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Jesus makes each moment new.

Jesus,

thank you for renewing us!

New Year Greetings

The text in the box above, *Jesus makes each moment new*, is a wonderful thought that we should remember as we enter the new year.

We often pause that these major milestones in the timeline to reflect, to look back a bit, and to gaze expectantly forward. Our resolutions are set, the course ahead filled with hope.

Keeping those resolutions won't be easy. Staying on course is a constant challenge. Thanks be to God that we have Jesus in our lives! With Jesus in our lives, and with the gift of His grace, the resolutions won't kill us, the challenges won't destroy us. Nothing can overcome us.

Jesus' care for us is exceptional. He makes each

moment a "new year." He frees us from bondage and slavery to the occasional failure and set back. He is the light of the world, and His light is ever present.

As we set forth in this new year, let us focus on our many blessings; the great graces that fill our lives. These are our family and friends and the community of our parish and the Holy Polish National Catholic Church. Jesus is active there and in every person we meet, in every place we visit, in every room we inhabit. He is there, constantly reaching out to us, brushing us off, standing us up, strengthening us -- renewing us.

And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." -- Revelation 21:5

May He bless and renew you today and always!

**Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję,
Āčiū, Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie!**

To all those who have worked so tirelessly over the past year: our parish officers and committee members, our jurors, representatives to Synod, nomination committee members, bingo workers, members of the ANS and choir, Mrs. Liz Battaglia for her service as our organist and music director, our altar servers, lectors, those who cared for the maintenance and upkeep of the parish facilities (Liliana, Pete, Bob), Ed Bertasso for his service of hospitality, our event planners and volunteers at our Basket Social, Rummage sales, car washes, dinners, and special fundraisers, Fr. Stan for his many years of dedicated service, and all those who gave of their time and treasure to build up the ministry and community of our parish and the wider Church. May god bless and reward you for all you have done!

**Milestones
to
Celebrate:**

Birthdays

1 John
Linscott
3 Logan
Slezak
4 Zach Bixler, Zachary Prusky,
Christopher Brook, Courtney Carroll
5 Derrick D'Amico
8 Alex D'Amico, Lawrence Panfil,
Christine DeCocco

i thank
the Lord
for you.
happy
birthday!

9 Theodore Zebrowski
11 Cyndie Williams
14 Karen DeMidio
18 Stephanie Dominy, Darian
Topolski
22 Catherine Martucci
23 Christina Naumowicz, Laurie Lee
Woodworth
25 Richard Maliszewski, Richard
Okonsky
26 Cadence Smith
27 Eric Kaminski, Jack Kaminski
29 Judi Horton

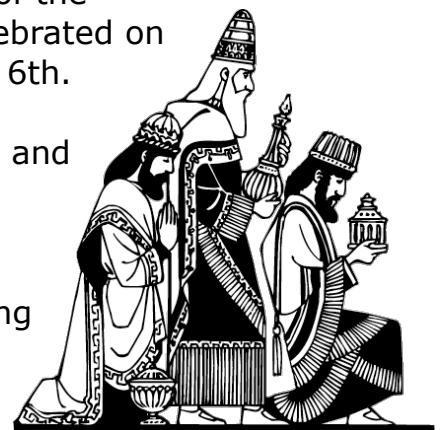
Wedding Anniversaries

20 Alice and George Houser

Wishing you all many years! Sto
Lat!

**Epiphany Visitations - Koleda -
House Blessings**

The Solemnity of the
Epiphany is celebrated on
Friday, January 6th.
There will be a
worship service and
the blessing of
chalk, incense,
charcoal, and
gold that evening
at 7pm.



Fr. Adam or
Deacon Jim

are available to come to your homes
for the traditional Epiphany home
blessing. Please see them to make
an appointment. Blessing
appointments are available through
February 21st (prior to Ash
Wednesday).

To prepare your home for the

blessing please have the blessed
chalk and incense available as well
as your blessed candle, gromnica.

