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# NEWSLETTER

## MAY

# 2012



*Holy Mary, mother of God  
pray for us!*

### **Mary's right role**

*But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption. (Galatians 4:4-5)*

During the month of May the Church pauses to reflect on the role of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her role as the mother of God and as our holy mother.

Throughout history the Church has had to reflect on the right role of Mary and our relationship with her. This is only right since the people have too often misunderstood her role.

Some have chosen to over emphasize Mary's role, over exaggerating her part in the history of salvation or believing somehow that God sends Mary to us over and over in the form of apparitions and appearances. Others completely

write-off the role of Mary attempting to downplay her part in the history of salvation.

The Church teaches that we must venerate Mary as the Virgin Mother of God. She is the chosen vessel who accepted the word of God in faith, humility and obedience through which God entered the world. We should follow her example in accepting God into our lives so we may bring God to others as she did.

We do not recognize the recent dogmas of an immaculate conception and bodily assumption of the Mother of God.

We are also called upon to venerate Mary's role as intercessor for us before God. This is her special role because of her outstanding place in the work of salvation. So this May let us call upon Mary to continue in her prayer and intercession for us knowing that God will listen to her prayer for us.

## Milestones to Celebrate:

### Birthdays

1 Kimberly  
DonVito, Roni  
Bylina, Mary  
Tate  
2 Eileen Kupiec  
9 Melissa  
Morrison  
12 James DeMidio  
15 Irene Borowski  
16 Loryn DonVito  
18 John White IV  
19 Brenda Boyland  
22 Cameron Goehrig  
23 Louise James  
24 Marilyn Heitala, Angie Bray  
25 Karoline Trela, Jack Hamilton  
26 Karen Maliszewski  
27 Jayson Caden  
28 Marianne Węglinski  
30 Leonard Ordon

i thank  
the Lord  
for you.  
happy  
birthday!

### Anniversaries

22 Kenneth & Jennifer Brown  
31 Wendy & Christopher Brook

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 were so very  
generous and worked for the  
success of our basket social as well  
as all who attended in support of  
our parish and its work. God bless  
you and reward you! Bóg zapłać!

To the members of our Parish  
Committee for their hard work and

the way they engaged in democratic  
debate with love and charity even if  
there are differences of opinion - a  
true tribute to our founding  
principals.

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!!!

### **Poetry for the Month**

Without a chapel by Fr. Jan  
Twardowski

*It is such a Holy Mother  
Who does not have a chapel  
She cannot stay at one place  
Went through Katyn  
Walked through despair  
Meeting the unfaithful  
Not crying  
Understanding.*

Translated by Danuta  
Romanowska



*Jest taka Matka Boska  
co nie ma kaplicy  
na jednym miejscu  
pozostać nie umie  
przeszła przez Katyń  
chodzi po rozpacz  
spotyka niewierzących  
nie płacze  
rozumie*

### **67th Annual PNCC Bowling Tournament - Be there**

The 67th Annual PNCC Bowling

Tournament, which we are hosting, is not too far off.

If you wish to bowl, have children who would like to bowl (for free at the children's event), or want to join in fellowship with members of the PNCC from across the country, sign-up forms are available from Deacon Jim or online at [www.ymsrbowl.org](http://www.ymsrbowl.org).

This wonderful event is a real opportunity to show the life and energy of our parish. We are not only a blessing to our local community and each other, but to the whole Church.

We also ask for your assistance in manning the registration table, providing assistance at the banquet (sign-ins), and other needed areas.

### **A Mothers' Day Prayer**

We thank you, Creator of us all, for our mothers.

We thank you that she gave us life and nurtured us all those years. She gave us our faith, helping us to know you and to know Jesus and His ways. She taught us how to love and how to sacrifice for others. She taught us that it was okay to cry and that we should always tell the truth.

Bless her with the graces she needs and which you want to give her today. Help her to feel precious in Your eyes today and to know that we love her. Give her strength and courage, compassion and peace.

Bless her this day with your love.

### **SOCL News and Confirmation**

We have a wonderful group of students who have begun preparations for their confirmation. Class remains open to others 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.

