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NEWSLETTER

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"IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY
COMMANDMENTS."

The scripture above is from the Gospel according to St. John, chapter 14. The 14th chapter of St. John's consists of these key points: Verse 1: Jesus comforts his disciples with the hope of heaven. Verse 5: He professes Himself the way, the truth, and the life, and one with the Father. Verse 13: He assures that their prayers to be effectual. Verse 15: He requires obedience. Verse 16: He promises the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. Verse 27: He leaves His peace, eternal peace, with them.

Two weeks after reading this Gospel, on June 8th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit. Assembled in the upper room are those who were comforted by Jesus; who believed in Him as the way, truth, and life - One with the Father. They are the ones who believe and whose prayers will be heard. They are there because each and every one of them is being obedient to His commands. They are there to receive the Comforter and they will go on to live all but

seemingly peaceful lives with great peace and assurance.

In the upper room are the entirety of Jesus' followers: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas the son of James, the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus with his brothers.

During the month of May we are called to reflect on the life of Mary and how she models the very attributes Jesus calls all of us, His disciples, to model. She was there and we must follow her example and seek her intercession so we live with full knowledge that Jesus comforts us when we are afraid or regret our failings; recognizing Him as the only way, truth, and life - one with the Father. That we must walk in faith and that our prayers are heard and answered. That we must learn obedience even when it is not easy. That we must rely on the gift of the Spirit so our lives will be peaceable now - despite trials - and forever.

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE
SPECIAL NOTE
KEY NEWS**

Deacon Jim will be away from the parish on May 18th, June 8th and 15th.

On May 18th Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 11am

On June 8th and 15th Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Rafał Dadełło at 9am.

Join us for the 50 days of Easter

We so look forward to seeing you as we continue to celebrate the Easter season that began April 20th and continues through June 8th (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in Jesus' resurrection along with His apostles, your Holy Church, and your family in faith.

Ś+P Jane



Our beloved sister, śp. Jane Kopec was born to eternal life on Tuesday of Bright Week, April 22nd. We extend our deepest sympathies to Linda and Denny and their entire families, and Deborah and her family. Jane left the world and our parish a brighter place. She was a blessing to all of us. Her

physical presence will be greatly missed, but we know that she remains with us as part of our Church in heaven.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord. And may the perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Soup on Sunday

Our next Soup on Sunday event is Sunday, May 18th at 11:30am. We offer free soup and more for anyone in need - whether its warmth, food, friendship, or just some company. Please help spread the word. Grab a flyer and post it in local markets and shops. Tell your friends.

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!!!

Basket Social Thank You

Our ever popular Basket Social with 104 baskets was a great success. Thank you to 170 friends who filled our hearts with joy through their presence. We raised over \$6,800 for our work. Your generosity and hard work, and creativity made this all possible!

Our thanks to all who worked so hard to make the day a success with their donations of time, baskets, and great food! A special thank you to Donna Panfil and all who assisted her in getting

everything ready – Larry, Liz, Marilyn, and Shirley. A special thank you to Marianne and all who assisted her in preparing the best Polish food in the Capital Region.

God bless you all!!!!!!!

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 Hietala, 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

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

God bless you!

To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, abstain, who joined and contributed to the liturgies of Holy Week and the joy of Easter, engaged

in acts of charity donating 406 pounds of food to Schenectady Inner City Ministries, an increase of 44 pounds over the prior year.

Thank you too to the ecumenical community of Mont Pleasant. The first ever

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thank you

Mont Pleasant Cross-walk was a remarkable and wonderful experience of Christian witness. We visited 5 Churches, prayed

together, and have started on the path to a wider witness that will heal and build up our community. God bless you!

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and to Ed Bertasso and all who have contributed to coffee hours and the ministry of hospitality.

