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# NEWSLETTER

**JUNE**  
**2015**



FOR THIS REASON I KNEEL BEFORE THE FATHER,  
FROM WHOM EVERY FAMILY IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH IS  
NAMED

The quote above is from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Ephesians is about the Church - what is its origin, who is its head, what does it do/what is its mission. Ephesians teaches us that the Church is not an accident or a merely human construct.

The Church is from God and is part of God's whole plan of salvation begun in Jesus Christ's redemptive act of suffering and death. Jesus organized it and sent the Holy Spirit to guide, guard, and inspire it.

As our Church clearly proclaims, the head of the Church is Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:15). It is not a priest, or a bishop, or a Parish Committee. All of us are its members and while some are appointed, commissioned, and anointed as its ministers, they are not to be raised on a pedestal. Their work is to serve in the model of Jesus and to hold the hearts of its members in their hearts.

The Church's mission and commission is to be the very instrument for making God's plan of salvation known throughout the

world. The Church is to make His redemption, His way of life, and the promise of eternal life known and to draw in all who seek true life.

This month we honor those who serve the Church as its ministers - its bishops, priests, and deacons. We pause to pray that many more men may step forward to join in this ministry. Why, because many communities are calling out for their ministry and service.

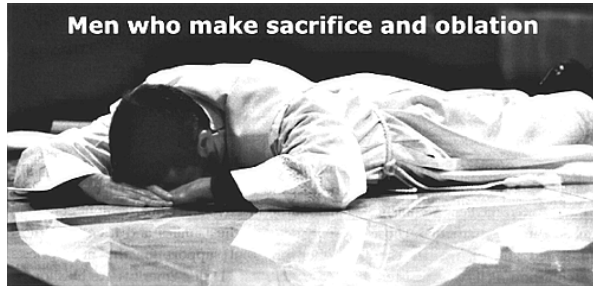
The Epistle from Ephesians is read on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus which we observe this month. It continues: *that He may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, may ...know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge.*

Know that I and my fellow servants kneel and pray this for YOU everyday!

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## **NEEDED: STRONG, DETERMINED, BRAVE, AND FAITHFUL MEN**

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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.

The life of service within the Church is not without its occasional difficulties, but instead of focusing on temporary and occasional drawbacks, men who respond to Jesus' call are strong, determined, brave, and faithful.

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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## **Father's Day**

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On June 21st we honor all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers,

spiritual fathers, and those special men in our lives that exemplify the strength and dedication of fatherhood in our lives.

Within the family community, the man is called upon to live his gift and role as husband and father. We can look to the example of sacrificial love exemplified by St. Joseph and if we see these traits in the men around us we know that they are working with God. St. Joseph set aside personal wants and desires to take the Blessed Virgin and Jesus under his care. He protected and defended them from harm. He brought up his foster Son in faithfulness to His heavenly Father and taught Him to worship Him rightly. He set forth the example of the hard work necessary to support the family.

Let us pray for God's blessing on our faithful fathers - those who are with us and for the eternal rest of those who have merited eternal life.

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## Holy Mass for Healing

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Our second monthly Holy Mass for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, June 15th at 6:15pm. Join us and invite others.

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### Craft Fair this Fall

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We will be holding a seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 3, 2015

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 2015 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.holynamenc.org/2015/02/its-really-cold-its-really-snowing-and-we-need-crafters/>, 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.

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### Summertime Events

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Planning is underway for the summer events including the:

- The Biennial Acolyte Retreat with the theme "Becoming a Modern Day Evangelist" will be held June 23rd through 26th at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA.
- KURS 2015 with the theme "Take A Chance On God" will be held at the at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4- July 11.
- The National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop with the theme "Singing is Believing" will be held from July 22nd through July 24th at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish in Dupont, PA.

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

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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  
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#### Anniversaries

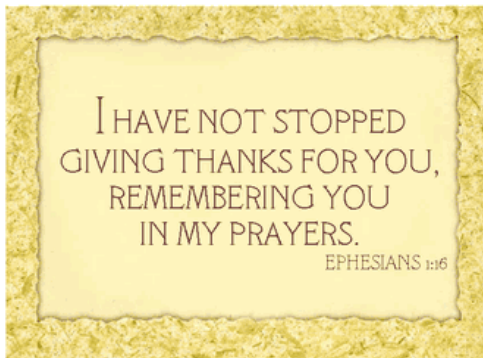
22 Peter & Elizabeth Battaglia  
22 Larry & Donna Panfil  
28 Philip & Angela Jorczak

Wishing you all many years! Sto  
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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 of Free Lunch on  
Sunday and to Stephanie for  
arranging the Jamberry NailArt  
fundraiser.

