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NEWSLETTER

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SHE ENTERED THE HOUSE OF ZECHARIAH
AND GREETED ELIZABETH.

We begin our summer with the celebration of Holy Mass on Sunday, July 2nd followed quickly by the celebrations of the Visitation and Independence Day.

The Visitation holds special significance for us. What would summer be without visits with family and friends, getting together for picnics, or the traditional family road trip to go visiting?

The scene of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth is part of the larger story of salvation. The story line in Luke's gospel is the story of God's powerful desire to visit with us, to be present in our lives.

Mary's visit with Elizabeth would not have been possible without the angel Gabriel's visit with Zachariah (Elizabeth's husband) telling him that they would have a son. It would not have been possible without that same angel's visit to Mary, telling her that God desired to place His Son in the world, to visit with us.

All of salvation history is a telling of

God's visitation with us. He wants to be with us, even when we do not want to be with Him. He remains with us and calls us back even when we wander off. He continually calls us into deeper and deeper relationship with Him. He is the visitor that never leaves!

One of the big mistakes we make in our faith journey is that sin somehow burns away our acceptance of Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We think, I sinned and God doesn't want me anymore! I've lost heaven. We need to get rid of that thinking. That thinking is the true work of evil - to make us doubt that God would visit and remain with us. God is truly passionate about us. The only answer to sin is to confess it and to grow into deeper relationship, to get better at hosting the best visitor ever.

As we contemplate our best visitor, let us also take up Mary's example. As we get out there to visit this summer, let's talk about the One best visitor ever. Help others invite Him into their lives.

WE NEED YOUR BRAS



We are looking for gently used or new bras with tags (preferably) to donate to the Free the Girls organization through the Zonta Club of

Albany.

Bras and the second-hand clothing market provide a safe and powerful economic opportunity for women in the countries served by Free the Girls.

These women, primarily survivors of sex-trafficking, are able to start rebuilding their lives by earning a safe income selling bras in the second-hand marketplace.

Maybe you have one or a few in your drawer that you don't wear? Bring in your new or gently used bras and place them in the box located in the parish hall throughout the summer.

Craft Fair this Fall



We will be holding a seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 7th from 10 AM-5 PM at Blessed Virgin Mary Hall, 250 Old Maxwell Rd., Latham NY.

We welcome all crafters — Woodworkers; Jewelry, Glass or Metal Artists; Painters; Photographers; Sewers; Beaders; Quilters; Knitters and Crocheters; Needlepointers; Candle and scent decor; Floral Designers; Ceramics; Sign makers; Holiday decorations; Soap Makers; etc. — to add us to their Fall 2016 schedule and to reserve spaces early.

If you know crafters who may be interested, they may download a copy of our crafters registration form from our website at <https://www.holynamencc.org/2017/02/2017-craft-fairs-ahead/>, complete it, and mail it in with payment or use our on-line registration form to reserve their space.

We will be serving Polish food too!!!

Stephanie Dominy is leading this effort. Please feel free to join in and support this effort.

Summertime Events



We welcome all to attend these great summer events including the:

- KURS 2017 with the theme "We Hold A Treasure" will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 1st through-July 8th.

- The Church's Annual Fourth of July Celebration will begin with Mass at the chapel at the former Manor at Waymart on **SATURDAY, JULY 1ST**. A picnic, sponsored by the United Y.M.S. of R., will immediately follow. Traditional Polish food (potato pancakes, pierogi, kielbasa, golabki, kluski) and hot dogs, hamburgers, french fries, desserts and beverages will be available for purchase.
- National United Choirs (NUC) Biennial Convention and Workshop at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester, New Hampshire. The Workshops are of interest to musicians of all ages and levels of experience. The Convention and Workshop will take place from July 26-28, 2017, but the deadlines for registration is June 1st. Hotel reservations are due in early July.
- 3rd Annual Golf Tournament with all proceeds going to the United YMS or R Youth Fund will be held on Saturday August 19, 2017. The tournament helps the YMS of R that is proud to continue its support of the Church's youth. The tournament is being held at Elma Meadows golf course in Elma, NY, just outside of Buffalo. Registration for the gold tournament is due by July 30th. For more information contact Deacon Tom Klusek at 716-875-6898, or via E-mail at tklus@roadrunner.com.

See Fr. Jim and sign-up to go. These are great events!!!

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.

Summer Coffee BREAK

We are taking a break from our weekly coffee hours for the summer months. Coffee hours resume September 10th. 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 this summer on Sunday, August 20th. Please invite friends and family and join in this great time of fellowship and reminiscing.

Holy Mass for Healing

Our next monthly Holy Masses for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, July 17th and Monday, August 21st at 6:15pm. Join us and invite others.

