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...do not be faithless, but believing.

A saint for our times

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28)

We live in a time that demands proof. Scientists have achieved feats that were barely imaginable decades ago, finding the smallest particles of matter, the building blocks of the universe. We can see deep into space, eons into our past. So much can be proved now. With enhanced ability to prove things, we tend to fall to proof whenever we are confronted with questions or concerns. We hear phrases like: 'Prove it to me.' 'Show me how it works.' 'Explain it to me.'

This reliance on proof suddenly falls apart once we reach past the things that are provable. Most of us understand this in the context of love. How do you prove love? The ordinary cannot prove love. Gifts can't prove it, nor can kisses, physical relationships, or words. Any can be made up to suit a time or circumstance without true feeling behind them.

Faith presents an even greater challenge. Thomas was challenged to have faith and believe that Jesus was arisen by the power of God. He struggled. He sought proof. Once he had proof in hand, literally, he made the greatest confession and apology for his lack of faith, "My Lord and my God." As a believing Jew, he already had faith in God. Now he confessed that he failed to live his faith in God to God Who was standing right in front of Him. After reaffirming his faith before Jesus, Thomas went out to spread that faith from Persia to India.

We too may stumble in faith. That is both a challenge and opportunity. When we stumble, we can look to Thomas as the model for what we are to do. It isn't only recapturing a faith we once had, sort of re-connecting, but rather reinvigorating and resurrecting our faith. Like Thomas, we are to take what we learn from our struggles with faith and apply them to carrying out the mission given to us by Jesus - in FAITH!

Deacon Jim's Easter Wishes

My dearest family in Christ,

On behalf of my family, I extend to you every blessing for this Easter and throughout the Easter season. May the resurrected Christ continue to reign in your heart and in your life as you follow Him and adhere to a faith both ancient and new.

We have a wonderful Lord and Master, a Savior who understands our needs. He is filled with love for us. In turn we, His people, reflect His love in all we do. It is a great blessing to have been called into the Lord's service. He called me into His field, to do His work. I have been so greatly blessed because the portion of His field, here in Schenectady, is filled with people who so desire to work within His body, the Holy Church, in fellowship, as the family of faith doing good for each other and for all we encounter. You have blessed me greatly and I love you with all the joy of the resurrected Christ.

Życzenia radosnych Świąt Wielkanocnych pełnych wiary, nadziei i miłości, Wypełnionych nadzieją budzącej się wiosny. Pogody w sercu i radości płynącej z faktu Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego, oraz smacznego świeconego w gronie najbliższych szczerze przesyła.

Join us for the 50 days of Easter

We so look forward to seeing you over the next several weeks as we continue to celebrate the Easter season (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in His resurrection with the apostles, your Holy Church, and your faith community.

The Bible - great TV!!!

The Bible TV series was a wonderful experience. It was the highest rated Sunday TV program and concluded all 10 parts on Easter Sunday. But, the Bible never concludes.

Thank you to all who watched and for your questions and discussion. Ever have a question or wonder about something in the Bible, just ask.

Soup on Sunday

Our next Soup on Sunday event is Sunday, April 28th at 11:30am.

We offer free soup and more for anyone in need - whether its warmth, food, friendship, or just some company. March will feature a wonderful stew. Please help spread the word. Grab a flyer and post it in local markets and shops. 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!!!

Basket Social

Our ever popular Basket Social with over 90 baskets is ready to go. Thank you for your generosity and creativity!!! Thank you to Donna Panfil and all who assisted her in getting everything ready – Larry, Liz, Marilyn, Shirley, and Marianne. God bless you.

As always, you know the baskets are great when everyone visiting the church hall has dibs on several baskets - 'I'm going to win that one...'

The Basket Social will be held Sunday, April 7th, starting at noon, at the VFW Hall, 1309 Fifth Ave., Schenectady. Be sure to invite friends and family to attend.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

- 1 Kendell and Shirley Maliszewski
- 3 Patricia Gustuvson, Mark Caulfield
- 4 Timothy J. Olsen
- 5 Kathleen Caulfield
- 7 Albert Rios
- 9 Lisette Rios
- 10 Timothy DeCocco
- 14 Trevor Wheelock
- 16 Debbie Martucci
- 19 Philip Jorczak
- 22 Kathy Smith, Nancy Heins
- 23 Michael Wienclawski
- 30 San D'Amico, Stefan Węglinski

Wishing you many years! Sto Lat!

God bless you!

To all who prayed, sacrificed, abstained, joined in Lenten devotions, engaged in acts of charity, and practiced acts of Christian love and concern throughout Lent.

To all who were so very generous. Our directed giving and your generous spirit provided **over 362 pounds of food for those in need**. Thank you to Bob and Cyndie Williams who brought these offerings to the Schenectady Inner City Mission. God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać!

To all who stayed with their brother Jesus throughout Holy Week. To our altar servers, choir director and choir, all who waited and watched with our Lord lending beauty and honor to Him in recognition of what He has done for us.

