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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Beginnings and endings

As we send this newsletter we are in the midst of Lent. By the time March is over we will be living in the Easter season, celebrating the Solemnity of the Resurrection.

Beginnings and endings can come in many forms - great beginnings, bad endings; bad beginnings, great endings; bad both ways; great both ways.

We tend to like beginnings - they are filled with possibility. We tend to dislike endings because they are a break, a separation, the end.

Our faith in Christ turns the idea of beginnings and endings on its head. Our beginnings in Him, at baptism, as we receive the sacraments, and every step along the way are filled with goodness and hope. In Him there is no ending, hope reigns eternally in His promise to us - that there is a place prepared for us in heaven.

Our walk through Lent is a time of new beginnings, an opportunity to reconnect to the life of faith, to repent of our brokenness, to rebuild relationships with our Church and with others. It is a time of possibility. As we walk through these last few weeks of Lent, the Passiontide, and Holy Week let us take advantage of these possibilities.

With Easter we come to recognize that there is no ending. We realize that the "ending" the disciples saw on Good Friday - which scared them and filled them with sadness - was not an ending at all. Rather it was, in itself, a new beginning. It was the payment that freed us from sin and the law. It was our salvation and redemption. On Easter we experience the fulfillment of that freedom. We see the resurrected Christ, His glorified body. We too will walk in glorified bodies, into eternity, without end.

Join us for everything Easter

We so look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks.

Passiontide starts March 17th with Holy Mass at 11am along with our annual Lenten penitential service. March 24th is Palm Sunday. We will keep you informed as to the times of services during Holy Week. This all culminates on Easter Sunday with our Resurrection service at 8am - a glorious time in the life of faith, our faith community, and the Holy Church.

Walk with Jesus in the days and weeks leading up to Easter so as to rejoice with Him in His resurrection.

The Bible - live on TV - WOW!!!

The Bible TV series has started and wow - it is great, the highest rated show on TV. The first nights episodes blew away regular network shows. The Bible pulled in 13.1 million viewers making it the biggest cable entertainment telecast of the year. It was a great opportunity to engage with family and friends in discussion. We watch as the history of salvation unfolds and consider all God has done for us.

Many in the parish are holding viewing parties as an opportunity to share their faith with friends and family. The series continues on March 10, 17, 24, and 31.

Check out the series at <http://www.bibleseries.tv> and view the

trailers. Tune in to on the History Channel at 8 p.m. on channels 39, 220, 1839 locally.

Soup on Sunday

Our next Soup on Sunday event is Sunday, March 31st (Easter Sunday) along with a special Easter breakfast. We will start at 10:30am that day.

We offer free soup and more for anyone in need - whether its warmth, food, friendship, or just some company. March will feature a wonderful stew. Please help spread the word. Grab a flyer and post it in local markets and shops.

God bless all who work so hard to serve those in need - without cost or requirement. We especially thank Bob & Stephanie Dominy for their leadership!!!

Feliz Quinceañera

On Saturday, March 9th, Justyne Rios celebrated her Quinceañera in the midst of family and friends. We were honored to offer prayers for her and her family that morning with a special blessing service. This beautiful tradition is a wonderful expression of faith, family, friendship and culture. God bless you Justyne!!!

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

8 Pat Lewis
9 Rebecca Kopec
12 Frederick James
13 Christopher Maliszewski
14 Paul Zebrowski Sr., Deborah Kusek
16 Steven James
18 Justyne Rios
19 Justin Smith, Stanley Podkulski, Danielle DeMidio
21 Susie Spooner, Gary Podbielski
23 Erin Pross
24 Amber Houser
26 Elizabeth Battaglia, Nylyse Rios, Sarah Limmer
28 Frances Pawlowski, Lilianna Kalnaus
30 Susan Malinowski

i thank
the Lord
for you.
happy
birthday!

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

With Thanks

Gracias
MERCI
ARIGATO
thank you

To all who attended our annual budget meeting. When we think of budgets and finances, we often get a bit of a queasy feeling. Not so during this meeting. The past year has been filled with many blessings and we are growing, reinvesting in our infrastructure, and are looking forward to greater progress this

year. A special thank you to Bob and Stephanie for preparing a wonderful breakfast that day.

To all who have assisted in the continuing Parish clean up and organizational duties. Much has been accomplished and your energy and enthusiasm for this task is a blessing. Our library is also looking great. Check out the books and pamphlets anytime.

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and to Ed Bertasso for his ministry of hospitality.

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

Need Rental Space?

Family gathering, a party, meetings? Check out our Parish Hall. Discounted rental rates are available to parishioners.