We also have class time available for younger students.

### **Everyone is a student**

Classes are not just for the teen/pre-teen crowd. If you are an adult who has questions of faith, or have not made their first communion or confirmation, please see Deacon Jim. We will work together to assist you in your spiritual journey.

### **Healing Service**

We are investigating offering an occasional healing service in our parish. The service would include prayer, the laying on of hands, and anointing of the sick. Stay tuned for details in our weekly bulletin.

### **Planning For:**

- May 5th: Diocesan ANS Convention
- May 6: 5th Sunday of Easter
- May 10: Martyrdom of Bishop Padewski
- May 13: 6th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day and May Crowning
- May 17: Solemnity of the

Ascension, Solemn Vespers at 7pm

- May 18-20: 67th Annual YMSofR Bowling Tournament, Schenectady
- May 20: 7th Sunday of Easter, **Holy Mass at 10am.** Breakfast to follow.
- May 23: Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola
- May 27: Pentecost Sunday
- May 28: Memorial Day - service at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting)

### **2012 Serendipity Calendar**

Sign-ups continue for 2012. Reserve your numbers -- there have been several winners so far, some winning multiple times. Get your lucky numbers. The cost for each number chance is \$20.

### **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 Branch 56, 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.

### **Bishop Joseph Padewski and the martyrs of our Holy Church**

*Bishop Joseph, pastor and shepherd of our Holy Church, and martyr for the faith, pray for us.*

Bishop Padewski was born February 18, 1894 in Antoniów, a small farming village near Radom in Poland. He emigrated to the United States in 1913 and moved to Detroit, Michigan. In Detroit he came into contact with the Polish National Catholic Church. In 1916 he entered the PNCC Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood on December 16, 1919 by Prime Bishop Francis Hodur. He celebrated his first mass at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Plymouth, Pennsylvania.

In 1931 Father Padewski was sent to Poland as part of the PNCC mission of evangelization in Poland and to work on consolidating the structures of the PNCC (PNKK) in Poland. He was appointed assistant to Bishop Leon Grochowski.

In January 1933 at a meeting of the Supreme Council of the PNCC in Poland attended by Bishop Hodur, Father Padewski was appointed administrator of the PNCC in Poland. At the Second Synod of the PNCC in Poland in April 1935 Father Padewski was elected Bishop. Father Padewski was elevated to the Episcopacy on August 26, 1936 in Scranton.

Before the Second World War the PNCC had 100,000 members, 52 parishes, 12 affiliate churches, and 52 priests in Poland.

On September 1, 1939 Nazi

Germany invaded Poland from the west and the Soviet Union invaded from the east. The losses to Poland and to the Church in Poland during the Nazi German and Soviet occupation were devastating. Over 6 million Poles died including 3 million Polish citizens of the Jewish faith. Many priests were sent to concentration camps. In all, 28% of PNCC priests were martyred.

In part, Bishop Padewski was able to save the church from complete liquidation by bringing the church under the control of the Old Catholic Church's Bishop in Bonn, Erwin Kreuzer.

In 1942 Bishop Padewski was arrested by the Nazis and was held at the Montelupich prison in Krakow. He was then transferred to the Tittmoning POW Camp in Germany where he was held for 18 months. Through the intervention of the Red Cross he was freed and returned to the United States in March 1944.

Between 1944 and 1946 Bishop Padewski served as pastor of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa Church in Albany, New York.

Bishop Padewski returned to Poland on February 20, 1946 to resume his duties as Bishop of the Polish branch of the PNCC. He worked tirelessly to serve the needs of his flock and all Poles who had been devastated by the war.

Shortly after his return, the Soviet Union completed its takeover of Poland and asserted Communist control. In this atmosphere of

Stalinist terror, Bishop Padewski was arrested by the Communist Secret Police (UB) in Warsaw and was held at their prison on Rakowieckiej Street.

Bishop Padewski was martyred, dying on May 10, 1951 as a result of Secret Police questioning and maltreatment.

