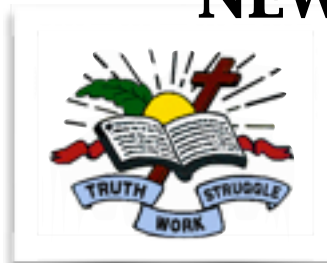


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NEWSLETTER

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THAT VERY DAY, THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, TWO OF JESUS' DISCIPLES WERE GOING TO A VILLAGE SEVEN MILES FROM JERUSALEM CALLED EMMANUS.

As we enter April we find Jesus going into hiding. The Council has decided that He must die. To ensure His death is the one He had chosen He avoids the likely assassination attempts to come. We commemorate this time in church, called the Passiontide, by covering the various images in purple. We symbolically recognize what it means to be without Jesus.

In the passage above, a disciple of Jesus named Cleopas and another unnamed traveler leave Jerusalem for the town of Emmaus on the day of Jesus' resurrection. On the journey the two travelers encounter an unnamed man who asks about the happenings over the past few days. Cleopas and his companion describe the events of that week. They recount the passiontide - a time that is still present tense for them. They feel the absence of Jesus. They also share remarkable news. Some of the women who followed Jesus discovered the tomb, in which Jesus was buried, was empty.

What follows is a quick series of revelations. The unnamed man exposes the reality of the scriptures and how they pertain to Jesus. The three travelers reach Emmaus and the man is revealed as Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

We begin April in Passiontide and end up on the road with the Risen Lord. Isn't that the way life often goes? We live unfulfilling passions, both attractive and sad, until we find the joy and fulfillment of Jesus.

As time passes, old and new passions emerge and sometimes we forget our resurrection joy. We find ourselves in passiontides. We may even feel we are without Jesus, Has He hidden His face from us?

This month we rediscover the amazing news of the resurrected Lord. Easter is here. More than just a day in April, it is a present continuous moment. We are called to continuously remove the purple veil, see Jesus among us, and live on Jesus' amazing, eternal, and glorious road. His present Easter!

Join us for everything Easter

We so look forward to seeing you for Passiontide (the remainder of Lent) as we join together in fellowship to



pray, sacrifice, fast, increase our charity, and forgive. **April 9th is Palm Sunday**

marking the start of Holy Week. See our Holy Week schedule in this Newsletter. We reach the

highpoint of the year's joy on **Easter Sunday, April 16th** with our Solemn Resurrection Holy Mass at 8am. This is a glorious time in the life of faith, our community, and the Holy Church.

Walk with Jesus in the days and weeks leading up to Easter so as to rejoice with Him in His resurrection.

Father 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; as you recognize His

wonderful gifts, especially the joy we have in Him.

You have blessed me abundantly and I love you with all the joy of the resurrected Christ.

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry,

Jezus zmartwychwstając śmierć pokonał, a cudu tego dla nas - ludzi dokonał, abyśmy z czasowego życia ziemskiego mogli przejść do boskiego życia wiecznego.

Niech Zmartwychwstanie Pańskie, które niesie duchowe odrodzenie, napełni wszystkich spokojem i wiarą, oraz da siłę w pokonywaniu trudności i pozwoli z ufnością patrzeć w przyszłość...

Radosnych i błogostawionych Świąt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego spędzonych w gronie najbliższych życzy.

ks. Jakub i rodziny

Join us for the 50 days of Easter

We so look forward to seeing you as we continue to celebrate the Easter season that begin this month and does not conclude until June 3rd (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in His resurrection with the apostles, your Holy Church, and your family in faith.

Basket Social



Our ever popular Basket Social with so many baskets is getting really

close. 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, May 7th, starting at noon, at: **The Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St, Schenectady, NY 12303**. Be sure to invite friends and family to attend.

CROSS WALK - WITNESS

Our parish will once again be participating in the third annual Mont Pleasant Cross Walk on Good Friday.

We will begin at St. Adalbert's R.C. Church at the foot of Crane Street at 11am.



From there we proceeded to The Bridge Church, Global

Prophetic Ministries, Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, New Day C.E.C., Holy Name of Jesus, and ending at Gathered Remnant Ministries.

Christ's people will pray and sing,

imploing His Divine grace for Mont Pleasant. We cast down the strongholds of pimping, drugs, prejudice, and violence and show all we met what Jesus' Church can do through His people.

God bless this witness.

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
- 11 Julia White
- 14 Trevor Wheelock
- 16 Debbie Martucci
- 19 Philip Jorczak
- 22 Kathy Smith, Nancy Heins
- 23 Michael Wienclawski
- 30 San D'Amico, Stefan Węglinski

Anniversaries

- 13 Paul & Michelle Zawistowski

Wishing you many years! Sto Lat!

