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AND HE TOLD THEM A PARABLE: "LOOK AT THE FIG TREE, AND ALL THE TREES. AS SOON AS THEY COME OUT IN LEAF, YOU SEE FOR YOURSELVES AND KNOW THAT THE SUMMER IS ALREADY NEAR. SO ALSO, WHEN YOU SEE THESE THINGS TAKING PLACE, YOU KNOW THAT THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS NEAR."

Summer is about preparation. Going on a picnic? Having a barbecue? Friends coming over to sit on the deck or hit the pool? Heading off to the beach or on vacation? Going on a summer walk?

We gather food, charcoal (if you are old school like me), sunblock, bug spray, our more colorful clothes (I'm getting my Hawaiian shirts ready). Summer joy is about two things - preparation for joy and getting to that place where we can be joyful. We put on sunblock, we watch our steps, we drink more water. Are we there yet?

So too with our faith. We need preparation so we can get to joy.

Jesus told His listeners to stay aware; be tuned-in and diligent because His return and His kingdom is right around the corner. He is telling us that eternal joy is near and we need to be prepared.

We might take the opportunity this summer to reflect on our spiritual preparedness and to focus on what

that preparedness will bring for us - true and eternal joy. All those beautiful memories of family, vacations and barbecues are in a way a shadow of a joy that is presently incomprehensible to us - but that we eagerly anticipate. Remember, it is God's promise to those who have faith in and have accepted Jesus.

The kingdom of God is partly present and partly future. Many of its blessings are here to be enjoyed now; but many of them are not yet here. Some of its power is available now but not all of it. The King has already won for us but we cannot just sit back and ignore what we need to do. Time to get ready!

This summer, as we gather food, let us reflect on the food of everlasting life - in Word and Communion. As we put on sunblock, let us block the evils that challenge our faith. As we spray away the bugs, let us push away the things that sting our soul. And, prepare that colorful garment for the joys of the kingdom.

Wonderful!

This newsletter is being written just before the children of the Matsiko World Orphan Choir is to perform at our parish on June 28th.

The Matsiko Choir is made up of some of the poorest orphaned and at-risk children from Peru, India & Liberia.

This is so exciting and the anticipation is exhilarating. We are so happy to have been selected as a Capital Region venue and will well remember the children's energy and zeal. Their rhythms, original songs, cultural dances, and multimedia testimony will live in our hearts and minds for years to come.

In advance we thank all those who offered support to the Choir, who housed children and their chaperones, who assisted in providing for them on performance day and going forward, and who pray for them.

Happy Summer



We wish all of our young people as all the youth of our neighborhood a joyful and blessed summer season.

As we reflect on the successes and challenges of this past school year may we see them as opportunities for growth.

Let us pray especially that our Lord watch over and protect our young people and children this summer.

Almighty and Eternal God, Father most kind, Who in Thy plan of Salvation of mankind did resolve, that one generation shall follow another in fulfilling the tasks of temporal life, and prepares wisely and good everything in the universe; keep in Thy tender care the youth of our Church, individually and collectively, that our youth may always understand those things which are in harmony with Thy holy Will and bring true happiness; - and that service to Thee in our youth is the only assurance of tranquility in the sunset of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mass for Healing

Our next monthly Holy Masses for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, July 18th and Monday, August 15th at 6:15pm. Join us and invite others.

Summer Coffee BREAK

We are taking a break from our weekly coffee hours for the summer months. Coffee hours resume

September 11th. Thank you to all who provided for this time of fellowship over the past 10 months.



PARISH AND COMMUNITY PICNIC



We are holding a parish and community picnic on the church grounds Sunday, August 21st. Please invite friends and family and join in this great time of fellowship and reminiscing.

With Thanks



To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love and charity on behalf of our parish.

To the members of our Parish Committee for their hard work and sacrifice.

To Stephanie Dominy and all who assisted her in preparing for and selling baked goods at PolishFest. It was a great success and a real blessing to the parish.

To the organizers and parishioners of B.V.M. of Częstochowa parish for

inviting us to participate at PolishFest.

