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# NEWSLETTER

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THREE THINGS WILL LAST FOREVER--FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE--  
AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

*...and the greatest of these is love.*  
Famous words we recall hearing at almost every wedding. I wonder if St. Paul, in writing to the Church at Corinth, was thinking of pretty words for marriage ceremonies? Likely not, marriage wasn't even on his radar. Frankly, it wasn't even on the Church's radar at that time.

Paul cared about the way Christians interacted with each other and with the world that was awaiting the hope only Jesus could offer. Were Christians, therefore, living and showing the lives the saved and redeemed should be living?

We have, in Paul's words, a certain irony. Words we hear at a wedding - at the beginning of a new sacred vocation for a couple - are words that should inform our vocational lives as Christians.

Our vocational attitude as Christians has to be quite different from the world's expectations. There is a lack of vocational thinking in the mind of the world. People are encouraged to do things only while they "feel good." Nothing is forever. Happiness

is fleeting. As we approach graduations this month, how many of our youth have chosen or have pursued vocational training? That type of leaning is looked down upon while the real truth is that vocationally trained students often have better success than college graduates.

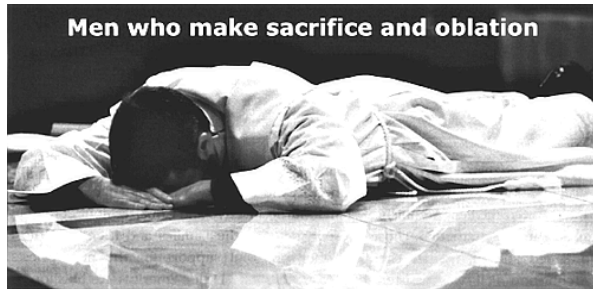
The message of Jesus and of the Christian faith is a call to vocation. We are called to participate full-time, with every breath, in God's creative and redemptive work. The Christian life is to be vocational to the core. It is a complete and total way of living. Christians we are not just called to do stuff - tasks - but to live in complete vocational unity with Jesus. His mission - our mission. His works - our works. His sacrifice - our sacrifice. He gave His life fully - so must we.

As we celebrate and pray in this month of sacred vocations let us remember that each of us is called to the most sacred vocation of all - to love completely as Jesus loved us.

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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 18th 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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## **SPRING RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE**

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Our annual rummage and bake sale will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 9am-3pm. You may drop off items you wish to donate from 6-8pm on Monday, June 5th and from 9:30am till 4pm Tuesday through Friday, June 6th through 9th. Bake goods are needed. Polish food will also be available for sale. If you wish to volunteer, please let Donna Panfil know.

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## *Holy Mass for Healing*

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Our regular monthly Holy Mass for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, June 19th at 6:15pm. Join us and invite others.

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## **Seniorate Corpus Christi Celebration**

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On Saturday, June 17th we will join together at Sacred Heart/Holy Cross parish in New

York Mills, NY for our 3rd annual Seniorate Corpus Christi celebration. Holy Mass and a Eucharistic Procession to the Four Altars begins at 11am. The four Altars will be prepared outside of the Church (weather permitting). Lunch will also be served after Holy Mass followed by a very short meeting for

Seniorate Delegates and a Spójnia meeting.

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## *WE NEED YOUR BRAS*

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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.

A bra is a unique item that actually has the power to bring freedom and hope to survivors.

The second-hand clothing market is a thriving industry in many countries around the world. Bras are a sought-after item and command top dollar in the marketplace. By receiving a starting inventory from Free The Girls, these women are able to begin a business and become an entrepreneur in their own communities. This income allows them a safe economic opportunity, and for many of the women, provides not only for

themselves, but their children as well!

In other parts of the world, like our community, bras also tend to be an item that many women have sitting in drawers for a long time untouched. 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.

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### Craft Fair this Fall

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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.holynamenc.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.

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### Summertime Events

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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. For further information E-mail [unitedymsofr@gmail.com](mailto:unitedymsofr@gmail.com).

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 Nicholas Badovinac

#### Anniversaries

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

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 church 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 all who help with the ministry of hospitality.

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 2-4. 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!!!

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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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### **Planning For:**

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Holy Mass on Sundays is at 9:30 and 11:30am unless otherwise noted.

- June 1: Sacred Vocations Month Begins.
- June 2-4: PolishFest at B.V.M. of Częstochowa Parish
- June 4: Pentecost Sunday.
- June 10: Rummage and Bake Sale 9am-3pm.
- June 11: Trinity Sunday.
- June 12: Feast - St. Barnabas (translated).
- June 13: Commemoration - St. Anthony of Padua.
- June 15: Solemnity of Corpus Christi.
- June 17: Seniorate Corpus Christi Celebration, New York Mills, NY at 11am.
- June 18: Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Father's Day. Father's Day Breakfast at 10:30am.
- June 19: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- June 23: Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- June 24: Solemnity - St. John the Baptist.
- June 25: 12th Sunday in Ordinary

Time.

