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# NEWSLETTER

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GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON,  
SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM MIGHT NOT PERISH  
BUT MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

God gave us His Son Jesus so that we might have life. These words are familiar to us because we reflect on them often and hear them proclaimed. For Nicodemus, who came to Jesus at night, these were new words, a revelation. Jesus reveals to Nicodemus the essential nature of God, that God indeed loves mankind so much that He was willing to send His Son to reveal that love. That love was revealed in Jesus' teaching, example, and sacrifice.

Nicodemus, like every Jew knew, loved to think about, and tell the story of Abraham who was willing to sacrifice his only son in obedience to what he thought to be the will of God (Genesis 22). But this was a mere foreshadowing of the fact that God would give His Son completely for the redemption of humanity. All our thoughts of tenderness, forgiveness, love, in the relation of a father to his only child, is magnified in the knowledge at our God loves

us so much that was willing and did sacrifice His only begotten Son.

Jesus, the Son of Man, was lifted up, and those that look upon Him with faith, who come to believe in Him, will never die, but will have eternal life. Humanity is called to look upon Jesus, and to recognize the fact that they are naturally drawn to come into unity with Him so that they might have eternal life. All are called casts their whole being upon Him. But, how can this happen?

Like most people, Nicodemus was afraid, or ashamed to be seen with Jesus, and therefore came at night. Though he came by night, Jesus welcomed him. This beginning brought Nicodemus to faith. This June we have the opportunity to pray for our fathers and our spiritual fathers. We need more who will reach out to those who come at night, who will welcome them and bring them to faith in Jesus for eternal life. Pray for vocations!

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## **Sacred Vocations Month**

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Our Holy Church sets the month of June aside and encourages the faithful to pray for the clergy of our Holy Church and for an increase of vocations. We also remember those who spent their lives serving God and His people, being now retired and in need of our financial support.

First and foremost, we must pray for vocations. A priest friend once told me that priests visited his parish from another country. They asked why his parish had so many vocations. He told them simply that they pray for vocations. God indeed answers our prayers, but we must pray and ask. If we focus on negatives and lament situations like dwindling congregations and the closing of churches we are not being faithful and trusting. Our Church's reality is far different. Throughout our nation, and all around the world, people are calling out to us, to our One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic Church, with its democratic form of governance, and are asking for priests and new parishes. The only thing holding us back from going out into the field and reaping this harvest is a lack of vocations.

The life of service within the Church is not without its occasional difficulties, but instead of focusing on temporary and occasional drawbacks, think rather to the blessing our God promises to those who pray and respond generously of themselves.

Also, during the month of June, we are asked to give generously to our Clergy Pension Fund. The Fund was established to aid our retired clergy who have given service to the Lord all their lives. A small stipend aids and adds to their Social Security benefits. So, on Father's Day each year the Polish National Catholic Church sets aside a second collection to be taken for the Clergy Pension Fund. Please donate generously to this worthy cause, but most of all pray and seek God's blessing of vocations with trust.

Are you ready to respond to God's call, do you feel the support of family, friends, and a community praying for you? Now is the time to explore the possibilities of a life in the ministry of the Church. Whether you are married or single, a recent graduate, or on your second or third career, the Church encourages you to "Come and See".

To find out more about vocations to the diaconate and the priesthood, please contact the Savonarola Theological Seminary of the Polish National Catholic Church, 1031 Cedar Ave, Scranton, PA 18505. School, (570) 961-9288, Office, (570) 343-0100.

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## **Craft Fair this Fall**

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We will be holding a seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 10 AM-5 PM at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Club, 2639 Hamburg St, Rotterdam NY 12303.

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 2014 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 <http://www.holynamencc.org/2014/02/cold-snowing-planning-next-holiday-seasonal-craft-fair/>, 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. Also, in the fall, our SOCL student will be creating crafts that we will be able to sell at the fair in support of the SOCL program.

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## Kurs and CONVO

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Applications are now available for summer events including the KURS (July 4-11), and CONVO (July 21-25). Also remember the annual YMSofR Zlot/Track and Field Tournament. See Deacon Jim and

sign-up.

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## Milestones to Celebrate:

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### Birthdays

1 Christine Griessler, Cody Houser  
5 Caleb Johnson, Marc Wienclawski  
6 Peter Battaglia, Linda Carringi, Frances LaGreca, Amber Laporte-Smith, Ryder Prusky  
8 Jenna DonVito, Sabrina Brook  
10 Henry Carringi III  
11 Claudia Bertasso  
15 Michael Houser  
16 Timothy Olsen, Mikaela Hoefler  
19 Amber Oravsky  
22 Edward Bertasso  
24 Seth Garrison  
30 Emily Ruchalski, Nicholas Badovinac

i thank  
the Lord  
for you.  
happy  
birthday!

### Anniversaries

22 Peter & Elizabeth Battaglia  
22 Larry & Donna Panfil  
28 Philip & Angela Jorczyk

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

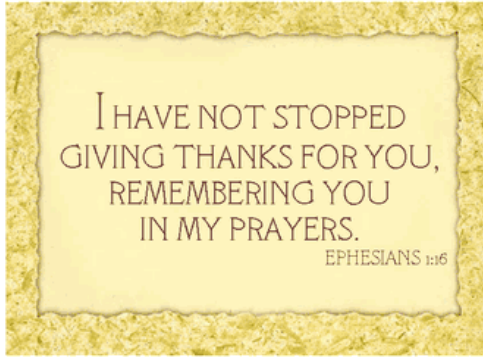
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## With Thanks

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

To all who prayed with us this past Memorial Day both at our parish cemetery and at home.



