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NEWSLETTER

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THE GRACE OF OUR LORD WAS Poured OUT ON ME
ABUNDANTLY, ALONG WITH THE FAITH AND LOVE THAT ARE
IN CHRIST JESUS.

February has arrived, the month of love. In the scripture quote above from 1 Timothy 1:14 St. Paul tells Timothy how blessed he had been. Paul dwelt quite a bit on all the bad he had done in persecuting Christians. He was aware of his sin, his failing, the unjustified anger and derision he had toward Jesus and His followers. He knew that he could have been justifiably left to perish if the Lord was not a God of abundant grace and mercy.

This is the essence of our faith, it is something we can absolutely depend on: That Jesus came into the world filled with abundant love - love strong enough to sacrifice all - so we might be saved and regenerated. We have been saved by God's abundant love. No matter the sin or failing, regardless the bad habits we get ourselves into, God's abundant love has been made real to us. We have, like St. Paul, been given the gift of faith and love. We have been freed

through Jesus. His abundant love and the promise of salvation is for us and that is beyond question.

As we consider, contemplate on, and honor those we love during this month, let us first and foremost be thankful for the unconditional love God has for us. Let us recommit to loving Him back.

While our love can be weak and imperfect, it will be made more and more perfect, more thoroughly complete, if we dedicate ourselves to its growth. By growing our faith in Jesus, and through an increase in hope and charity (in Greek another word for love) we will also come to love our families, friends, our family in faith, and in fact all of humanity in a more perfect way. Our love will become more abundant because of the abundance of love we have in Jesus.

The Lord's grace is available - ready to be poured out on us abundantly. Come, let us discover His love together, and share in it.

The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

February 2015 – the month of love. Thank you to all who purchased and donated tickets for our Outrageous Valentine's Raffle. Your generosity and support helps our young people attend the annual KURS summer encampment and in saving for CONVO 2016 in the Eastern Diocese.

We wish you the best of luck this month. We will send winners their checks right away and will announce all the winners in March's newsletter.

Expanded Holy Mass Schedule

Based on feedback received, a second Holy Mass is being held every Sunday at 11:30am. Weekly Holy Masses on Sunday are at 9:30am and 11:30am.



Friend Sunday - March 1st

"That's what friends are for, right?"

People say it all the time... but why are friendships so important?

- A friend is someone who laughs with you...
- A friend helps you through the hard times...
- A friend tells you when you're acting silly... and may encourage you to stay that way

- A friend cares... about today and tomorrow.

Friend Sunday is Sunday, March 1st. It is an annual back-to-church event where we encourage you to visit church with a friend, neighbor, or co-worker.

Sure, it might feel awkward to talk about spiritual things, but your friendship makes all the difference. Having a friend with you helps both of you to feel more comfortable in visiting church, especially if its been awhile. Did you know that eight out of ten people say they would attend church if a friend invited them? Use Friend Sunday as an opportunity to take that step to visit church with a friend and to meet the best friend ever... Jesus.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

For the 14th year in a row, our parish is participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Through the Souper Bowl of Caring we are providing food help for those in need in our local community. We ask for your support and deeply appreciate your generosity!

Your monetary and food donations in church on Super Bowl Sunday – February 1st will support the work of Schenectady Inner City Ministry.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. — Matthew 25:35

“A.D. THE BIBLE CONTINUES” ON NBC



From
executive
producers
Roma Downey
("The Bible")
and Mark

Burnett ("The Bible," "The Voice") comes an uplifting spiritual journey through the later chapters of biblical history. "A.D. The Bible Continues" picks up where the smash hit miniseries "The Bible" left off, continuing the greatest story ever told and exploring the exciting and inspiring events that followed the Crucifixion of Christ.

The immediate aftermath of Christ's death had a massive impact on his disciples, his mother, Mary, and key political and religious leaders of the era, completely altering the entire world in an instant. Beginning at that fateful moment of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection, "A.D. The Bible Continues" will focus on the disciples who had to go forward and spread the teachings of Christ to a world dominated by political unrest, and the start of a whole new religion that would dramatically reshape the history of the world.