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

Landscaping and vandalism

We began our landscaping project and our contractor, Ken, did a beautiful job removing old plantings and installing new ones. That very day, Friday, April 25th the work was vandalized. Let us not react with a heart of vengeance, but rather forgive our trespassers as the Lord taught us to both pray and DO. The work was re-done and we pray

that the Lord envelop us in His protection. Let us too find a way to fix the problems and pressures area young people face that caused this.

The Church Fathers

From Justin Martyr, Dialogue with Trypho, Chapter 100

He became man by the Virgin, in order that the disobedience which proceeded from the serpent might receive its destruction in the same manner in which it derived its origin. For Eve, who was a virgin and undefiled, having conceived the



word of the serpent, brought forth disobedience and death. But the Virgin Mary received faith and joy, when the angel Gabriel announced the good tidings to her that the Spirit of the Lord would come upon her, and the power of the Highest would overshadow her: wherefore also the Holy Thing begotten of her is the Son of God; and she replied, 'Be it unto me according to your word.' And by her has He been born, to whom we have proved so many Scriptures refer, and by whom God destroys both the serpent and those angels and men who are like him; but works deliverance from death to those who repent of their wickedness and believe upon Him.

EVENTS GALORE IN MAY

Mission & Evangelism Conference

The 14th Annual Mission & Evangelism Workshop with the theme OUR FAITH THROUGH THE YEARS will take place at Our Saviour Parish in Woonsocket, Rhode Island from Friday, May 2nd through Sunday, May 4th.. Please pray for all who are traveling and for a spirit of evangelism in our Holy Church. May we work diligently to make Jesus' saving action know and real among our families, friends, co-workers, and community. For more information see the PNCC website at <http://www.pncc.org/>

Mother's Day

During Mary's month of May, the nation celebrates Mother's Day and so do we as Church. The crowning of the statue of the Blessed Virgin along with special prayers offered for our mothers living and deceased will be held on Sunday, May 11th. We will also have a special breakfast for moms, grandmothers, godmothers, and those special women in our lives that morning. Please start that day in church in prayer as a special thanksgiving for mom.

Memorial Day

The Holy Church joins the nation in the solemn remembrance of Memorial Day. We will gather for a service at our parish cemetery (or in our parish church in the case of

inclement weather) on Monday, May 26th at 10am. In doing so we pray for all of those who have died in combat defending our nation and all of our veterans who have also been called to their eternal rest.

Solemnity of the Ascension

The church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension on the 40th day after Easter as is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Why is this day important to us? It isn't only that Jesus is returning to His rightful place of honor in heaven. Rather it shows us that Jesus, who emptied Himself and came as a man, who lived, ate, laughed, cried, suffered, and died as a man, Whose human body was glorified in the resurrection also ascended in that glorified body into heaven. This is our assurance that we too will rise and live in heaven eternally with Him in our glorified bodies. The parish will hold Solemn Vespers on Thursday, May 29th at 7pm in celebration of the Solemnity.

Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr



On Saturday, May 10th, we commemorate the 63rd anniversary of Bishop Joseph Padewski.

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 killed.

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 Swiss 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.

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 died on May 10,

1951 as a result of secret police questioning and maltreatment.

Bishop Padewski, martyr for the faith, pray for us.

Planning For:

- May 1: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles
- May 2-4: 14th Annual Mission & Evangelism Conference, Woonsocket, RI
- May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross/Holy Mother - Queen of Poland/Polish Constitution Day
- May 4: 3rd Sunday of Easter
- May 10: 63rd Anniversary, Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski
- May 11: Good Shepherd Sunday, Crowning of the B.V.M., Mother's Day, Mother's Day Breakfast
- May 18: 5th Sunday of Easter. **Holy Mass at 11am**, Free Lunch on Sunday
- May 23: Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola
- May 25: 6th Sunday of Easter
- May 26: Memorial Day - service at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am
- May 29: Solemnity of the Ascension, Solemn Vespers at 7pm
- June 1: 7th Sunday of Easter
- June 6-8: 69th Annual PNCC-YMSofR Bowling Tournament in Sterling heights, MI

- June 8: Pentecost Sunday. **Holy Mass at 9am**

Summer Events

Planning is underway for the summer events including the:

- KURS (July 4-July 11) at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA. This year's theme: Miracles!