Poetry for the Month

Come, O Bitter Lamentations
A Traditional Lenten Devotion



*Come, O bitter lamentations,
Move our hearts to contemplation.
With eyes tearful, hearts repenting,
Let us grieve without relenting.
Sun and stars grow dim, are*

fading, Cloaked with sadness all pervading.

Hosts of angels sadly weeping: How can we express their grieving. Rocks and cliffs and mountains crumbling, Tombs break open, loudly thund'ring.

What is this great tribulation Overwhelming all creation?

'Tis our Savior's painful passion Moving all to deep compassion. O my Lord, without delaying, Pierce our hearts of stone unyielding. With Your precious blood now cleanse us; From our sins, O Lord, release us.

Tranquil is my heart's vexation, Contemplating my Lord's passion.

Translation by the National United Choirs of the Polish National Catholic Church, Music Commission

Gorzkie żale przybywajcie, Serca nasze przenikajcie.

Rozpłyńcie się, me źrenice, Toczcie smutnych łez krynice.

Słońce, gwiazdy omdlewają, Żalobą się pokrywają.

Płaczą rzewnie Aniołowie, A któż żalność ich wypowie?

Opoki się twarde krają, Z grobów umarli powstają.

Cóż jest, pytam, co się dzieje? Wszystko stworzenie truchleje!

Na ból męki Chrystusowej Żal przejmuję bez wymowy.

Uderz, Jezu, bez odwołki W twarde serc naszych opoki!

Jezu mój, we krwi ran swoich Obmyj duszę z grzechów moich!

Upał serca swego chłódzę, Gdy w przepaść męki Twej wchodzę.

Planning For:

- 3/3 - Daylight Savings Time begins, Third Sunday of Lent
- 3/10 - Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC
- 3/17 - Passion Sunday - **Holy Mass at 11am with our Lenten Penitential Service**
- 3/19 - Solemnity - St. Joseph
- 3/24 - Palm Sunday
- 3/26 - Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton)
- 3/28 - Maundy Thursday
- 3/29 - Good Friday
- 3/30 - Holy Saturday
- 3/31 - Solemnity of the Resurrection - **Resurrection service at 8am. Easter service at 10:30am**
- 4/1 - Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur
- 4/7 - Low Sunday, Annual Basket Social
- 4/12-14 - Annual Mission and Evangelism conference in Scranton
- 5/17-19 - 68th Annual YMSofR Bowling Tournament, Chicago

Basket Social Ideas - only 6 weeks away

Our ever popular Basket Social is only a few short weeks away. This event, which has featured nearly 100 baskets, door prizes, and the best Polish food this

side of the ocean is packed with guests eager to see what we have created. The Basket Social will be held Sunday, April 7th, starting at noon, at the VFW Hall, 1309 Fifth Ave., Schenectady.



B is for Basket

We need your help. If you are able, please donation a basket or better yet a few. Here are a few ideas for baskets that may help in your creativity:

- seasonal (spring, summer, fall, winter, Christmas, Easter, Halloween, Valentines, etc.)
- aromatherapy
- bread-making
- arts and crafts
- movie matinee
- whats cooking
- story-time
- comedy hour
- coffee social
- pretty nails
- ice cream social
- name that tune
- coupon clippers
- tea party
- walk about
- happy hour
- groovin' to the oldies
- crossword club, puzzles, brain teasers
- facials
- candlelight dinner
- avon/mary kay
- pet needs
- yoga
- bible study
- popcorn party
- picnic on the patio
- reading
- gardening
- painting
- pizza party
- wine and cheese party
- melody makers
- jig saw puzzles
- have a bbq
- scrapbooking
- bird watching
- candle making
- knitting
- jewlery
- photography
- recipe books
- needlepoint
- crafts
- write a letter
- baby needs
- the good ol' days
- sports
- makeovers

Directed Giving for Lent:

2nd Week of Lent, Mar. 4-10,
VEGGIE MANIA Canned Corn,
Canned Peas, Canned Beans,
Canned Potatoes, Canned Sweet
Potatoes.

3rd Week of Lent, Mar. 11-17,
DINNER IS SERVED Canned Beef
Stew, Canned Pork and Beans,
Instant Potatoes/Stuffing Mix,
Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti or
other Pasta, Canned Spaghetti
Sauce.

4th Week of Lent, Mar. 18-24,
SCHOOL NEEDS Pencils and Pens,
Folders and Notebooks, Crayons,
Tape and Elmer's Glue.

Passion Week, Mar. 25-31,
BABY MAKES THREE Disposable
Diapers, Baby Wipes, Liquid
Formula, Jars of Baby Food.

Holy Week, April 1-7, SPECIAL
NEEDS DIET Low Sodium Soups,
Canned Fruit in Juices (not syrup),
Canned Tuna in Water, Low Sodium
Crackers, Natural Applesauce.