Jesus (Juan Pablo Di Pace) dies on the cross at the hands of the Romans, deserted by even his most loyal followers. Peter (Adam Levy) and the disciples are hunted by Temple authorities led by High Priest

Caiaphas (Richard Coyle) and Roman soldiers under orders from Governor Pontius Pilate (Vincent Regan). For the tiny band of followers, every day is a fight for survival, and their mission to spread the word to the world seems impossible.

Yet, they have hope and soon they have power: the amazing miracle of the Resurrection and the shocking arrival of the Holy Spirit upon them all at Pentecost enables them to inspire more and more people to join. The growing church brings challenges for Peter, John (Babou Alieu Ceesay) and Mary Magdalene (Chipu Chung), who are pushed to the limit; they face trials and imprisonments, persecutions and punishments while trying to understand the God-given power granted to them as they transition from the sorrow of Christ's ultimate sacrifice to the awe-inspiring wonder of the Resurrection and beyond.

Watch along with us and take inspiration - we too can be faithful and strong disciples in the face of a world that tells us we are wrong.

But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. - Romans 8:37-39

Free Lunch on Sunday

Our next Free Lunch on Sunday, featuring goulash, is Sunday, February 15th from 11:30am until 1:30pm.

We offer free food and more for anyone in need - whether its warmth, food, friendship, or just some company. Please help spread the word. 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!!!

Pre-Lent to Lent...

*Season of
Septuagesima*

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 18th. The Pre-Lenten

season begins February 1st. Let us take these three weeks to prepare for our Lenten journey. Consider those practices that are worthy and recommended by the Holy Church including fasting, and charity through our directed giving food program.

...and its here already



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 18th. Holy Mass with the blessing and distribution of

ashes will take place at 7pm on the 18th. Please join us.

Directed Giving for Lent:

Ash Wednesday Week, Feb. 18-21, LET'S DO LUNCH Tuna and Mayonnaise, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Soup and Crackers.

1st Week of Lent, Feb. 22-28, FEELING FRUITY Canned Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple or Applesauce, 100% Juice in Cans.

2nd Week of Lent, Mar. 1-6, VEGGIE MANIA Canned Corn, Canned Peas, Canned Beans, Canned Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes.

3rd Week of Lent, Mar. 7-14, DINNER IS SERVED Canned Beef Stew, Canned Pork and Beans, Instant Potatoes/Stuffing Mix, Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti or other Pasta, Canned Spaghetti Sauce.

4th Week of Lent, Mar. 15-21, SCHOOL NEEDS Pencils and Pens, Folders and Notebooks, Crayons, Tape and Elmer's Glue.

Passion Week, Mar. 22-28, BABY MAKES THREE Disposable Diapers, Baby Wipes, Liquid Formula, Jars of Baby Food.

Holy Week, Mar 29-Apr. 4, SPECIAL NEEDS DIET Low Sodium Soups, Canned Fruit in Juices (not syrup), Canned Tuna in Water, Low Sodium Crackers, Natural Applesauce.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

- 1 Janet Spurck
- 2 Christine Spooner, Jean Martin

5 Suzanne Heins, Kathleen Dominy-White
9 Christine Caden
11 Bob Shufelt, Justice Smith, Joseph Ruchalski
12 Kristen Smith-Prusky
16 Celina Maliszewski
18 Paul Podkulski
20 Kelly Supinski, Lisa Kaminski
21 Casey Carroll
28 Patrick Clas

Wedding Anniversaries

14 Frederick & Louise James
17 Tom & Kelly Supinski
18 Stefan & Elizabeth Węglinski
26 Michael & Kimberly DonVito
Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

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

To all who have assisted in Parish clean up and organizational duties around the parish house. Much has been accomplished and your energy and enthusiasm.

To all who assisted in the taking down of our Christmas decorations.