God bless you!

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

Thank you to all who so generously gave through our Lenten directed giving program thus far.

To all who attended our annual budget meeting. You honor the sacrifice of our ancestors who built this democratic model of Church and keep their hope alive by your participation.

A special thank you to Bob, Stephanie, and Joanne for preparing a wonderful breakfast for our budget meeting and to Bob, Stephanie, Joanne, and all the other volunteers for the hard work of preparing and selling Polish foods for Easter.

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia who helped to make Lent a beautiful time of reflection and for making Easter so special.

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!!!

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 ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!*
- 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!*

National Church and Other Faith Activities Coming Up

The annual women's inspirational conference: **It Is Well With My Soul... Mind & Body** on Saturday, April 29th in Queensbury, NY.

The **Seventeenth Annual**

National Mission and Evangelism Conference

will be held May 5th through 7th at Holy Cross Parish, Woodland Park, NJ.. This year's theme is "Faith that Works: The Letter of James." If you would like to go, please see Fr. Jim for registration information.

The **2017 Spring Women of Worship** conference is being held on Saturday May 6th, 8 am to 4 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Colonie, NY.

The **72nd Annual National Bowling Tournament** will be held at Church of the Transfiguration, Wallington, NJ from May 19th through 21st. If you would like to put a team together and go, please see Fr. Jim for registration documents. They are also available online at <http://www.ymsrbowl.org>.

National United Choirs Convention and Workshop, Holy Trinity Cathedral, Manchester, NH, July 26th-28th.

National Youth Activities

Fr. Jim has once again been appointed chaplain for this year's **Kurs Encampment** being held July 1st through 8th at the Bishop Hour Retreat and recreation Center in Waymart, PA. This year's fun theme is Buried Treasure. Sign up forms should be available shortly. Please see Fr. Jim.

Music Scholarships



The Church's Music Scholarship Program was instituted on August 8, 1964 by the Sixth General Convention of the National United Choirs of the Polish National Catholic Church held in Carnegie, PA. The program was implemented at the Seventh General Convention held in Cleveland, OH, on August 4, 1966, when the first awards were presented. The Music Scholarship Program was instituted and tailored to develop musicians within the Polish National Catholic Church. The program was further expanded to establish a chair of music at Savonarola Theological Seminary in Scranton, PA, and to make scholarships available in other areas of music to enrich the musical life of the church.

With the 2016 Scholarships, the Church has given out 1,075 scholarships totaling \$305,885.

Applications for the 2017 Scholarship Program are available at <http://nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com/music-scholarship-application.html> and Junior Incentive Award applications are available at <http://nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com/junior-incentive-application.html>. We strongly encourage all who can to apply. The deadline for applying is May 1, 2017.

Planning For:

- April 1: 151st Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur (1866). Seniorate Lenten Retreat at Holy Spirit Parish, Little Falls, NY.
- April 2: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- April 7: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- April 9: Palm Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- April 10: Holy Monday. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.
- April 11: Clergy Conference. Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton).
- April 13: Maundy Thursday, Holy Mass, Procession, Stripping of the Altars, 7pm.
- April 14: Good Friday, Cross Walk at 11am, Private Devotions at 2pm, Bitter Lamentations at 3pm, Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 7pm.
- April 15: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Easter Baskets, 4pm.
- April 16: **Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter**, Holy Mass at 8am and 10am.
- April 21: Fruit of the Vine - Wine Tasting at Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa Parish, Latham, NY at 6:30pm
- April 23: Low Sunday, Holy Mass

at 9:30 and 11:30am.

- April 25: Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist
- April 25-26 Supreme Council Meets in Lancaster, NY.
- April 30: 3rd Sunday of Easter, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- May 1: Solemnity, St. Joseph the Workman (translated) and Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles
- May 3: Solemnity - Finding of the Holy Cross/Polish Constitution Day.
- May 7: Good Shepherd Sunday, **Holy Mass at 10am only. Basket Social at Noon at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center.**
- May 10: 66th Anniversary, Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle Winners!!!

Congratulations to all who won in our 2017 Outrageous Valentine's Raffle. This year's winners were:

Pete Battaglia, Paul Zawistowski, Joanne Bauer, John Olsen, James Jacobs, Marilyn Hietala (2X), Karen Hines, Amy Angelides (2X), Bishop Stan Bilinski (2X), Lynn Butler (2X), Shawn Fahy (\$100 winner), Victoria Konicki, Krystyna Pastuszek, Amber Tatlock, Alex Funciello, Kelly Supinski, Elizabeth Węglinski, Shawn Panfil, Fr. Jim, Pat Merkl, Ceil Gibbons, Mike Dominy, Stephanie

Dominy, Dawn Tatlock.