To all who attended our seniorate Corpus Christi celebration. It was a wonderful time of prayer and reflection - showing our unity and togetherness in the body and blood of Jesus.

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and to all who assist in our ministry of hospitality.

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

God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać! Thank you!!!

July 4th Celebration Parish Youth To Attend Kurs and CONVO 2016



Six parish youth will attend the annual Kurs encampment at the Bishop Hodur Retreat & Recreation

Center in Waymart, PA. starting July 2nd.

We thank Adam, Victoria, and Christina, Nick, Traviss, and Erikaa for participating in this event which will include great faith formation, fun, a few pranks, good food, and lots of new friendships.

We thank our parents for allowing their children's participation, and for encouraging their growth in faith.

This year's Independence Day

celebration in Waymart on the 4th of July starts with Holy Mass at 11 a.m. in the Chapel at Spójnia Manor. Fr. Jim has been asked to deliver the homily.

CONVO 2016 with the theme "I AM" will be held at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, NH from July 25 - 29.

We thank those who who donated through our Outrageous Valentine's Raffle that provides the support necessary for our youth to attend these events.

The friendships that begin at these events last forever because abundance of good in Christ is forever.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2nd Annual Golf Tournament with all proceeds going to the United YMS or R Youth Fund will be held at the Skyland Golf Course, Hinckley, OH on Saturday August 20, 2016. The tournament helps the YMS of R that is proud to continue its support of the Church's

youth. For further information E-mail unitedymsofr@gmail.com. The entry Deadline is July 31st. The fee is \$90 per player or \$350 per foursome.

See Fr. Jim and sign-up to go. These



are great events

A Prayer for our country



In honor of the 240th birthday of our country:

We thank Thee, Lord, for America, our home. We bless Thee for the liberty, the opportunity, and

the abundance we share. But above all we praise Thee for the traditions which have made our country great, and for patriots who have laid the foundations through faith, courage, and self-sacrifice. Teach us in our own day the meaning of citizenship, and help us to be faithful stewards of the responsibility which Thou entrusted to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for our Country from A Book of Devotions and Prayers According to the Use of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Prayer for Orlando



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted

by God. -- 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

With prayers offered for the dead of Orlando - that they may have eternal rest - and for those injured in body and spirit - that they may receive comfort and healing. Lord, help us to hear Your word and live it. Have mercy on us.

Milestones to Celebrate:

July Birthdays

2 Gayle Clas
3 Genevieve Binkowski, Jaime Bylina, John Clas, Kimberly Maliszewski, Richard Okonsky Jr.
4 Ken Brown
5 Wayne Wienclawski
7 Eva Kubinska
8 Michael Ruchalski
9 Tammy Dominy
12 Stanley Podkulski
16 Lawrence Panfil Jr.
19 Jason Lennon
22 Matthew Zebrowski
26 Alexander Oravsky
27 Sebesany Rios, Kathleen Maliszewski
29 Ronald O'Connor

July Anniversaries

7 John White IV & Kathy Dominy-White
14 Chad & Amber Smith
20 Edward & Claudia Bertasso
27 Zachary Prusky & Kristen Smith

August Birthdays

1 Wendy Williams
5 Christine D'Amico
6 Emjai Dominy
7 Karen Cimmino
8 Taylor Garrison
10 Matthew Hines, Renee Konicki

12 Ginny Dinsmore
14 Stephanie Konicki-Ferguson
15 Roger Jarosz
18 Carson Hobson
19 Joanne Hernick
20 George Houser
21 Ruth Collins
27 Derek Westcott
29 Megan DonVito, Tyme LaPorte Smith, John Kaminski
30 Gabriella Martineau
31 Teresa Mazzone

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

Planning For:

- July 2: Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M.
- July 2-9: KURS Encampment, Waymart, PA
- July 3: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at 11:30am only.**
- July 4: Independence Day - Holy Mass and Celebration at Spójnia Farm in Waymart, PA 11am to 8pm.
- July 6: Commemoration of John Hus, Priest and Martyr
- July 10: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- July 17: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- July 18: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.