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

To all who have welcomed me to your homes for Epiphany visitations/ Kolęda. Your hospitality and graciousness are greatly appreciated. You are a blessing.

To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love

and charity on behalf of our parish. To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure.

Epiphany Visitations - Kolęda - House Blessings

Fr. Jim is available to come to your homes for the traditional Epiphany home blessing. Please see him to make an appointment. Blessing appointments are available through February 17th (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).

Please Help

Basket Social - April 12th

It is time to get ready for our annual basket social to be held April 12th. We really need your help to make this year's Social a success. Can you donate a basket, or two, or three? They don't have to be huge - anything will do. Through your love and charity we are able to touch the lives of others and maintain a vibrant faith community. Need ideas - check out Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/cm1953/basket-party-ideas/>

Church Questions for the Month

Clergy wear vestments. The word "vestment" comes from the Latin word *vestmentum*. It simply means clothing. There were no formal "vestments" worn by clergy in the early Church. The clothing worn for the liturgy was simply the vestment that everyone wore. While the fashions of dress have changed over time, the clergy continued to wear the traditional clothing, or vestments, as worn in the early Church. In part, this was because those clothes connected people to the law and peace of the older times. Over time these vestments also gained symbolic meaning.

THE CASSOCK: The first vestment worn by every rank of clergy is the cassock. The cassock comes in a number of styles or cuts. It is typically black, symbolizing detachment from worldliness and 'style.' The cassock is the ordinary working uniform of the clergy.

THE BIRETTA: The biretta is a stiff square-shaped hat with silk trim and tuft. It has three or four ridges, called "horns," across the crown. It is worn by all clergy. It is symbolic of ecclesiastical academic training much like a hood awarded for degrees as colleges and universities.

When getting prepared for Holy Mass the priest puts on in order:

THE AMICE: The amice is a liturgical vestment consisting of an oblong piece of white linen that is worn around the neck and shoulders and partly under the alb. Originally, the purpose of the amice was as a neckcloth to protect the valuable chasuble and stole. The amice is symbolic of the "helmet of salvation."

THE ALB: The alb is a long, white linen vestment with tapered sleeves. All baptized Christians are entitled to wear an alb. It is our baptismal garment, a symbol of our regeneration in Christ. It is worn by all liturgical ministers during the Holy Mass. It symbolizes the innocence and purity that should adorn the soul of all God's ministers.

THE CINCTURE: The cincture is the cord used as a belt to gird the Alb. It symbolizes the virtue of chastity.

THE STOLE: Roman magistrates wore a long scarf when engaged in their official duties, just as our judges wear a court gown.

Whenever a priest celebrates Holy Mass, administers the Sacraments, or gives special blessings he wears the stole as a sign that he is occupied with an official priestly duty. Traditionally, deacons wear their stole in a diagonal fashion, priests have theirs crossed in front of them, and bishops wear theirs hanging straight down - which symbolizes the fullness of their authority.

THE CHASUBLE: The chasuble is the vestment that is put on over all the

others for Holy Mass services. Originally this was a very full garment, shaped like a bell and reaching almost to the feet all the way round. The Chasuble symbolizes the virtue of charity, and the yoke of unselfish service for the Lord and His people, which the priest assumes at ordination. While the stole symbolizes authority, it is always covered by the chasuble - love and charity over authority.

THE MANIPLE: The maniple is an ornamental vestment of colored silk or damask worn over the left forearm. Originally this vestment was a handkerchief carried in the left hand or thrown over the left arm. It symbolizes the labor and hardship the priest must expect in his apostolate.

If a deacon or sub-deacon assist at Holy Mass they wear:

THE DALMATIC (for deacons) and THE TUNICLE (for sub-deacons): The dalmatic or tunicle is an outer, sleeved tunic. It is worn in place of the chasuble by the deacon and sub-deacon during Holy Mass. It symbolizes the joy and happiness that are the fruit of dedication to God.

SOCL News and Confirmation

Be sure to bring your children for School of Christian living classes every week. We are starting a First Communion class. Class is also available for adults who have not made confirmation.

