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THUS JOSEPH WHO WAS SURNAMED BY THE APOSTLES BARNABAS (WHICH MEANS, SON OF ENCOURAGEMENT), A LEVITE, A NATIVE OF CYPRUS, SOLD A FIELD...

Acts presents us with the evangelizing apostle and Church leader Barnabas; a model of integrity and character.

In Acts, Barnabas is called a good man (Acts 11:24), a prophet and teacher (13:1), an apostle (14:14)and one through whom God worked miracles (15:12), Acts loads him with accolades. Acts recounts the times he faced persecution (13:45; 14:19) and risked his life for the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (15:26). Barnabas believed Saul truly had been converted when no one else would (9:27), saw the potential of his kinsman John Mark (12:25), and championed them both at different times (11:25-26; 15:36-41). 1 Corinthians 9:6 affirms his character by noting he worked while serving congregations in order not to burden them. The apostles nicknamed him Barnabas, Son of Encouragement (4:36), and it seems like he earned it!

We celebrate the Feast of St. Barnabas on June 11th. As men of the Church, we are called to reflect on whether we, like Barnabas, are sons of encouragement.

As fathers and leaders we hold great power to build up. We are called to be God's sons of encouragement; taking up that task in so many ways — putting our lives on the line to proclaim the Gospel and and to lift up the potential in those the world takes no notice of or avoids. We can indeed lift burdens. Truly be encouraging. Show that Jesus is the only way to true encouragement, strength, and victory.

Barnabas' life is modeled on Jesus, the ultimate Son of Encouragement. Barnabas' goodness, faith, big heartedness, courage, generosity, humbleness, self-sacrifice, openmindedness, boldness and the fact that he was full of the Holy Spirit – were also stamped on the believers that he encountered. As today's sons of encouragement, alive in the Spirit or willing to be, let us work so that the gifts of the Lord are stamped on our families & world.



You are cordially invited to see the Matsiko World Orphan Choir at Holy Name of Jesus on Tuesday, June 28th at 7pm.

Currently made up of some of the poorest orphaned and at-risk children from Peru, India & Liberia, the Matsiko World Orphan Choir captures the hearts of all who hear their hope-filled message. The kids sing with such passion and meaning that their hope of overcoming tragedy and the life-changing effects of an education is truly inspiring. The Choir's contagious energy and zeal shines through a powerful presentation of original songs, cultural dances, and multimedia testimony. Never before in the history of these three nations have orphaned or vulnerable children been allowed to travel outside of their nation. However, due to the great work of the International Children's Network for the children, a great trust has allowed this historic cultural opportunity to happen.

Orphaned & vulnerable children are auditioned annually and selected

from a pool of hundreds of children before leaving their home nations to travel out of their countries for the first time in their lives. These chosen few become part of a one year United States world orphan choir tour in order to be the greatest ambassadors for our world's orphaned and vulnerable children we have ever experienced. Ages range from 5 to 16, and some of these kids have never experienced electricity or worn shoes. They sing and dance and share their stories for a very worthy goal: to raise hope, awareness and educational sponsorship for the world's 600 million orphans and atrisk children. Because of this sponsorship, orphaned and at-risk children have a chance to break the cycle of poverty, taking better control of their futures.

Through the sharing of their culture, music, pain and joy, Matsiko World Orphan Choir performances provide a complete picture of the challenges these children face each day. The Matsiko World Orphan Choir has performed at noteworthy places such as Google, Disneyland and SeaWorld, entertaining crowds of thousands at the Los Angeles Clippers, Seattle Seahawks, and even the Rose Bowl games. The Choir has shared their talents via personal presentations with U.S. local and national politicians and graced the platforms of corporate giants such as Microsoft and Kraft Foods. They were invited to the Gospel Music Awards.

NEEDED: STRONG, DETERMINED, BRAVE, AND FAITHFUL MEN



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.

Father's Day



On June 19th 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 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.

holy Mass for healing

Our regular monthly Holy Mass for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, June 20th at 6:15pm. Join us and invite others.

Seniorate Corpus Christi Celebration

On Saturday, June 11th we will join together at All Saints parish in Rome, NY for our 2nd annual Seniorate Corpus Christi celebration. There will be a breakfast at 10am followed by Holy Mass and a Eucharistic Procession to the Four Altars at 11am. The four Altars will be prepared outside of the Church (weather permitting). Our parish is responsible for decorating one of the altars. Your assistance is requested. Lunch will also be served after Holy Mass followed by a very short meeting for Seniorate Delegates and a Spójnia meeting.

Craft Fair this Fall



We will be holding a seasonal/holiday craft fair on Saturday, October 1, 2016

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 <u>http://</u> <u>www.holynamencc.org/2016/05/</u> <u>summer-start-thinking-fall-craft-</u> <u>fair/</u>, 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:

- The P.N.C.C./Y.M.S. of R. 71st Annual Bowling Tournament is cohosted by Our Savior Parish, Dearborn Heights, MI and Holy Cross Parish, Hamtramck, MI will be held from Friday, June 3 - 5. The tournament is at the Cherry Hill Lanes, 300 North Inkster Road, Dearborn Heights, MI. An Awards Banquet and Dance follows.
- KURS 2016 with the theme "Radical Irreverence" will be held at the at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia

Farm, Waymart, PA from July 2 - 9.