Poetry for the Month

After the holidays by the
Rev. Jan Twardowski
Translation by Dcn. Jim Konicki

*Holy days, public holy days
and the days after Christmas
None of which have been forgotten.
I ate pastries, ate cakes,
kissed my aunt's hand.
I ate at the vigil, ate borsch
and now I am a year older,
after the herring and sardines
in the empty place
where the tree stood.*

*Święta, święta i po świętach
nikt już o nich nie pamięta.
Zjadłem placki, zjadłem babki,
całowałem ciocię w łapki.
Zjadłem wilię, zjadłem barszczyk
i już jestem o rok starszy,
po śledziku i sardynce
w pustym miejscu po choince.*

Our organizer and first Prime
Bishop, Franciszek Hodur, was a
strong advocate of education, the
printed word, literature, and poetry.
He saw these as the fruits of man's
cooperation with God, and the
means by which members of the
Church could lift themselves up; the
path to manifesting their dignity and
acquiring economic, social, and

cultural standing in their new
country. My plan for 2009 is to
present a year of poetry in
recognition of Bishop Hodur's
emphasis on education, human
dignity, freedom, and our ultimate
call to union with God.

In *The Origin and Growth of
the Polish National Catholic Church*,
the Rev. Stephen Włodarski, Ph.D.
writes:

*Bishop Francis Hodur was a
great advocate of the printed word.
He stimulated interest and
engendered a desire in his followers
to acquire learning. He organized
special teaching courses and made
available suitable reading material
for them. He published the weekly
"Straż" (Guard), and later, in 1923,
published the weekly "Rola
Boża" (God's Field). Other
periodicals published by him were
"Nowy Świat" (New World),
"Trybuna" (Tribune), "Dziś i
Jutro" (Today and Tomorrow),
"Wiara i Życie" (Faith and Life) and
the quarterly "Polka" (Polish
Woman). In addition to these,
Bishop Leon Grochowski published
in Chicago, the weekly
"Przebudzenie" (The Awakening). A
literary book store was opened at
St. Stanislaus Parish, in Scranton,
where classical literature and
various brochures were made
available. To encourage reading,
cultural evening classes were
regularly conducted. Bishop Hodur
and other priests lectured on
famous writers and scholars, and
particularly those of Polish origin.*

Whenever a famous Pole arrived in the United States, such as Ignacy Paderewski, Henryk Sienkiewicz, Tomasz [Zygmunt] Miłkowski, Waclaw Sieroszewski, and others, they were invited to Scranton where they addressed the assembled and were entertained with poetry recitations and song.

Bishop Hodur greatly admired the poets Juliusz Słowacki and Maria Konopnicka.

Time for a career choice or a change in careers?

**JESUS NEEDS YOU,
DON'T SAY NO!**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Perhaps you are nearing graduation from college, perhaps seriously considering retirement, perhaps -- you just need to finally make that break into doing something that fulfills on a deeper level.

If so, now is the time to take the plunge into that vocation that God has put in front of you. You just have to pick it up and run with it.

Studies for the diaconate program in the PNCC are held locally. Studies for the priesthood, at the Savonarola Theological Seminary are currently offered. Full scholarships are available.

If God is reaching out for you, He wants you. If the coach is calling you into the game, He needs you. Pick up the ball and run with it.

**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
IS FOR GROWN-UPS
LIKE YOU!**

Vocations Are Everybody's Business

Planning Ahead:

- Jan. 2: Solemnity: Holy Name – our Parish Feast – Holy Mass at 7pm
- Jan. 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord – Service with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense starting at 7pm.
- Jan. 8: Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds – Holy Mass, 9:30am.
- Jan. 9: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord
- Jan. 15: 39th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Memorial Service, 7pm, St. Francis of Assisi, 391 Delaware, Albany
- Jan. 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Jan. 29: Music Scholarship Sunday and Annual Congregational Meeting
- Feb. 2: Solemnity of the Presentation
- Feb. 3: Commemoration of St. Blaise

- Feb 5: Pre-Lenten Season Begins
- Feb. 16: 59th Anniversary of the death of S+P Prime Bishop Francziszek Hodur
- Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday, Beginning of the Great Lent
- Feb. 26: Annual Budget Meeting

2012 Serendipity Calendar

What a fun way to support the parish and potentially WIN! The Serendipity Calendar allows you to choose one or more numbers between 001 and 999. If your number is drawn in the day's NYS Lottery Daily Numbers game, you win.