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!!!

Our Church and A Prayer For Our Country



Independence Day held a special place in the hearts of the founding generation of our Church. Most all of them were immigrants who had sought safety,

opportunity, and freedom here in the United States. With deliberate intention, the founders of our first parish held off on the blessing of their church building until July 4, 1897. So often the church looks for a specifically religiously significant occasion on which to perform her

special rites. Our organizers, however, saw the promises and opportunities of this nation as blessings from God and determined to specifically celebrate this day. Only in a country with an enshrined freedom of religion could they have started an independent Catholic Church free from autocratic control. Thus, our Holy Church specifically celebrates on Independence Day. We are called to thank God for the blessings of freedom in our country and to pray for our collective good. God bless America!

In honor of the 241st 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.

Memory eternal!

Rt. Rev. śp. Thomas Gnat: The previous bishop of the Eastern Diocese, the Rt. Rev. śp. Thomas Gnat entered into his eternal reward

on June 21st following a lengthy illness and failing health. Bishop Gnat was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was ordained a priest of the PNCC on Sept. 18, 1958. From September 1958 to 1959, Father Gnat was assistant pastor at St. Stanislaus Cathedral. In February 1959, Father Gnat was assigned as pastor of St. Francis PNC Parish in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C., and for a time served as administrator of Holy Cross PNC Parish in Baltimore, Md. During his pastorate in Washington, D.C., Father Gnat represented the Polish National Catholic Church in many instances at national and international events. He was appointed senior priest in 1978, and the same year was elected a bishop of the church and consecrated a bishop in St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, by the late Prime Bishop Francis Rowinski on the Feast of St. Andrew on Nov. 30, 1978. Bishop of the Eastern Diocese, serving from Nov. 1978 until Nov. 2011. May he rest in peace, and we extend our condolences to his wife Katherine, son Joseph, the rest of his family.



Very Rev. śp. Stanley Skrzypek: The previous Senior for the Mohawk Valley, the Very Rev. śp. Stanley Skrzypek entered into his eternal reward on June 24th. Fr. Senior was

most recently pastor of Ss. Peter and Paul parish in Passaic, NJ. Fr. Senior pastored several parishes in the Mohawk Valley including Holy Cross/Sacred Heart in New York Mills and Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa in Albany (at the time). Fr. Senior was actively involved in the Church's ecumenical affairs including the Polish National Catholic - Roman Catholic Dialog Commission, as a contributor to the Orthodox-Old Catholic Agreed Statements and other dialogs with the Union of Utrecht.

Eternal rest grant unto Your servants O Lord!

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
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 1-8: KURS Encampment, Waymart, PA
- July 1: Independence Day Celebration. Holy Mass and Celebration at Spójnia Farm in Waymart, PA 11am to 8pm.
- July 2: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at 11:30am only.**
- July 3: Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M. (translated)
- July 4: Independence Day
- July 6: Commemoration of John Hus, Priest and Martyr

- July 9: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- July 16: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- July 17: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- July 23: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- July 25: Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle
- July 26-28: National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop. Manchester, NH.
- July 26: Commemoration of Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V.M.
- July 30: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Service of worship and Holy Communion at 10am only.**
- August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen
- August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- August 13: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at 6:15pm.
- August 19: 3rd Annual Golf Tournament.
- August 20: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30

and 11:30am. **Picnic**

- August 21: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle.
- August 26: Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa
- August 27: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am
- August 29: Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- September 4: Labor Day
- September 10: Solemnity of Brotherly Love
- September 17: National Back to Church Sunday.

VOTIVE CANDLES



There is a beautiful custom to light a candle when we pray. When you lite a candle for another person or for your very personal intention always remember that the candle prolongs your prayer.

July

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Independence Day Holy mass and Celebration. Waymart, PA. & Kurs
2 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY. Lectors: Larry Panfil Kurs	3 Solemnity of the Visitation (translated) Kurs	4 Independence Day Kurs	5 Kurs	6 Commemoration of John Hus, Priest and Martyr Kurs	7 Kurs	8 Kurs
9 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott and Claudia Bertasso	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala and Claudia Bertasso	17 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.	18	19	20	21	22
23 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Joe Kaczynski and Claudia Bertasso	24	25 Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle	26 Commemoration of Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V.M. National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop.	27 National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop.	28 National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop.	29
30 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Deacon Service at 10am ONLY. Lectors: Daniel Dianne	31					

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		1	2	3 Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen	4	5
6 Solemnity of the Transfiguration. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil and Claudia Bertasso	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott and Claudia Bertasso	14	15 Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at 6:15pm.	16	17	18	19
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