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BEHOLD, NOW IS THE FAVORABLE TIME; BEHOLD, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION.

If you ever get the chance, take a look at the short film "Our Time Is Up." The film was directed by Rob Pearlstein and stars Kevin Pollak. The film won four awards, was nominated for an Oscar, and is only fourteen minutes long. The film covers a few days in the life of Dr. Stern, a clinical psychologist. He leads a very well ordered life. He is self-contained, neat, precise, and scheduled. We watch his appointments with eight patients, as he asks disinterested questions, listens, and advises them that all will improve in due time. Then, Dr. Stern gets a call from his oncologist who gives him very bad news. Suddenly, "in due time" becomes "right now": Stern's life changes. His therapy methods change, and so do the fortunes of his patients.

As the New Year begins we examine our lives. What we discover over the years is that we are a little more of this, a little less of that. I can say that I'm definitely not Dr. Stern. Perhaps, like him, I am ordered and precise. Unlike him, I was never one

for on-time schedules.

In the long view our outlook on life and our habits evolve. We mature a little. We judge some things less important and the core things (faith, family, and friends) more important.

In the film, Dr. Stern was confronted with the kind of tragic news none of us hope to ever hear. That news caused a huge change in his life. His perspective and his work were reordered by the news and his reaction to it. He changed his outlook on life and his habits overnight. Good came from that.

Our scripture above, taken from 2nd Corinthians, asks us to be aware of the thing that Dr. Stern discovered only at the last minute. Each of our days is a favorable time to grow, to change, to become more like our Master. Each of our days is an opportunity to grasp our salvation, to order God as our first priority.

When Dr. Stern changed his patients benefited. In 2017, let each day be one in which faithful change brings favor to all we encounter.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Meeting & Parish Offices Will You Step Forward to Lead?



Our annual congregation meeting is tentatively planned for Sunday,

February 5th along with the election of a new Parish Committee. We will finalize the date and advise you of the final date through the weekly bulletin and announcements system.

So much good has been accomplished in 2016 – and it will be a great meeting filled with thankfulness for the good fruit that has been produced by having you in our family of faith!!!

We need members to step forward and offer to serve on the Parish Committee so that a new generation of leaders may be trained. Please consider this and have the courage to step up.

Please write your name down along with the office (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Trustee) you would like to run for and drop them in the collection basket in an envelope marked nominations.

Anyone may attend the annual meeting to share in the information provided, but please note that only paid parish members may cast a vote or run for office.

Membership and Dues

Membership requires the payment of annual dues which support the larger Church and our Diocese. Certain benefits of the parish, including burial in the cemetery, are reserved to members.

Dues for each member under the age of 65 is \$150 per year or \$2.88 per week which supports the Central Diocese and National Church. Dues for members 65 and over are \$125 per year or \$2.40 per week.

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**KEEP
CALM
AND
PAY YOUR
DUES**

Payment of dues gives you a voice and a vote and the ability to run for a position on the Parish Committee. It also allows you to represent the parish and vote at Diocesan and General Church Synods.

Envelopes and Tax Statements



God bless you for your generosity and support of our parish in 2016. Because of you and your sacrifice

we have been greatly blessed. Donation envelopes for 2017 have arrived and are available in the back of the church. Each envelope packet is marked with a family name. Please take your packet home and avail yourself of these envelopes in the coming year. Doing so allows the parish to provide you with a statement for accounting and income tax purposes.

Annual statements for income tax purposes will also be available this month.

SOUPERBOWL OF CARING

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."

Over the past 15 years our parish has raised \$1,800, 129 food items and 334 lbs. of food as part of the SouperBowl of Caring effort. This year's collection will be held on February 5th. Please continue your generosity in this worthy effort which helps Schenectady Inner City Ministries in feeding the hungry.

The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

Make February 2017 – the month of love – a month to win in more ways than one!

This effort supports the youth of our our parish and will help us in saving for Kurs and CONVO 2018 - two great events our youth attend in the summer.

We need your support to give our young people a great beginning in 2017. As God has told us, starting our children off right in the knowledge of the Lord will cause them to bear much good fruit in their lives.

Each ticket for the Outrageous Valentine's Raffle gives the purchaser a chance to win up to \$1,180. The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle will include drawings for \$40 daily prizes and a \$100 daily prize on Valentine's Day. The raffle is drawn each day of the month, giving the ticket holder **28** chances to win! Winners are returned to the raffle bucket, making them eligible to win again and again.



We mailed out tickets in early December and ask that you continue to sell them and get them into the parish office by January 31st so that everyone may be entered. Tickets cost only \$10 each. Feel free to contact Stephanie Dominy at 518-369-1346 with any questions or to get more tickets if needed.

We thank you for your support and wish you good luck!