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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#### **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 First Communion  
this Fall.

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#### **Planning For:**

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- June 1: Sacred Vocations Month  
Begins
- June 4: Solemnity – Corpus Christi
- June 7: Sunday within the Octave  
of Corpus Christi - ONLY ONE Holy

Mass at 11:30am

- June 11: Feast - St. Barnabas
- June 12: Solemnity – Sacred Heart of Jesus
- June 13: Commemoration - St. Anthony of Padua
- June 14: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am
- June 15: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- June 21: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Father's Day, Free lunch on Sunday
- June 23 - 26: Acolyte Retreat at Waymart, PA
- June 24: Solemnity – St. John the Baptist
- June 28: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- June 29: 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, KURS Begins at Waymart, PA
- July 4 - 11: KURS at Waymart, PA
- July 5: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am
- July 21 - 25: National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop

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## Year of Regeneration Update

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*Lord send out Your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.* Recall this refrain from the Solemnity of Pentecost as we continue in "A Year of Regeneration" for our Holy Church.

This news item from the Future Direction subcommittee of our Polish National Catholic Church updates us and helps to keep us on track with the implementation of the 2015 Action Plan.

The Pew Research Center study released recently shows that one in four adult Americans has no religious affiliation. The Harvest is plentiful – let us embrace the power of the Holy Spirit and bring the presence of Christ to these people.

Our next major undertaking is a church wide commemoration of the Solemnity of Brotherly Love – September 13, 2015. Just prior to this commemoration Prime Bishop Mikovsky will have a webinar for our entire PNCC on Wednesday – September 9th at 7 pm (EST). In the coming four months more information about this webinar and our church wide celebration/commemoration of Brotherly Love this September.

Our Bishops have spoken about this importance and significance of Brotherly Love in our Church and in our daily lives. Over the next news releases we will be seeing and

hearing from them as we approach this special day. Let us take to heart the message Bishop Bernard Nowicki of the Central Diocese has for us on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBLOCCxS9F0>.

June is Sacred Vocations month across our Holy Church. Please pray for sacred Vocations to the Diaconate and Priesthood that men may hear that call and serve our Lord in the ordained ministry.

If you need any assistance, please reach out to our subcommittee. We are here to help with this important work – email us at [FutureDirection@pncc.org](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org). If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please share it with them so they may 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 Holy Church. And be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we allow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to work through us. May the Holy Spirit guide us always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky  
Right Rev. Stanley M. Bilinski Jr.  
Right Rev. John E. Mack  
Right Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki  
Right Rev. Paul Sobiechowski  
Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr.,  
Chairman

Diane Hollinsworth  
Dr. Shirley Mietlicki-Floyd  
Michael Mietlicki  
Kathryn Nemkovich  
George Urciuoli

The five themes the 2014 General Synod determined for our future direction are: Growth and Membership, Increase Spirituality, Lifelong Learning, Sacred Vocations, and Community Involvement and Presence

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### **The Gifts of Summer**

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Summer is a time for many celebrations like Weddings, Graduations, and First Communion. What a great time to share the many benefits of the PNU with your family and friends. Endowments, insurance policies, and annuities are just some of the many gift ideas the PNU can offer to help you provide for those you care about. Contact the PNU Home Office 800-724-6352 for more information on the Gifts of Summer.

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### **Prayer for the Increase of Priests**

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*O Almighty God, look mercifully upon Thy Church and incline the hearts of many of Her sons to offer themselves for the work of the sacred ministry, so that by their labors Thy light may shine in the darkness of the world and the coming of Thy kingdom may be hastened by the perfecting of Thine elect. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# June 2015

## SACRED VOCATIONS MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Solemnity – Corpus Christi	5	6
7 Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi <b>Holy Mass at 11:30am.</b> Lectors: Larry Panfil	8	9	10	11 Feast – St. Barnabas	12 Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	13 Commemoration – St. Anthony of Padua
14 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso,	15 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm	16	17	18	19	20
21 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott/Claudia Bertasso, Father's Day, Free lunch on Sunday	22	23 Acolyte Retreat at Walmart, PA	24 Solemnity – Nativity of St. John the Baptist Acolyte Retreat at Walmart, PA	25 Acolyte Retreat at Walmart, PA	26 Acolyte Retreat at Walmart, PA	27
28 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso	29 Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul	30				

# 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 National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop