) in the ways of faith, wisdom and love. I pray that I may fulfill my parental responsibilities that You have placed upon me, so that my child (children) may be faithful to You and Your Church. Through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

For a Husband or Wife

Almighty Father, You have consecrated marriage so that it reflects the spiritual unity between Christ and His Church. May my spouse and I always love, honor and cherish each other, and so live together the rest of our lives in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, so that our home may be a haven of blessing and peace. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A Child's Prayer

Heavenly Father, You gave me my parents and commanded me to love, honor and obey them in all things. Give me Your grace, so that I may respectfully fulfill Your commandment to honor my mother and father (guardians). May I also love and respect my siblings, friends, teachers and relatives. Remove from me all pride, rebellion, stubbornness and carelessness. Create in me a clean heart and mind. Keep me strong in my faith, so that I may continue to grow in Your grace and in wisdom each day. Through Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

For Families

God, our Heavenly Father, You have blessed each of us with the gift of family that through our family life we may learn to love and care for others. Open our eyes to recognize in all people the bonds of kinship.

May we unselfishly serve them who with us have been made co-heirs with Christ. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Ten Commandments: Teach those in your family about the importance of following the 10 Commandments – those to God and those to our neighbor. Set the example yourself by regularly attending Mass and receiving the Sacraments. The same for showing reverence and respect for creation, God, His Church, our clergy and our neighbor.

The Two Commandments of Love: Make some time as a family to put into practice the 2 commandments of love - participate in a community service project – volunteer at the Church, a local charity, soup kitchen, homeless shelter, etc. Spend some quality time together putting our precious faith into practice in our lives and teaching our children such important lessons.

We ask you to consider setting up a challenge for your family – if you are not doing some of these ideas then incorporate them into your family life and time together. Let us do this over these next months and when we celebrate the solemnity of the Christian Family see the difference in the life of your family.

Please remember to **save the date of Wednesday – October 5th 2016** at 7 pm (EST) for a presentation by our Prime Bishop in the Solemnity of the Christian Family in our PNCC. The solemnity

this year will be celebrated on Sunday – October 9th. Perhaps your parish could put together a community service project to focus and help families in your local community – remember we are asked to do a minimum of 3 service projects this year.

If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

Please keep this church wide undertaking in your daily prayers – asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Holy Church.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Supreme Council Future
Direction Committee



May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6th Sunday of Easter - Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso. Memorial Holy Mass – Albany PACC, 4pm	2 Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles (trans.)	3 Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross Polish Constitution Day	4	5 Solemnity if the Ascension Holy Mass at 7pm	6	7
8 7th Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott/Claudia Bertasso. May Crowning at 9:30am. Mother's Day Breakfast	9	10 Commemoration of the Holy Martyr and Bishop Joseph Padewski,	11	12	13	14
15 Pentecost Sunday – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso. Free Lunch on Sunday	16 Holy Mass and Anointing for Healing at 6:15pm Parish Committee Meets	17	18	19	20	21 Armed Forces Day
22 Trinity Sunday – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso.	23 Commemoration of the martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola	24	25 Bible study at 6pm	26 Corpus Christi	27	28
29 Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi – Holy Mass at 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott.	30 Memorial Day – Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am	31				

EVENTS

June Upcoming

- Sacred Vocations Month
- Father's Day
- Seniorate Corpus Christi Celebration