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# NEWSLETTER

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HE WILL COME TO CONVICT THE WORLD OF SIN, TO SHOW THE WORLD WHAT HAS GOD'S APPROVAL, AND TO CONVINCED THE WORLD THAT GOD JUDGES IT.

A new month, this newsletter, and Lent arrive on the same day, March 1st. With this 'arrival' we are called to do something very painful: To plead guilty. That has to be the absolute hardest thing to do. We might submit to pleading guilty symbolically by having ashes placed on our heads, going along with the crowd, but how much harder it is to consciously admit 'I am guilty!'

We might have a favorite law or police show, we may watch the news or even serve on a jury. We quickly recognize that the accused rarely, if ever, plead guilty. Even if they know the evidence is absolutely against them, they rarely plead guilty. Caught in a corner they try to negotiate their sentence. As Christians we do not have that choice. Our one choice is to plead fully guilty.

St. John relates Jesus' last words before his arrest. Jesus tells us that the Holy Spirit is coming to convict all of us of our sinfulness, our false righteousness, and our impending condemnation. We should be

thankful! This conviction by the Holy Spirit serves two purposes. It is a starting point and an ongoing call.

The starting point is a special grace given to us before our conversion. It prompts us to full knowledge of our status before God and the condemnation of death and eternal coldness and separation that is due us. Prompted by this knowledge we have to choose to act on it. Those who act wisely, accepting their guilt and repenting, are regenerated by faith and baptism. They become part of Jesus' body, the Church.

For us, we live in the Body and face the Spirit's ongoing conviction. The Lord convicts those who are His children. It is proof that we belong to God. This conviction is a form of sanctifying discipline meant for our good. A believer's conviction leads us to continuing repentance and to seeking closer union with God.

Let us start Lent right, let us plead guilty, repent, and live God's life more fully. If we recognize what the Spirit is doing for us we will be ready to truly rejoice at Easter.

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## Our Lenten Journey

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We begin our Lenten journey Wednesday, March 1st which is Ash Wednesday. We will have Holy Mass with the blessing and distribution of ashes at 7pm. Remember too that on Friday we begin the sacred tradition of observing the Lenten Devotions – Stations of the Cross. These will be conducted every Lenten Friday at 7pm. The faithful should strive to attend these Services. They are designed to help us better understand the loving devotion Jesus had for us, to the point where He gives up His life for us. Walk with Him today so that we may rejoice with Him on the last day. We will also be following our annual directed giving campaign to offer up food and other things needful for those in our local community.

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## Thank You Church Journeys

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Donna Hanson Munafo had a vision several years ago to visit a different "church" each Sunday morning

and then share her experiences. After each visit she posts her impressions and thoughts to her website at [www.churchjourneyblog.com](http://www.churchjourneyblog.com). Donna's passion and purpose is to edify and encourage area churches, help bring unity to the Body of Christ and give insight to those who have never been to a particular "church."

Donna wrote a beautiful reflection based on her visit with us on Sunday, February 19th. See <https://churchjourneyblog.com/2017/02/24/holy-name-of-jesus-schenectady-ny-february-19-2017/>.

Thank you for visiting our parish and for your beautiful work and commitment to the entire Body of Christ.

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## Lenten Retreat

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Lenten Retreats in parishes and Seniorates all over the country and Canada are scheduled for this season. The retreats are only one of eight initiatives set forward by our



last national Synod for "each and every parishioner to play a role in bringing about a renewed and active spiritual life in the parishes and in the entire Church" Our

Mohawk Valley Seniorate will conduct its Lenten Retreat **on Saturday, April 1st at Holy Spirit Parish in Little Falls starting at 10am.** We will arrange for car-pooling. Please let Fr. Jim or Larry know if you are going so we can give counts for breakfast and lunch. There is no charge for this spiritual exercise

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## **Please Help Basket Social - May 7th**

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It is time to get ready for our annual basket social to be held Sunday, May 7th **at the Rotterdam Senior**



B is for Basket

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**Citizens Center.** We really need your help to make this year's Social a success. Can you donate a basket, or two,

or three? They don't have to be huge - anything will do. Through your love and charity we are able to touch the lives of others and maintain a vibrant faith community. Need ideas - check out Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/cm1953/basket-party-ideas/>

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## **Outrageous Valentine's Raffle Winners!!!**

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Congratulations to all who have won in our Outrageous Valentine's Raffle so far. The official winners list will be published in the next newsletter.