SOCL News and Confirmation

We have a wonderful group of students who have begun preparations for their confirmation and first communion. Class remains open to others who have not yet made their confirmation or first communion. We also have class time available for younger and more mature students.

Our Holy Church



On Sunday, March 11th we observe the Solemnity of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church.

In 1896 the brave people of Scranton formed ranks. They consulted democratically, with their brothers **and** sisters building a new church. Within the few winter months, the structure was nearly complete and the people looked for a priest who would love and serve the people, who would not condemn them or use them only as a source of money. The people unanimously elected Father Franciszek Hodur as their spiritual leader.

The evening of March 14, 1897 became a solemn moment for the people with the arrival of Father Hodur in Scranton. On taking an oath before the people he swore to lead them regardless of whether or not the local Roman Catholic bishop gave his consent for the free church. Around 400 hands were raised to give evidence that the

people, except for God and His Revelation, did not acknowledge any other authority in matters of holy faith than that of Father Hodur.

The people of Scranton, as well as Buffalo and Chicago had come to the realization that only righteous and holy bishops and priests, those having sacramental union with God, could validly bless and discipline the Christian people. They organized a Church where every man and woman had a voice and vote, where all own and control the property of the Church they built. A Church where the peace, harmony, and salvation of the people come first.

We are on Facebook and Twitter



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Parish Organizations and Ministries

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, 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.






A Lasting Heritage

We have several valuable liturgical items that need to be refinished. These have been donated by loving families through the years, perhaps by members of your family, or friends of your family. This includes our ciborium and several chalices. We also need a few items including an extra Intinction set and a new holy water bucket. If you would like to support the refinishing of these items or donate needed items as a lasting legacy, please see Deacon Jim.








<p>RFB </p> <p><i>The Original</i> COFFEE WITH JESUS</p> 	 <p>Remember that night in the garden before they came to arrest you and your buddies kept falling asleep?</p>	 <p>I only asked them to stay awake for an hour, Carl. But we'd had a big dinner, it was late. I let it go.</p>	 <p>Well, I'm thinking if your closest friends couldn't pray for an hour, then a guy like me is doing pretty good to give you five minutes, right?</p>	 <p>Just because you say, "Amen," Carl, doesn't mean I've hung up the phone.</p>
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<p>COFFEE WITH JESUS</p> 	 <p>I had no idea St. Patrick's prayer was so long and vivid. Witches, wizards, lightning, drowning, burning! It's like an adventure tale!</p>	 <p>He was captured as a slave. Then escaped. Then returned to the very place where he'd been enslaved. Pretty adventurous alright.</p>	 <p>This is all very interesting, but we're late for a party. C'mon, Lisa! We've got copious amounts of green beer to consume!</p>	 <p>Sigh. Nice hat, Carl.</p>
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<p>COFFEE WITH JESUS</p> 	 <p>Well, if it isn't Mister Sunshine, back from the grave. Sleep well, Son of Man?</p>	 <p>And a Happy Easter to you too, Satan.</p>		 <p>Man, if looks could kill. Oh wait, you already tried that.</p>
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 1 Stations of the Cross 7:30pm.	2
3 Third Sunday of Lent - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am, Annual Budget Meeting Lector: Larry Panfil	4 Commemoration of St. Casimir	5	 6	7	 8 Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	9 Quinceañer, 10am
10 Institution of the PNCC - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am, Also: Parish Committee	11	12	 13	14	 15 Stations of the Cross 7:30pm.	16
17 Passion Sunday and Lenten Penitential Service - Holy Mass, 11am. Lector: Marilyn Heitala	18 Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.	19	 20	21	 22 Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	23
24 Palm Sunday, Blessing and Distribution of Palms. Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Claudia Bertasso	 25 Holy Monday	 26 Holy Tuesday Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism, St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral, Scranton	 27 Holy Wednesday	 28 Maundy Thursday Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper, Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 7pm	 29 Good Friday Church opens at noon Services at 1 ,2, and 3pm Liturgy of the Pre- Sanctified, 7pm	 30 Holy Saturday Holy Saturday Liturgies, Blessing of new fire, holy water, renewal of baptismal promises, blessing of food, 4pm
31 Solemnity of the Resurrection, Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass, 8am, Service at 10:30 Soup on Sunday and Easter Breakfast 10:30am Lector: Larry Panfil						

EVENTS

Holy Week

You will find great comfort beside Jesus in these days.

Basket Social! Only a few weeks left to get those wonderful baskets together for our April 7th event.

April Events:

Basket Social, 4/7
Mission & Evangelism 4/12-14