Bells, Bells, Bells

Our beautiful carillon has been dormant for several years due to issues with the unit's amplifier.

Thanks to Larry and Donna Panfil the unit has been repaired and reinvigorated with the installation of a new amplifier.

It is so beautiful to hear the bells pealing each day, playing the various music the parish invested in many years ago when the unit was dedicated in memory of Josephine Panfil, Larry's mom.

The Holy Name of Jesus

January 2nd marks the annual celebration of the Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Our parish was established and dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Join us on January 2nd at 10am for Holy Mass in celebration of our patronal feast. Let us always honor and praise the Holy Name of Jesus in all we do - in our witness to His Holy Name and our mutual affection, fellowship, love, and charity.

O Lord Jesus Christ, You have said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you." Grant, we beg of You, to us who ask it, the gift of Your most divine love, that we may ever love You with our whole heart, in word and deed, and never cease praising You. Amen.

**THANK YOU, MERCI,
DZIĘKUJE, ĄČIŪ, GRACIAS,
MAHALO, GRAZIE!**

There is so much to be thankful for. To all who blessed us by preparing food for our annual parish vigil dinner. To Derek Westcott for his musical renditions. To all who joined in to decorate the parish so beautifully for Christmas. To our youth for presenting us with a beautiful Christmas play.

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You*

To Stephanie and her team for making and selling pierogi and golumbki.

To those who have worked so tirelessly over the past year: our parish officers and committee members, our jurors, nomination committee members, members of the ANS, YMSofR, and choir, Mrs. Liz Battaglia for her service as our organist and music director, our altar servers, lectors, and those who cared for the maintenance and upkeep of the parish facilities (Aleksandra, Pete, Bob, Stephanie).

To all who provided for our weekly coffee hour - a ministry of service of hospitality. To our event planners and volunteers at our Basket Social, Rummage sale, food sales, breakfasts, Lunch/Breakfast on Sunday, other special fundraisers, and to all those who gave of their time and treasure to build up the ministry and community of our

parish, Seniorate, and the wider Church.

A special thank you to our youth and their parents/grandparents for your dedication and hard work and participation in Kurs and CONVO 2016.

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, Courtney Carroll
- 5 Derrick D'Amico
- 8 Alex D'Amico, Lawrence Panfil, Christine DeCocco
- 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!**

Traditional Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner



Join us for a traditional Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Saturday, January 21st. Just like Nonna's! Made with an old family recipe. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, dessert, drinks. Eat in or Take out. Tickets \$10/adult, Children 6 and under \$5.

Epiphany Visitations - Kolęda - House Blessings

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated on Wednesday, January 6th. In observance of the Solemnity, Holy Mass will be held at 7pm.

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 28th (prior to Ash Wednesday).

Where Charity lives, Love prevails

In scripture, the word charity is synonymous with love.

The Seniorate Thanksgiving celebration, held in our parish, raised **over \$300** which was donated to Patty's Place which provides shelter and services for women who are sex workers. Through Patty's Place these women receive services they need to break the cycle they are trapped in.

Our annual holiday food collection amounted to **304 lbs. of food**. The food was donated in the name of our parish to SICM. God bless you for your generosity and care for those in need in our local area.

Thank you for sacrificing and honoring the time of preparation for God's coming. You have blessed those in need through your efforts.

Planning Ahead

- Jan 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision - Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- Jan. 2: Solemnity: Holy Name – our Parish Feast – Holy Mass at 10am.
- Jan. 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord – Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense at 7pm.
- Jan. 8: Solemnity of the Humble

Shepherds. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.

- Jan. 9: Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, Holy Mass at 8:30am.
- Jan. 15: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am for those remembered with Memory Crosses.
- Jan. 16: Holy Mass for healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee meets.
- Jan. 18: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.
- Jan. 22: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am.
- Ja, 25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends.
- Jan. 29: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- Feb. 2: Solemnity of the Presentation, Holy Mass with Blessing of Candles and Throats at 7pm.
- Feb. 5: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, **Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY. Brunch and Annual Meeting to follow.**

Music Scholarship Sunday

Sunday, January 29th is Music Scholarship Sunday. Our parish has been blessed with great musicians and aspiring musicians. We had 3 winners last year. Scholarships are available to both youth and adults. 2017 scholarship applications will be

available soon. God bless those who add musical beauty to the worship of God.

Future Direction Committee Update

Prayer for Christmas:

Almighty God, the Incarnation of Your only-begotten Son has banished the darkness of this world. Through His wondrous birth, drive the darkness of sin from us and brighten our hearts with the glory of Your grace. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. — (2006 PNCC Missal - The Nativity of the Lord - Opening Prayer from the Morning Mass)

As we conclude this Year of Reverence, we should all be living more reverent lives and this is shown through our words and actions. We now transition to 2017 - A Year of Commitment.