- The Church's Annual Fourth of July Celebration will begin with Mass at the chapel at the former Manor at Waymart. 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.
- CONVO 2016 with the theme "I AM" will be held at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, NH from July 25 - 29.
- 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 <u>unitedymsofr@gmail.com</u>. 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!!!

Milestones to Celebrate:

<u>Birthdays</u>

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

Anniversaries

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

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

With Thanks



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.

To Stephanie, Bob, Joanne, and all who helped in preparing breads, pies, and chrusciki which will be sold at PolishFest at B.V.M. parish from June 3-5. A special thanks to the PolishFest committee for inviting us and to Stephanie for having the foresight to see the potential.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure. God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać! Thank you!!!

A Fathers' Day Prayer

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.

Planning For:

• June 1: Sacred Vocations Month Begins.

- June 3: Solemnity Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- June 3-5: 71st Annual YMSofR/ PNCC Bowling Tournament, Dearborn Heights, MI.
- June 5: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- June 11: Feast St. Barnabas Seniorate Corpus Christi Celebration, Rome, NY.
- June 12:11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- June 13: Commemoration St. Anthony of Padua, Holy Mass at 7pm.
- June 19: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Father's Day, Free lunch on Sunday.
- June 20: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- June 24: Solemnity St. John the Baptist.
- June 26: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- June 28: Matsiko Orphan Choir Performance, 7pm
- June 29: Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles.
- June 30: Bible study, 6pm
- July 2: Solemnity Visitation of the B.V.M.
- July 2 9: KURS at Waymart, PA.

 July 4: Independence Day, 4th of July Holy Mass and Picnic, Waymart, PA.

Year of Reverence Update

We continue in our Year of Reverence this month reflecting on Reverence and the Eucharist as the Church has just celebrated the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

The Eucharist - the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the source and summit of our Catholic worship. We receive Jesus as He chose to become present to us, as His Church, through the Sacrament of His precious Body and Blood. Our Lord is there to lead, guide, comfort, protect and heal us. As St. Paul reminds us we need to receive Him worthily in the Eucharist (See 1 Corinthians 11:23-29).

- Do we prepare ourselves before Mass?
- Do we observe the minimum two hour fast from food and drink (except for water)?
- Do we offer the Prayers before Holy Mass?
- Are we prepared for the confession we will making at the beginning of Holy Mass?
- Do we participate in Holy Mass with reverence?
- When approaching the Holy Eucharist are we focused on the great gift we will be receiving and make sure not to be talking and

joking with others as we wait to receive Jesus?

- Do we receive the Eucharist with joy?
- After Communion do we offer the appropriate prayers of Thanksgiving?
- Do we allow the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar to effect how we decided to live our lives?

A PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

My dear God and loving Father, I thank You for making it possible for me to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, during which I will be united with my Lord Jesus Christ. May Jesus fill me with His holy grace when I open my heart to Him in sincere prayer. May the sacraments I will receive, the prayers that I will say and the hymns that I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I sav and do. May the Holy Communion that I will receive give me strength, so that I may share faith, hope and love with the people I will meet. Amen.

A PRAYER AFTER HOLY MASS

I am grateful to You, Lord, that I was able to come to church and participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. I thank You for receiving Your gracious pardon, Your instruction and teaching through Your Word, and Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion. May Your sacraments continue to strengthen and help me to be faithful to You and Your Church. Help me to face all the challenges of life on my journey to Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

As we enter June remember it is Sacred Vocations month - please pray that more men will hear the call of Christ and serve Him as priests and deacons of our Holy Church.

Please also remember to save the date of Wednesday – October 5th 2016 at 7pm (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. Perhaps our parish could put together a special community service project to focus on and help families in our local community. Your ideas are welcome.

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 Holy Church.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Committee.

The Gifts of Summer

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.

Prayer for the Increase of Priests

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 2016

SACRED VOCATIONS MONTH						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus PolishFest – Latham, NY 71st Annual Bowling tournament, Dearborn Heights, MI	4 PolishFest – Latham, NY 71st Annual Bowling tournament, Dearborn Heights, MI
5 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso	6	7	8	9	10	11 Feast – St. Barnabas Seniorate Corpus Christi Celebration at All Saints Parish, Rome NY, 11am
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19 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	20 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm	21	22	23	24 Solemnity – Nativity of St. John the Baptist	25
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Special Events for July

- 2nd Solemnity, Visitation of the B.V.M.
- 2nd 9th KURS at Waymart
- 4th Independence Day, Holy Mass and Picnic at Waymart
- CONVO 2016, St. Anselm's College, Manchester, NH