

How can I know you're happy?

I'm singing to God.

Make a joyful shout to God all the earth! Sing out the honor of His name; make His praise glorious – Psalm 66:1,2.

Our Holy Church places a right emphasis on the place of music in worship. In the ancient Church, the Bishop as minister of the Eucharist sung the words of the Eucharistic prayer, raising people's minds to the beauty and glory of God.

Our worship transcends time. Heaven will always resound with worship. When we complete our life on earth, we will have eternal careers as worshippers praising Him around His throne.

Our days in the community of faith – the Church - are to be spent in preparation for this eternal career through worship.

Jesus said: *"But the hour is coming, and now is, when the*

true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for such the Father seeks to worship him."

Therefore, we encourage each other to worship and take this opportunity to stress the importance of worship through song. We further encourage study by our youth and adults through scholarships so that their talents might add to our worship.

Worship through music provides the body of Christ in the Church, and here in our parish, with an opportunity to engage in heartfelt and meaningful praise of the Triune God. The style of our worship songs varies, but through each we offer to God our praise and adoration in singing, choral music, ensembles, and special presentations.

Worshipping through song glorifies God, edifies the body, prepares our hearts for hearing the Word preached, and is our

response to teaching. St. Paul told the people of Colossae, *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God."*

It is the Church's goal that worship in song be a vital part of each believer's life, allowing God to mold our attitudes and actions as we give voice to the *"new song"* He has placed in our hearts (Psalm 96:1).

The ministry of music plays a very important role in our worship. It expresses our joy in a special way and is a unique and vital aspect of our worship.

Our heavenly Father expects absolutely everything we do to be an act of worship. The purpose of worship in music is to bring Him glory by rehearsing His character through song. What better way to show Him, and each other, the joy we have in Christ.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

1 Chronicles 16:23-24

Time to Study God's Word

SUNDAY: Psalm 13:6

MONDAY: Psalm 33:3

TUESDAY: Psalm 40:3

WEDNESDAY: Psalm 105:2

THURSDAY: Revelation 5:9

FRIDAY: Isaiah 42:10

SATURDAY: Ephesians 5:19

Pray

Lord Jesus, grant that I may sing out with joy in praise of Your glorious love.

Music Scholarship Sunday

The last Sunday of January is Music Scholarship Sunday in the PNCC. We put special emphasis on the Music Scholarship program of our Church. Take a chance today to thank our music ministers for their contribution to the Church's music ministry. Encourage our music ministers. Scholarship applications are available on-line.

Epiphany Home Blessings

We continue the wonderful tradition of offering home visits and blessings for those who would like them. Blessing of the homes will take place through Tuesday, February 12th. Please see Deacon Jim to set aside a time.

Souper Bowl

For the 12th year in a row, our parish is participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. We are providing food help for those in need through the Souper Bowl of Caring and YouGiveGoods. Your monetary donations in church will support the work of Schenectady Inner City Ministry. You can donate food online through our YouGiveGoods donation page (see our website to donate online). Food donations will be provided to Concerned For The Hungry. Thank you for your support of our efforts to assist the hungry.

SOUP, Round Two+

Our next Soup on Sunday event is today from 11:30am to 1:30pm. The next will be February 24th. Please volunteer to assist in cooking and serving - we need your help. Also, get the word out wherever/whenever you can

Pre-Lent Decision Time

We now enter the pre-Lenten season of Septuagesima. This is a time of preparation for our entry into the great Lent. This is a time of decision – **what will I do to prepare, to purify myself through prayer, fasting, sacrifice, and works of charity?** The Holy Church offers many opportunities, but it is up to us to join ourselves to them; to take part in Stations of the Cross, giving of food, volunteerism, being in church every Sunday, and so much more. In about 80 days we will recall what our Lord has done for us. Be ready so that by sharing in His passion and death we will rise with Him.

Annual Parish Meeting

Our annual congregation meeting will be held next Sunday, February 3rd along with the election of a new Parish Committee. We look forward to reporting on all the successes and blessings we have accomplished through the Lord's help in 2012. Come, join us, give yourself a pat on the back, vote, and make suggestions for how we can do even greater things in 2013. Our parish and our Church's democratic tradition are a result of having you in our family of faith!!!

Of note...

Praying for...

Jasmine Russo, Kay Kaminski, Joseph and Lee Callahan, Tom Caulfield, Debbie Urban, Ann Marie Riley, George Williams, Diane Avellino, Laura Covari, Ellen Carey, Connie Cola, Alice and George Houser, Angela Kaminski, Carol Kosik, Eddy Stutz, Jim Kelly, Phil Haberman, Stanley Radzysinski, Joseph Lyman, Sandy Davis, Erin Smith, Margaret Bondi, Sharon Nasner, Dan, Kym, Maggie and Hannah Bucham, Ray Callanan, Jeannie Christopher, Connie Gigliotti, Joe Avellino, Jan Shufelt, Deanna Colfels, Cathy France, Patty Martel-Baum, Rick Rodino, Judy Springer, Deb Cousins, Judy Palmer, Ed Jakubiak, Rick Kaminski, Luke Sobiechowski, Mark McCarthy, Bonnie Nelson, Rosemary Ragule, Lisa Caporizzo, Joseph Peplowski, Kelly Noble, Judy Held, Stefan Węglinski, Janet Spurck, Joannie True, Robert Dominy, Patricia Lewis, Peter Loss, Wayne Balnis, Louie Perkinson, Laurie Speech, John Humme, Gary Wilkinson, Jakub Kozina, Claudia Bertasso, John Clas, Bishop Stanley Bilinski, George Damouni, Kindlon Family, Carolyn Walker, Chris, James McGrath, Larry Alfred, Brian Soos, Bonesteel Family, Bill VanShufflin, Mary Ellen Hitchings, Frances Myslinski, Jean Nowak, Fr. Senior John Kraus.

- All in need of God's healing grace.
- All those who serve in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- All those in Public Service, Police Officers and Fire Fighters.
- All Active And Retired Clergy of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church.
- All who have asked for our prayers.

We continue in prayer and intercession for one of the parishes or ministries in our Holy Polish National Catholic Church. This week we remember: Holy Cross Parish, Baltimore, MD its congregation and pastor Rev. Andrew Bieganowski.

Bless them, O Lord!
Pobłogosław im, O Boże!

Coffee Hour: Coffee hour is back. Spend some time after services to share in community and fellowship. Thank you to Ed Bertasso and God bless you for your ministry of hospitality in providing for this time to gather after services every week.

Parish Organizations: Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? 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. See Deacon Jim.