- CONVO 2014: 2014 National Youth Convocation "In the beginning..." will take place from July 21st through 25th at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio.
- The annual YMSofR Zlot/Track and Field Tournament in Scranton, PA.

See Deacon Jim and sign-up to go. These are great events!!!

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.

Need Rental Space?

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

Mother's Day



On May 11th we honor all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and those special women in our lives that exemplify the goodness of motherhood in our lives.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is referred to as the *Theotokos*, Greek for "God bearer." In the English speaking world of today, we speak of Mary as the "Mother of God." Mary's acceptance of the gift of motherhood was necessary for our salvation. So too the good Christian mothers of the world bear God to us and bring us to Him through their

example, teaching, and love. They cooperate with our Lord to lead us to faith in our Savior.

Let us pray for God's blessing on our mothers who are with us and for the eternal rest of those who have been born into eternal life.

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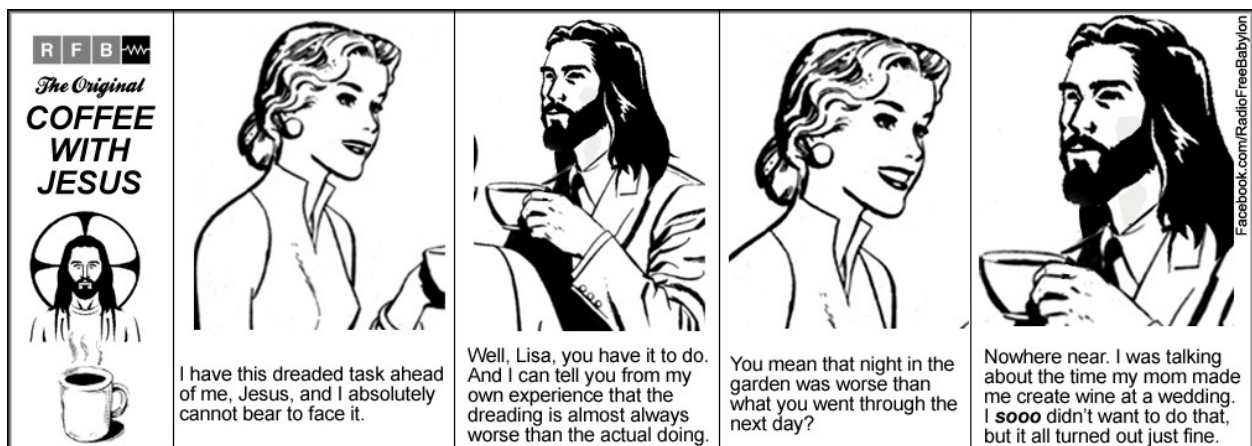
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For more information on any of these policies, or if you have any questions that deacon Jim or call the offices of the Polish National Union of America toll-free at 800-724-6352



May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles	2 Mission & Evangelism Workshop	3 Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross Polish Constitution Day Mission & Evangelism Workshop
4 3rd Sunday of Easter – Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil Memorial Holy Mass – PACC, 4pm	5	6	7	8	9	10 Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski
11 Good Shepherd Sunday – Service of Worship and Holy Communion, May Crowning 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala Mother's Day Breakfast	12	13	14	15 Armed Forces Day	16	17
18 5th Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass, 11am Lector: Claudia Bertasso Parish Committee Meets Free Lunch on Sunday	19	20	21	22	23 Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola	24
25 6th Sunday of Easter - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil	26 Memorial Day - service at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am	27	28	29 Solemnity of the Ascension Solemn Vespers at 7pm	30	31

EVENTS

June Upcoming

- Sacred Vocations Month
- Bowling Tournament

- Pentecost
- Trinity Sunday
- Corpus Christi

- June 8th and 15th Holy Mass at 9am