Eight winners generously donated their prizes back. A net of over \$3,000 was raised for our youth activities. This was the best raffle ever!

Wine Tasting Invitation

You are invited to a priceless and fun wine education experience with Winemaker William Ouweleen.

Premium Finger Lakes wines hand-crafted by O-Neh-Da and Eagle Crest Vineyards will be served at this **Fruit of the Vine Wine**

Tasting to be held at Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa Parish, Latham, NY on Friday, April 21st at 6:30pm.

Tickets are available online at \$20/person. No tickets will be sold at the door. This event was sold out last year.

MARRIED???

In 2017, all members of our Holy Church are called upon to focus on commitment. One of the commitments raised to the level of sacrament by Jesus is Holy Matrimony.

As part of our Church's mission we seek to assist those members of our parish who have been married before and now desire to validly enter into Sacramental Marriages within the Church.

Our outreach is to all who, due to

the circumstances of life, are married civilly but have never been married in the Church or those who were previously married, divorced, and wish to consider entering into sacramental marriages.

If you or another member of the Church is seeking to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage but is in need of a Declaration of Nullity from our Bishop through the work of the Matrimonial Commission, or have been married civilly but now wish to be married in the Church, please contact Fr. Jim who can answer any specific questions and assist you in beginning either of these processes.

Great Anniversaries

Bishop Francis Hodur

"[The regenerated man] refers everything to God. God is for him a focal point, a measure of his work and a crowning of his every activity. He lives in the face of God, feels His presence, and the influence of His grace. Similarly, the relationship of a regenerated man is fundamentally changed as to the world and people." – Bp. Francis Hodur

This year, on April 1st, we mark the 151st anniversary of the birth of our organizer, Bishop Francis Hodur.

Bishop Hodur was a great spiritual reformer and a social activist. He saw the promise of joyful freedom we have in Jesus Christ and that the struggle to get to know Him is not

one of drudgery and sorrow, but of ultimate victory.

We should not forget that Bishop Hour was a man who fully trusted in Jesus Christ, his Catholic faith, and who never shied away from challenging the status control, that attempted to keep people down.

Bishop Hour spirituality moved him to take action to free suffering humanity through an instilled sense of self-respect, the offer of education, and work for financial freedom. He truly believed in the image of God and the innate human dignity of each person never lost his faith in the unconditional love of God nor in the potential godliness of each and every person.

Year of Commitment

Our Easter Commitment

"What are you doing for Lent?" We likely started asking that question during the Pre-Lenten season. It is part of the normal conversation among Christians before and during Lent. Spiritual advisors and directors tell us that the more time and effort we put into Lent, the greater the reward.

Have we ever asked one another "What are you doing for Easter?" After all of that Lenten preparation, work, and effort in advance of Easter, we should ask that question. We should be ready, willing, and able to take full advantage of the fruits of our preparation in the fifty day Easter season.

Some of the ways to exhibit the fruits that come from our Lenten commitment and translate them into Easter commitment are:

Greet: Romans 16:16 tells us: *Greet one another with a holy kiss.* We do this by extending the traditional proclamation of the resurrection in our greetings during the Easter season. We can extend this by sending cards to loved ones and shut-ins with those wishes.

Feast: Isaiah 25:6 prophesies: *On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines.* We should partake of feasting to show our joy during the Easter season. The Church relaxes days of abstinence during Easter for a reason - so we can feast. Feasting can take many forms, and includes many kinds of wholesome enjoyment. Be sure to include others in your feasting as a sign of your joy.

Sing: Psalm 9:11 sings: *Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.* Proclaim the Easter alleluia and energize yourself in singing along with great Christian music.

Share: Jesus told us: *"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."* Share the real meaning of Easter, the joy of eternal life, with those who do not know it. Invite them to church each week.

April

2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 151st Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur (1866). Seniorate Lenten Retreat.
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Passion Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil and Claudia Bertasso					Stations of the Cross at 7pm	
9	10	11	 12	 13	 14	 15
Palm Sunday Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott and Claudia Bertasso.	Holy Monday Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meets	Holy Tuesday Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton).	Holy Wednesday	Maundy Thursday Holy Mass, Procession, Stripping of the Altars, 7pm.	Good Friday Cross Walk, 11am, Private Prayer at 2pm, Bitter Lamentations, 3pm, Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb, 7pm	Holy Saturday Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Easter Baskets, 4pm
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter, Holy Mass at 8am and 10am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala and Claudia Bertasso.	Bright Monday	Bright Tuesday	Bright Wednesday	Bright Thursday	Bright Friday Fruit of the Vine - Wine Tasting at Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa Parish, Latham, NY at 6:30pm	Bright Saturday
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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