- June 29: Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles.
  - July 1 - 8: KURS at Waymart, PA.
  - July 1: Independence Day, 4th of July Holy Mass and Picnic, Waymart, PA.
  - July 2: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
  - July 3: Solemnity - Visitation of the B.V.M. (translated).
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### **Year of Commitment**

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Dear Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Deacons and Faithful of our Holy Church,

As we begin the month of June and prepare to again celebrate the Great Solemnity of Pentecost may we embrace the power of the Holy Spirit and allow the Spirit to guide us always. Our Holy Church also dedicates this month for Sacred Vocations. We thank Fr. Dr. Scott Lill, the Chairman of our PNCC Sacred Vocations Commission, for preparing this month's Future Direction Commitment Message:

*As Polish National Catholics, we believe that Jesus continues to invite particular men of our Church to join in his own ministry within the Priesthood and Diaconate. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord's call comes to those whom He has chosen in a great variety of ways, mysteriously suited to the one being called.*

*Sometimes, the individual being called is not able to recognize and acknowledge the voice of the Paraclete spoken within his own heart or, even should he hear it, he cannot summon the personal strength to freely respond. From the writings of the Church Fathers and the Saints, we have come to know that this is not new and that there can be many factors which might diminish one's ability or willingness to affirmatively respond to a priestly vocation. These include a strong sense of personal unworthiness, doubting the suitability of one's natural abilities and gifts, a fear of the sacred weightiness of the ministry, and a lack of family support. Yet, in the face of these potential reasons for resistance, the Lord's call remains!*

*Many times, a vocation from God to the ordained ministry is mediated through other members of the Church. This happens when a man who is being called is unable to respond, but someone else recognizes something special about him that makes them say to themselves, "he would make a great priest!" Perhaps it's his engaged participation during the Holy Mass or the reverent way that he receives Holy Communion. Maybe it's his respect for Mary the Mother of God as evidenced by the rosary he always carries or his devotion to the Saints of God. It could be his love for studying and discussing the Sacred Scriptures during a parish Bible study or his demonstrated*

*desire to continue learning more about the history and doctrine of the Church. It might be the way he always helps care for the Church and grounds or that he consistently participates in the many aspects of the ongoing life of the parish. Or maybe it's the simple respect and compassionate concern that he shows for other people, always offering to help those in need.*

*Do you know someone like this within your parish or family? If so, he might well have a vocation to the Priesthood or Diaconate. While he will have to discern this for himself with the assistance of his pastor and within the overall life of the Church, perhaps YOU can help him start to recognize the signs of a sacred vocation and come to realize that the Lord is calling him. If you know someone who might have a calling to the Priesthood or Diaconate, tell him. Encourage him today...and let us know. Email his name and available contact information (i.e., email address, home address or phone number) to [scottjameslill@yahoo.com](mailto:scottjameslill@yahoo.com). We would love to reach out to him with some prayers and materials to help him discern this special vocation.*

*Finally, please 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. Here is a short prayer that each of us could commit*

to praying every day:

**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.**

If you know of friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at [FutureDirection@pncc.org](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

May God bless you and may the Spirit guide you this Pentecost and always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
PNCC Future Direction Committee

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### **Gambling on Schenectady?**

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As we are well aware, a new gambling venue was opened in Schenectady. This event can provide both blessings and curses for our community. It is important that we consider and pray over each.



In terms of blessings, this new venue provides jobs, tax revenues, and entertainment. There is no particular prohibition against gambling for fun in our faith tradition. We are not preaching

against fun!

Many of the benefits from this venture are things sorely lacking in upstate New York communities.

However, we must consider the downside of gambling venues in upstate communities. They do not attract visitors or tourists - they tend to bleed the poor and vulnerable right here at home, making them more poor and more vulnerable. There is an uptick in violence and crime tied to this venue as well as an increase in gambling addiction.

As noted, we must look at the both sides of the issue. Ask yourself and your politicians - how will tax proceeds be used? Will they benefit our community, its infrastructure, schools, its poor communities? As to our personal involvement, have a great date night, have some fun, but recognize the signs of problem gambling. Be wise!

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, help is available statewide, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Call toll free 1-877-8HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or text HOPENY(467369).

Discover the  
**Priesthood**



# June

2017

## Sacred Vocations Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 PolishFest, BVM of Częstochowa Parish	3 PolishFest, BVM of Częstochowa Parish
4 Pentecost Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lector: Derek Westcott and Claudia Bertasso	5	6	7	8	9	10 Rummage and Bake Sale 9am-3pm.
11 Trinity Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala Westcott and Claudia	12 Feast - St. Barnabas (translated)	13 Commemoration - St. Anthony of Padua	14	15 Solemnity of Corpus Christi.	16	17 Seniorate Corpus Christi Celebration, New York Mills, NY at 11am.
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25 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Daniel Dianne and Claudia Bertasso	26	27	28	29 Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles	30	