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

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and to Ed Bertasso and all who help with the ministry of hospitality.

To Stephanie and Bob for their continuing ministry to the community with Soup on Sunday.

To Father Rafał and Father Mark who provided ministry to the parish in Deacon Jim's absence.

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

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

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### **From the Church Fathers**

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#### **St. John Chrysostom: Homilies on Titus - Homily 2**

Thus it becomes him to be affected who presides in the Church, not to seek his own honor, but the common good.

*"And ordain elders in every city,"*

here he is speaking of Bishops, as we have before said, *"as I had appointed you. If any is blameless."* *"In every city,"* he says, for he did not wish the whole island to be entrusted to one, but that each should have his own charge and care, for thus he would have less labor himself, and those under his rule would receive greater attention, if the Teacher had not to go about to the presidency of many Churches, but was left to be occupied with one only, and to bring that into order.

*"If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot, or unruly."*

Why does he bring forward such an one? To stop the mouths of those heretics, who condemned marriage, showing that it is not an unholy thing in itself, but so far honorable, that a married man might ascend the holy throne.

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## **Father's Day**

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The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm as the celebration of our moms. On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Monongah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual

holiday. The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for fathers. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers and government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful: Washington State celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on July 19, 1910. Slowly, the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington, D.C. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observe Father's Day.

When World War II began, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the war effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

In 1972, in the middle of a hard-fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a federal holiday at last.

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### **A Fathers' Day Prayer**

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*God our Father,  
In your wisdom and love you made  
all things. Bless these men, that  
they may be strengthened as*

*Christian fathers. Let the example of  
their faith and love shine forth.  
Grant that we, their sons and  
daughters, may honor them always  
with a spirit of profound respect.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

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### **SOCL Thank you, Confirmation, First Communion**

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Thank you to all SOCL students, parents, and grandparents for your dedication and to Liz for your help over the past school year. We look forward to Confirmation toward the end of summer and First Communion this Fall.

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### **Planning For:**

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- June 1: 7th Sunday of Easter
- June 6 – 8: 69th Annual PNCC-YMSofR Bowling Tournament in Sterling Heights, MI
- June 8: Pentecost Sunday. HOLY MASS at 9am
- June 15: Trinity Sunday. HOLY MASS at 9am, Father's Day with breakfast. Free Lunch on Sunday
- June 19: Solemnity – Corpus Christi
- June 22: Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi
- June 24: Solemnity – St. John the Baptist
- June 27: Solemnity – Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 29: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- June 30: Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles
- July 2: Solemnity - Visitation of the B.V.M.
- July 4: Independence Day, 4th of July Holy Mass and Picnic
- July 4 - 11: KURS at Waymart
- July 5: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- July 21 - 25: CONVO 2014

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## PENTECOST

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Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. As the first followers of Jesus gathered in Jerusalem, they were filled with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, which was symbolized as tongues of fire. With the sharing of the Spirit, those once timid and confused disciples broke forth onto the streets of Jerusalem and proclaimed the gospel message of Jesus' life, death and resurrection.



From this point forward, the Spirit-inspired, world-wide and gloriously diversified church continues the work begun by Jesus of Nazareth. Pentecost is the celebration of the vibrancy and energy of the church and the Spirit's continued guidance. Pentecost is why we are not only a community of people, or a club, but a community infused and led by God's Spirit

every day.

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### Parish Organizations and Ministries

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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. The YMSofR – Men's Society of the Resurrection Branch 56, ANS – Women's Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. We also need altar servers and lectors. Please see Deacon Jim.

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### This summer consider the Polish National Union

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**Special insurance and annuity programs are available this summer.**

Five, Ten, or Twenty-Pay Life

Single Premium Life

Paid-Up at Age 85 Life

Twenty-Year Endowment

Tax Deferred Annuities

For more information call the offices of the PNUA at 800-724-6352 or see Deacon Jim.

# June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7th Sunday of Easter Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Hietala	2	3	4	5	6 69th Annual PNCC-YMSofR Bowling Tournament	7 69th Annual PNCC-YMSofR Bowling Tournament
8 Pentecost Sunday <b>Holy Mass 9am</b> Lector: Claudia Bertasso	9	10	11 Feast – St. Barnabas	12	13	14
15 Trinity Sunday <b>Holy Mass, 9am</b> Lector: Larry Panfil Father's Day Breakfast, Free Lunch on Sunday	16	17	18	19 Solemnity – Corpus Christi	20	21
22 Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Hietala	23	24 Solemnity – Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25	26	27 Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	28
29 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso	30 Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul					

## EVENTS

### Special Events for July

- 2nd - Solemnity, Visitation of the B.V.M.
- 4th – Independence Day, Holy Mass and Picnic at Waymart
- 4th – 11th KURS at Waymart
- 21st – 25th CONVO 2014