Sign-ups have begun for 2012. Reserve your numbers early so you get your lucky numbers. Note that re-subscription notices will be mailed shortly. The cost for each number chance is \$20.

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.

Doing for our Community

2012 is a year of looking forward and outward, to how we best make our parish a vital and active part of our local community. We have discussed several plans including staging a youth play on our re-constituted stage, holding open mic poetry and music night, our rummage sales, and of course offering a clean, well lit, safe place for people to gather. Your ideas are welcome and encouraged as well.



History of Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Holy Name of Jesus Parish was originally established and founded as the Parish of St. Joseph in 1921. The Parish founders worked quickly to build a beautiful stone church on Raymond Street in Schenectady, equipping it with everything necessary for the worship of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. A rectory was acquired and the Parish founded a cemetery.

The founding of the Parish was not without its difficulties. Due to the flow of emigration through the area, and conflicts with Roman Catholic clergy, the Parish had difficulty attracting a permanent and stable group of Parishioners. With foresight, however, the National Church founders faithfully persevered in through these critical moments, including a fire which destroyed the interior of the original church. The founding members were willing to take on any job just to ensure victory for their good cause – a Church that is One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic, and democratic.

By 1930 the Parish was on solid footing, having been rebuilt on Pearl Street in the Mount Pleasant area. The permanent pastor in 1930 was the Rev. Joseph Michalski, who for some time was the head of the National Church parish in Amsterdam, NY. It was said that in accordance with the principles of the National priesthood, Fr. Michalski carried the heart of his parishioners, and their experiences, within

himself.

Fr. Michalski worked with the members of the Parish Committee, Siegfried R. Maul (President), John Grzywaczewski (Vice-President), Robert Fritz (Financial Secretary), Francis Rybak (Recording Secretary), J. Bałous (Treasurer) and Trustees Józ. Kopeć, Jan Kopeć, J. Nagórka, K. Bartosiewicz, J. Szymański, and W. Pacowski in founding a Parish supplementary school, established to educate children in the faith of the Holy Polish National Catholic Church under the guidance of the Pastor. Other Parish societies were formed including two choirs, two relief societies: the Men's St. Joseph Society and the Women's Maria Konopnicka Society, an educational group: "Ognisko," The Girl's — Children of Mary and the Young Men's — Defender's Society, a Mother's Club, and a Branch of the Polish National Union, Spójnia.

By 1971, the Parish's fiftieth anniversary, the National Church Parish of Holy Name contained about 175 parishioners.

Keep our Parish Life democratic according to our tradition. Turn in your nomination forms by January 8th. Our Church Constitution states: *In administrative, managerial and social matters, this Church derives its authority from the people who build, constitute, believe in, support and care for it. It is a fundamental principle of this Church that all Parish property, whether the same be real, personal, or mixed, is the property of those united with the Parish who build and support this Church and conform to the Rite, Constitution, Principles, Laws, Rules, Regulations, Customs and Usages of this Church.*

January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Solemnity of the Circumcision, Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am	2 Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus – Parish Feast, Holy Mass, 7pm	3	4	5	6 Solemnity of the Epiphany - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 7pm	7
8 Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds, Holy Mass, 9:30am	9 Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord	10	11	12	13	14
15 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am 39th Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Interfaith Memorial Service, 7pm	16	17	18 St. Peter's Chair at Antioch Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins	19	20	21
22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – Holy Mass, 9:30am	23	24	25 Conversion of St. Paul Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends	26	27	28
29 Music Scholarship Sunday 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Annual Congregational Meeting	30	31				

EVENTS

On Epiphany, Jan. 6th

Blessing of Chalk, Incense, Charcoal, and gold at 7pm.

Parish Feast, Jan. 2nd

Come worship and pray at 7pm for blessings received and for all our needs.

February Upcoming

Feb. 2nd – Presentation
Feb. 3rd – St. Blaise
Feb 22nd – Ash Wednesday