Planning For —

- Feb. 1: Septuagesima Sunday, Souper Bowl Sunday, blessing of candles (gromnica) and throats. Breakfast. Annual congregational meeting and elections.
- Feb. 2: Solemnity of the Presentation
- Feb. 8: Sexagesima Sunday
- Feb. 15: Quinquagesima Sunday, Free Lunch on Sunday
- Feb. 16: 62nd Anniversary of the death of S+P Prime Bishop Francis Hodur, President's Day
- Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday, Beginning of the Great Lent. Holy Mass, blessing and distribution of ashes at 7pm
- Feb. 20: Stations of the Cross, 7pm
- Feb. 22: First Sunday of Lent
- Feb. 24: Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle
- Feb. 27: Stations of the Cross, 7pm
- Feb. 27 - Mar. 1: National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, San Antonio, TX
- Mar. 1: Second Sunday of Lent, Annual Budget Meeting.
- Mar. 6: Stations of the Cross, 7pm
- Mar. 8: Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. Daylight Savings Time begins.
- Mar. 13: Stations of the Cross, 7pm

- Mar. 15: Fourth Sunday of Lent, Free Lunch on Sunday
- Mar. 19: Solemnity - St. Joseph
- Mar. 20: Stations of the Cross, 7pm
- Mar. 22: Passion Sunday
- Mar. 27: Stations of the Cross, 7pm
- Mar. 29: Palm Sunday
- Apr. 5: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter
- Apr. 12: Low Sunday, Basket Social

Need Rental Space?

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

FOR LOVE

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." — John 13:34-35

Prayers for St. Valentine's Day

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ, even to the point of giving his life for it. Help us to endure all suffering for love of you, and to seek you with all

our hearts; for you alone are the source of life and love. Grant that we may have the courage and love to be strong witnesses of your truth to our friends and family and to the whole world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty God, grant we beseech You, that we who celebrate the glorious martyrdom of St. Valentine, Your servant, may by his intercession be filled with the love of God and neighbor and be delivered







from all the evils that threaten us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Financial Security?

The PNUA and Spójnia Credit Union offer great tools for financial management. If you are considering getting your financial house in order in 2015 contract the PNUA and SCU. Special 2015 programs are now available, but for a limited time. Remember too that PNUA policies make great gifts for newlyweds and infants. Call the PNUA office at 1-800-724- 6352 or see Fr. Jim.

February 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Septuagesima Sunday, Holy Mass, Blessing of Candles/Throats 10am Lector: Marilyn Hietala Breakfast, Annual Parish Meeting	2 Solemnity of the Presentation	3	4	5	6 	7
8 Sexagesima Sunday, Holy Mass, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil Holy Mass, 11:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso	9	10	11	12	13 	14 Commemoration – St. Valentine
15 Quinquagesima Sunday, Holy Mass, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Hietala Holy Mass, 11:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso Soup on Sunday, 11:30-1:30 Parish Committee Meeting	16 62nd Anniversary of the death of S+P Prime Bishop Franciszek Hodur. President's Day	17	18  Ash Wednesday, Beginning of the Great Lent. Holy Mass, blessing and distribution of ashes at 7pm	19	20  Stations of the Cross, 7pm	21
22 1st Sunday of Lent, Holy Mass, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil Holy Mass, 11:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso	23	24 Feast – St. Matthias	25 	26	27  Stations of the Cross, 7pm National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, San Antonio, TX	28 National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, San Antonio, TX

EVENTS

March Upcoming

Mar. 1st – 2nd Sunday of Lent, Annual Budget Meeting
 Mar. 8th – Solemnity – Institution of the PNCC
 Mar. 22nd – Passion Sunday

Mar. 29th – Palm Sunday

Mar. 30th – Apr. 4th – Holy Week

April Upcoming

Apr. 5th – Solemnity of the Resurrection
 Apr. 12th – Low Sunday, Annual Basket Social