As we did for the past two years, we present an Action Plan for all our parishes to implement during the course of this coming year. We ask that you do what you can to put this work of our last Holy Synod and our diocesan synods into action across all our parishes. We know that many parishes do more than this and that is wonderful.

Here is the Action Plan for 2017- a Year of Commitment

Greater Understanding of Church Solemnities: In 2017 we will focus on the Solemnity of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church. This will be celebrated on March 12, 2017. A pamphlet will be prepared and

distributed – this will complete the series of pamphlets for our four special PNCC Solemnities. Also, an online presentation will be led by our Prime Bishop on the History of our PNCC and Bishop Francis Hodur. A community service project could be tied into this effort as well.

Two Days of Retreat: Lent and Advent Pick a day during the seasons of Lent and Advent in 2017 to spend in retreat and prayer. This can be done on either a parish or seniorate level. Ideas for the Retreat include: Mass of the Day, special Lenten/Advent service of Penance, Scripture Readings/ Reflections and Meditations, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, For Lent: Stations of the Cross, Sorrowful Lamentations, etc. This can be open and advertised to local community.

Complete at least four community service projects: One service project could be in conjunction with the Institution of the PNCC in March of 2017 and the others, selected by the local parish. It is important that these three projects be done in the local community of the parish so that these efforts will create a greater presence of the parish in the community.

Implementing the Commitment Component: Develop and emphasize this theme through 2017. Please see the monthly Future Direction emails regarding this effort.

- January – Our Spiritual Commitment to Christ and His Church
- February – Our Financial Commitment and Stewardship
- March – Commitment to our PNCC
- April – Our Commitment as Easter People
- May – A Commitment to guidance of the Holy Spirit

- June – Sacred Vocations Month – A Commitment to Sacred Vocations (encourage our men to consider the ordained ministry)
- July - Commitment to constant prayer
- August – Commitment to our Youth
- September – Our Commitment to Living a life of Love
- October – Clergy Appreciation Month - Our Commitment to Faith and Family
- November – Our Commitment to living Thankful lives

Stewardship component to increase our financial commitment to our parishes, diocese and national church will be developed. A Pamphlet will be shared with all parishes. We then encourage parish committees to communicate this with the people and stress to them that stewardship is an integral part of a lived faith.

Implement Lay Ministry Program in PNCC: Our national and diocesan Lay Ministry chaplains begin to implement this program across our PNCC that will enhance, encourage and strengthen the role of the laity within our PNCC.

Continuing Adult Education from the diocesan synod surveys many are asking for more adult education. The parish can purchase copies of "An Abridged History of the PNCC" and this book be used for a discussion series for all parishioners as we focus on the Institution of the PNCC in 2017. Other educational opportunities added to this this can be: a parish Bible Study, the Alpha Program, a Lecture series on Church teachings, etc., led by the local pastor.

Utilize Social Media & PNCC Future Direction You Tube Channel: Various spiritual messaging from our Prime Bishop and Bishops to be continued throughout the year. We encourage

parishes to keep up to date their websites and Facebooks pages. Social Media is the mode of communication most used by our younger members.

If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

Please keep this church-wide undertaking in your daily prayers – asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Kingdom through our Holy Church. As we have journeyed through a year of Regeneration and a year of Reverence - let us continue and renew our Commitment to Christ and our Holy Catholic and Apostolic PNCC.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee

Most Rev. Anthony A. Nikoosky, Prime Bishop

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr., Chairman

Happy 2017!

On behalf of Fr. Jim and our Parish Committee we wish you and yours the blessings of joy in Jesus for 2017.

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Solemnity of the Circumcision, Holy Mass, 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Daniel Diiane, Claudia Bertasso.	2 Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus – Parish Feast, Holy Mass, 10am	3	4	5	6 Solemnity of the Epiphany - Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense, 7pm	7
8 Solemnity of the Humble Shepherds, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala, Claudia Bertasso.	9 Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, Holy Mass at 8:30am	10	11	12	13	14
15 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott, Claudia Bertasso.	16 Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm Parish Committee Meeting	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 at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil, Claudia Bertasso.	23 Martin Luther King Day	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 Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY Lectors: Daniel Diiane, Claudia Bertasso.	30	31				

EVENTS

Starting Jan. 7th:

Blessing of Homes Begins – See or Call Fr. Jim.

All of February - Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

February Upcoming

Feb. 2nd – Presentation
Feb. 3rd – St. Blaise

Feb. 16th – 63rd Anniversary of the death of S+P Prime Bishop Franciszek Hodur

Feb. 20th – President's Day

Feb. 28th – Last Day for Home Blessings