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and to Ed Bertasso for his ministry of hospitality.

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

How to say happy Easter

The Paschal greeting is an Easter custom among Christians. Instead of saying "hello," "good morning," or some other greeting we are to greet each other with "Christ is Risen!" The proper

response is "Truly, He is Risen." In some cultures, such as in Russia it is also customary to exchange a triple kiss on the alternating cheeks after the greeting (what a great custom!). Here is the Pascal greeting in several languages:

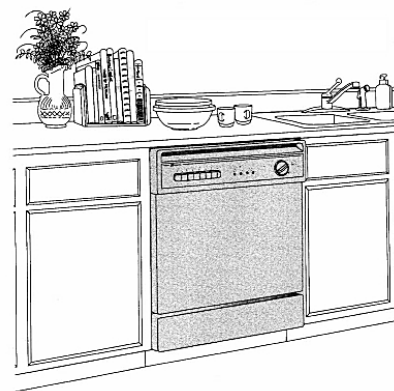
- English: Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!
- Spanish: ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!
- Italian: Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!
- Polish: Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał!
- Swahili – Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!
- German: Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!
- Norwegian: Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!
- Rastafarian – Krestos a uprisin! Seen, him a uprisin fe tru!
- French: Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité!
- Greek: Χριστός α νέστη!
Α ληθω ς ανέστη!
- Russian: Христос воскрес!
Воистину воскрес!
- Gaelic: Tá Críost éirithe! Go deimhin, tá sé éirithe!
- Scottish: Tha Crìosd air èiridh! Gu dearbh, tha e air èiridh!

M&E, Summer Activities, Music, More

Hard to believe, but the national Mission & Evangelism Conference is around the corner. Also planning is underway for the summer events including the Acolyte Retreat, KURS, and the National United Choirs music workshop. See Deacon Jim and sign-up to go.

New Stuff all over

Check out our new kitchen floor and dishwasher. Bob and Stephanie Dominy handled all the details. Wonderful! A true blessing!



Need Rental Space?

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

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.

Poetry for the Month

Happy the man whose Patron
Translation by Deacon Jim

*Happy the man whose Patron,
And guardian is Joseph,
No harm shall he fear,
With St. Joseph at his side.....
he shall not die.*

*Flee, the world’s futility,
Because death holds no fear,
I already have a sweeter song,
Joseph my guardian.....with
you.*

*Wither away, satanic invasions,
Grant to those who stand with me
Whatever may come or whatever
remains,*

*Hell may battle against me.....I
shall not die.
When Joseph is my beloved*

*I am defended from all evil
On me you cast your protection
Eternal death.....I shall not see.*

*Szczęśliwy, kto sobie Patrona,
Józefa ma za Opiekuna;
Niechaj się niczego nie boi,
Gdy Święty Józef przy nim
stoi.....Nie zginie.*

*Idźcie precz marności światowe,
Boście wy do zguby gotowe;
Już ja mam nad kanar słodsze,
Józefa Opiekuna
mego.....Przy sobie.*

*Ustąpcie, szatańskie najazdy,
Przyzna to zemną człowiek każdy,
Że choćby i samo powstało,
Piekło się na mnie
zbuntowało.....Nie zginę.*

*Gdy mi jest Józef ulubiony,
Obrońca od każdej złej strony,
On ci mnie ze swojej opieki
Nie puści, i zginąć na
wieki.....Nie mogę.*

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.

Planning For:

- Apr. 7: Low Sunday
- Apr. 7: Basket Social
- Apr. 12-14: Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Scranton, PA
- Apr. 14: 3rd Sunday of Easter
- Apr. 21: Good Shepherd Sunday, Baptism of Alexander Oravsky
- April 28: 5th Sunday of Easter
- April 30: Solemnity, St. Joseph the Workman
- May 1: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles
- May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross/Polish Constitution Day
- May 5: 6th Sunday of Easter
- May 9: Solemnity of the Ascension, Solemn Vespers at 7pm
- May 10: 62nd Anniversary, Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski
- May 12: 7th Sunday of Easter
- May 12: Mother's Day
- May 17-19: 68th Annual YMSofR Bowling Tournament, Chicago, IL
- May 19: Pentecost Sunday



April 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Monday of Bright Week Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur (1866) Śmigus-Dyngus	2 Tuesday of Bright Week	3 Wednesday of Bright Week	4 Thursday of Bright Week	5 Friday of Bright Week	6 Saturday of Bright Week Basket Social Drop-offs 10-1
7 Low Sunday - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala Basket Social, 12pm	8 Solemnity – Annunciation of the B.V.M. (translated)	9	10	11	12 13th Annual Mission & Evangelism Conference, Scranton, PA	13 13th Annual Mission & Evangelism Conference, Scranton, PA
14 3rd Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil Parish Committee Meets	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Good Shepherd Sunday - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am	22	23	24	25 Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist	26	27
28 3rd Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil	29	30 Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman				

EVENTS

Basket Social, April 7th

Invite family, friends, and neighbors.

May Upcoming

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