Thank you to those who re-donated their winnings as a special blessing. We have raised nearly \$2,700 for our youth programs.

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## *Easter Food Orders*

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Stephanie will once again be selling various foods for Easter and you can join in the fun too by making golumbki at church on Friday, April 14th from 9am. You can also join Stephanie at home to make pierogi. To join in or to place orders please call Stephanie at 518-369-1346 or E-mail her at [sdominy@nycap.rr.com](mailto:sdominy@nycap.rr.com). Orders are being taken from March 1st -April 7th. Pick up is on Saturday, April 15th from 10-am-1 pm unless other arrangements are made. Golumbki are \$27/dozen, \$15/half-dozen, \$3 each. Pierogis are \$8/dozen, \$4.50/half-dozen and are available in potato, onion & cheese, sauerkraut, onion & bacon, and plain cheese. Easter breads or babka are \$9 each

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## **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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### Birthdays

9 Rebecca Kopec, Marianna Zemken  
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, Matthew Zembrzuski  
23 Erin Pross  
24 Amber Houser  
26 Elizabeth Battaglia, Nylyse Rios, Sarah Limmer  
27 Skyler Dee  
28 Frances Pawlowski, Lilianna Kalnaus  
30 Susan Malinowski

Wishing you all many years!

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## **Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję, Āčiū, Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie!**

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To all who attended our annual meeting. You honor the sacrifice of our ancestors who built this democratic model of Church and keep their hope alive by your participation.

Congratulations to all those elected to parish offices and our special thanks to those who served in any way over the past year. A special thank you to Bob, Stephanie, and Joanne for preparing a wonderful breakfast that day.

Thank you for your Souper Bowl Sunday generosity. \$91 was

collected and donated locally.

Thank you 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!!!

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## **Year of Commitment**

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2017 has been designated as the 'Year of Commitment' in our Holy Church. We are focusing on how committed we are spiritually, financially, vocationally, in prayer, in loving, to family, and to thankfulness.

For the month of March we are to recall and renew our commitment to our particular Church, the Holy Polish National Catholic Church. The Church is indeed our Mother. It helped in raising us, in providing us God's many graces, in giving us a voice and vote in the management of the Church. The Church respected us enough to fully recognize our dignity as God's people. The Church speaks to us plainly of God's promise and leads

us to doing all necessary to live as Jesus commanded. It does all of this out of love.

Our Holy Mother, the Church, calls out to us. I love you and I desire your presence, your involvement in My life. Best of all what I have is supernatural and eternal. I have God's promise that those who are faithful will be victorious with Him.

*They will go to war against the Lamb. The Lamb will conquer them because he is Lord of lords and King of kings. Those who are called, chosen, and faithful are with Him.*

We are privileged in that the Solemnity of the Institution of our Holy Church (this year on March 12th) always occurs during Lent. It gives us the opportunity to return, to renew, and to begin rebuilding the Body of Christ. This year commit to returning to your Holy Mother - the Church. Hear the music of the Prophet Joel - proclaimed on Ash Wednesday - *"return to me with all your heart."* Be part of Her life, do not fear, and enjoy the many gifts you will receive.

Also, during this month, let us resolve to pray for the repose of all those who helped to establish, support, and build up the Church.

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### **Directed Giving for Lent:**

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Ash Wednesday Week, Mar. 1-4, LET'S DO LUNCH Tuna and Mayonnaise, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Soup and Crackers.