- July 24: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- July 25 - 29: CONVO 2016 at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, NH
- July 25: Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle
- July 26: Commemoration of Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V.M.
- July 31: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen
- August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord
- August 7: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- August 14: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm.
- August 21: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. **Picnic**
- August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle.
- August 26: Solemnity - Our Lady of Czestochowa
- August 28: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am
- August 29: Solemnity - Beheading

of St. John the Baptist

- September 5: Labor Day
- September 11: Solemnity of Brotherly Love
- September 18: National Back to Church Sunday
- October 5: Feast of Christian Family national webinar.

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. Want to help or join in? Please see Fr. Jim.

Remember in your prayers

Those on our parish prayer list, our neighborhood, our city, our servicemen and women, the congregations of Mont Pleasant.

Year of Reverence Update

When Jesus asked a group of simple fisherman to join in His work, "*they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him*" (Luke 5:10-11). They had no idea where He would lead them, how He would change them or the great mission that He would eventually entrust to them. Yet, even at that early stage in their discipleship, they recognized Him as the fulfillment of God's promises and trustingly followed. As the

Church, we acknowledge everything that the Lord firmly established through their sacrificial cooperation and gratefully recognize the continuation of this work even until today.

As National Catholics, we believe that Jesus continues to extend the invitation to the men of our Church to join in his own ministry within the Priesthood and Diaconate. As such, it is the responsibility of every member of the Church to ensure that men of the PNCC are able to freely and honestly discern whether the Holy Spirit might just be calling them to follow Jesus in trust just like those fishermen who would become Apostles. There are two important ongoing tasks for us:

The first is to work to ensure that our homes and parishes are indeed fertile soil in which the seeds of a sacred vocation might take root and begin to blossom. The second duty is to pray, as Jesus Himself commanded, for an increase in vocations to the ordained ministry. Although we pray even more fervently for Sacred Vocations during the month of June, it is really a continual, year-round responsibility.

Heavenly Father, Master of the harvest, we humbly ask You to send more laborers into Your fields, for the work is indeed great. Grant more faithful priests and deacons to Your Polish National Catholic Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Also we pause and remember the victims of the terrorist shooting in Orlando - let us continue to pray and work for peace in our world.

O Crucified Jesus, in every sorrow that I encounter, may I lift my eyes to You without doubt or fear. In my grief and sorrow draw me to Your cross where I will find Your infinite mercy. Through Your Resurrection bring Your light into my darkness, for there is no place or time where You are not present. In death and in life assure me that I am Yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Please remember to save the date of Wednesday – October 5th 2016 at 7 pm (EST) for a presentation by our Prime Bishop in the Solemnity of the Christian Family in our PNCC. The solemnity this year will be celebrated on Sunday – October 9th.

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.

Sincerely
yours in
Christ,
PNCC
Supreme
Council
Future
Direction Committee



July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M. KURS Begins, Waymart, PA
3 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso KURS, Waymart, PA	4 Independence Day Holy Mass, Picnic, Waymart, PA KURS, Waymart, PA	5 KURS, Waymart, PA	6 Commemoration of John Hus, Priest and Martyr KURS, Waymart, PA	7 KURS, Waymart, PA	8 KURS, Waymart, PA	9 KURS Ends, Waymart, PA
10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott/Claudia Bertasso.	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso.	18 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.	19	20	21	22	23
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August Upcoming

- August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen

- August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord
- August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. & Healing Holy Mass

- August 21: Parish & Community Picnic

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7 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso.	15 Solemnity of the Dormition/Assumption of the BVM. Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee meeting	16	17	18	19	20
21 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott/Claudia Bertasso. Parish & Community Picnic.	22	23	24 Feast – St. Bartholomew, Apostle	25 Bible study at 6pm	26 Solemnity of Our Lady of Częstochowa	27
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- 5th – Labor Day

- 11th – Solemnity of Brotherly Love
- 18th – Back to Church Sunday