### **Ascension of the Lord**

Thursday, May 17th is the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord, a holy day of obligation. We will hold solemn vespers at 7pm that evening, also welcoming those arriving for the 67th Annual PNCC Bowling Tournament. We expect several guests will be worshipping with us.

In His last physical manifestation on earth Jesus gave clear instructions to his disciples. They were first to return to Jerusalem to await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Then, they were to go out into the world with the commission to teach, sanctify, and rule in His name.

Jesus gave us several gifts that day. The first was the promise that we were destined to enter heaven. The second was that we would never be alone or without Him; that we would not be orphans. The third was that we would see Him come again at the end of time to judge the living and the dead.

Jesus lives with us in the power of the Holy Spirit alive in His Holy Church. In the community of faith we fully participate in His promises.

## **The Polish National Union offers You...**

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Premiums are paid for twenty years. Options at maturity consist of cash; cash and face amount of policy for life; or no cash but increased amount of insurance.

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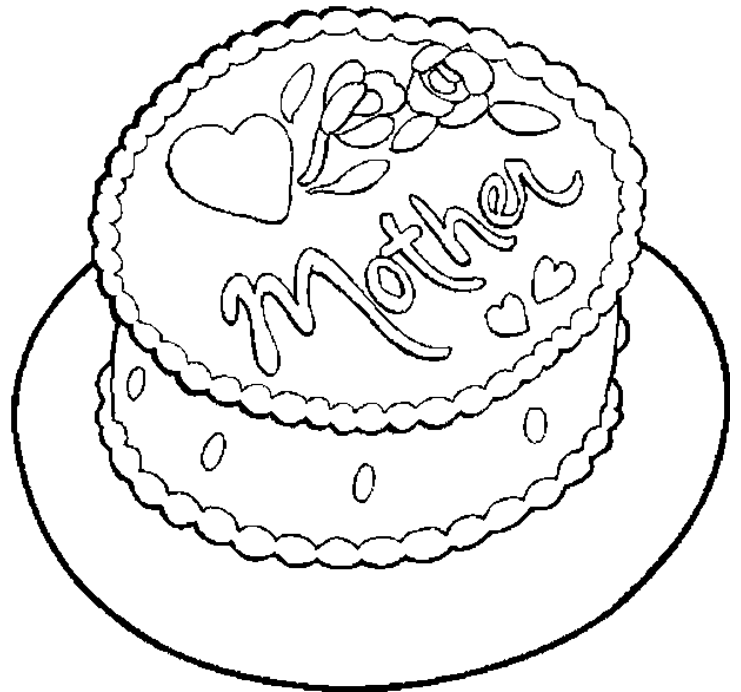
A way to put money away for the future while deferring the tax burden until the time of collecting the annuity payments.

The PNU is licensed to offer its insurance programs in the states of Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island.

For more information on any of these policies, or if you have any questions that deacon Jim or call

the offices of the Polish National Union of America toll-free at 800-724-6352

### **Color me for mom**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles	2	3 Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross Polish Constitution Day	4	5 Diocesan ANS Convention
6 5th Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala Parish Committee Meets Memorial Holy Mass - PACC	7	8	9	10 Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski	11	12
13 6th Sunday of Easter – Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil Parish Committee Meets	14	15	16	17 Solemnity if the Ascension Solemn Vespers at 7pm	18 67th Annual PNCC Bowling Tournament	19 67th Annual PNCC Bowling Tournament
20 7th Sunday of Easter – <b>Holy Mass, 10am</b> Lector: Claudia Bertasso Parish Committee Meets	21	22	23 Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola	24	25	26
27 Pentecost Sunday - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala	28	29	30	31		

## EVENTS

### Bowling Tournament, May 18-20

Invite family, friends, and neighbors.

### June Upcoming

- Sacred Vocations Month
- 3rd – Solemnity of the Holy Trinity
- 7th – Corpus Christi
- 11th – Feast, St. Barnabas
- 15th – Solemnity, Sacred Heart
- 25th – Solemnity, St. John the Baptist (translated)
- 29th – Feast, Ss. Peter & Paul