1st Week of Lent, Mar. 5-11,

FEELING FRUITY Canned Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple or Applesauce, 100% Juice in Cans.

2nd Week of Lent, Mar. 12-18, VEGGIE MANIA Canned Corn, Canned Peas, Canned Beans, Canned Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes.

3rd Week of Lent, Mar. 19-25, 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. 26-Apr. 1, SCHOOL NEEDS Pencils and Pens, Folders and Notebooks, Crayons, Tape and Elmer's Glue.

Passion Week, Apr. 2-8, BABY MAKES THREE Disposable Diapers, Baby Wipes, Liquid Formula, Jars of Baby Food.

Holy Week, Apr. 9-15, SPECIAL NEEDS DIET Low Sodium Soups, Canned Fruit in Juices (not in syrup), Canned Tuna in Water, Low Sodium Crackers, Natural Applesauce.

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### **SOCL News and Confirmation**

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Be sure to bring your children for School of Christian living classes. Our youngest ones have story time and we are continuing a First Communion and Confirmation class. Classes are available for adults who have not yet made their confirmation. To make one's confirmation, a student must be at

least 14 years old and of sufficient maturity to grasp the adult commitment needed.

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## Women's Inspirational Conference

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Hope for a Woman's Heart is a group of women with a strong faith in God who host fun and uplifting events for women and older teenage girls. Hope for a Woman's Heart designs each event to feature a blend of beautiful music and dance, entertaining and informative special features plus lots of laughter, good food and to top it off....shopping from area vendors. The highlight at each event is hearing two women share their personal "real life" stories and the challenges they have experienced and how their faith in God helped them through it. Their mission statement is "Real women touching the lives of Real women with hope through the love of Christ."

The annual women's inspirational conference: *It Is Well With My Soul... Mind & Body* will be held on Saturday, April 29th from 8:30am - 2:30pm at the Great Escape Lodge,

89 Six Flags Drive, Queensbury. Lunch is included. Tickets are \$35 per person. tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.h4awh.com> or by mail to Katrina Spahn, 12 Hillcrest Ave, Queensbury, NY 12804. The deadline to buy tickets is April 26th. Call Katrina at 518-744-8117 with any questions.

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### Planning For:

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- **Every Friday in Lent - Stations of the Cross at 7pm**
- Mar. 1: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at 7pm.
- Mar. 4: Commemoration of St. Casimir.
- Mar. 5: 1st Sunday of Lent. **Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- Mar. 12: Solemnity of the institution of the PNCC. **Holy Mass at 9:30am only**, Breakfast, Annual Budget Meeting. Daylight Savings Time Begins.
- Mar. 19: 3rd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- Mar. 20: Solemnity - St. Joseph (translated). Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.
- Mar. 26: 4th Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. free Lunch on Sunday.
- Apr. 1: Seniorate Lenten Retreat, Holy Spirit Parish in Little Falls starting at 10am. Commemoration of the Birth of Bishop Hodur.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 Ash Wednesday – Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at 7pm. 1	2	 Stations of the Cross at 7pm 3	Commemoration of St. Casimir 4
5 1st Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 11:30am <b>ONLY</b> . Lector: Marilyn Hietala.	6	7	 8	9	 Stations of the Cross at 7pm 10	11
12 <b>Solemnity of the                      Institution.</b> Holy Mass at 9:30am <b>ONLY</b> . Lector: Derek Westcott. Breakfast and Annual Budget Meeting. <b>REMINDER: Day Light                      Savings Starts.</b>	13	14	 15	16	 Stations of the Cross at 7pm 17	18
19 3rd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil and Claudia Bertasso	20 Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. (trans.) Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meets	21	 22	23	 Stations of the Cross at 7pm 24	25 Solemnity – Annunciation of the B.V.M.
26 4th Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Daniel Dianne and Claudia Bertasso	27	28	 29	30	 Stations of the Cross at 7pm 31	