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*To know the love of Christ
that you may be filled with all the fulness of God.*

Not religion, relationship

A young Christian wrote: *The thought of having a relationship with Jesus brings to mind such things as love, care, concern, intimate exchange, support, and unfailing and never-ending commitment to another who endeavors to do the same. In order to have a relationship they first have to be a real person and they also need to be a person with whom one can relate; a person who can empathize, understand, and participate in life and all of life's joys and sorrows as well as its triumphs, trials, and tragedies. In saying that I "have a relationship with Jesus," I am communicating that I understand and believe him to be a real and living person. I am also communicating that I understand him to be a person who likewise desires to have a relationship with me. He is one who completely understands me and one who is*

with me daily. Perhaps the best thing that could be said about my understanding of "having a relationship with Jesus" is that although my commitment to him may at times waver, his commitment to me is unchanging and unfailing. To have a relationship with Jesus is something that continues and in fact is enriched even beyond the grave. It is a relationship that is eternal and therefore, infinitely fulfilling.

Sunday, September 16th is Back to Church Sunday. Jesus is calling you, not to come to church to just practice religion, but to enter into a deep and personal relationship with Him. He is asking you to come back, to live in a community of people who are also in relationship with Him. He wants us to do amazing things together with Him. Come back - find out what a deep and personal relationship with Jesus can do for you in our community.

What we can do - with your help

If church were just about religious practice it would not be carrying out Jesus' plan for us. He didn't want a bunch of clerics and practitioners - but a community founded on faith that lives as one body, His body; as a people in a loving and active relationship with Him and each other.

To live as the body of Christ, the Church, we must be open with our hearts and our hands. To do that, we need you. We need you to help us feed the hungry, clothe the naked, teach the young, comfort the sick and dying, and do so much more.

Jesus calls us to be brother and sister to the community, and live lives that reflect the loving relationship we have with Him.

Ready to help, ready to find out more? Join with us as we live out our relationship with Jesus.

Back to Church Sunday

Come check it out, Sunday, September 16th. Its not about being a member of a religion - its about a relationship - with Jesus and the family of faith. Been away a while, in the spiritual doldrums? Here's a chance to reconnect, build that relationship, and to invite others to do so too. Did you know that 82% of the unchurched are at least somewhat likely to attend church if invited. We invite you! In turn, invite someone. We can and

will do wonderful things together - at our little church.

Take note: Changes in our Weekly Church Service Schedule

On every first Sunday of the month, we will have a Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am and Holy Mass at 11am. We strongly encourage attendance at 11am Holy Mass on the first Sunday of the month if it is at all possible for you. Holy Mass is the central act of worship for Christians. In it we receive the three key sacraments so necessary for salvation, Penance, the Word, and the Holy Eucharist.

On all other Sundays we will continue to hold a Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 9:30am.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

1 Joan Kaminski
3 Cindy Houser, Melissa Horton, Chris Zostant, Eric Esner
12 Robbie Heins
15 Beverly Limmer
16 JoAnne Houser
24 Lynn Maliszewski
26 Edward Panfil, Donna Panfil, Nicholas DeMidio, Chad Smith
28 Angela Jorczak

Anniversaries

3 Robert & Stephanie Dominy
4 Jason & Christine Lennon
Thomas & Kathleen Caulfield
21 Timothy & Christine DeCocco

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 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 Ed Bertasso for his ministry of hospitality.

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

God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać! Grazie mille! Thank you!!!

Coffee Hours resume

Coffee hours will resume with a special breakfast on Back to Church Sunday, September 16th. Come and share worship and a great breakfast feast with us.

Poetry for the Month

Let Brotherly Love Continue by Zhou Gong

*The masses of cherry blossom
Are gleaming—"a gorgeous show.
And the wagtail upon the hillside
Is hurrying to and fro.*

*There are no men equal to brothers.
When troubles and cares invade,
Friends sigh to show their
compassion,
But offer no further aid.*

*In the dreaded moments of
mourning
Your brothers will share your pain ;
Should you fly from your home an*

*outcast,
Will bring you back safe again.*

*Though quarrels within the
household
Arise to disturb our peace ;
Let insult from outside threaten,
We unite, and all discords cease.*

*In the days of rest and enjoyment,
—"*

*With disorder and death at end,—"
(Though fools deny it) a brother
Surpasses the dearest friend.*

*Your board may be spread with
dainties,
Your goblets with wine be crowned,
Yet 'tis only with brothers present
That lasting delight is found.*

*The union of wife and children
Is music made by the lute.
He the concord of brothers added,
This music shall ne'er be mute.*

*Rejoice in your well ruled
household,
Your wife and your children too;
But neglect not the counsel
proffered :
You will find that my words are true.*

From: The book of Chinese poetry:
being the collection of ballads,
sagas, hymns and other pieces
known as The Shih Ching,
Translation by Clement Francis
Romilly Allen

Brotherly Love

Since 1906 our Church has celebrated this unique solemnity.

At the time it was instituted members of our Church we were

confronted with antagonism, vitriol, and outright hatred. Even family and former pastors condemned them to hell. They were spat at and cursed on their way to church. Instead of responding in kind, the delegates of our Church's 1906 Synod voted to establish this feast day to be celebrated annually.

Their focus, and ours to this day, is to always respond as Jesus taught - with love. In our world there is so much animosity and violence, and far too much of it is legitimated by "religion." Our prayers for Brotherly Love are as needed now as they were over a century ago, maybe even more so. Please join together, not just for this special celebration, but to keep the hope of brotherly love alive in our world in what we do for each other and the community around us.

Track meet success!!!

Thank you to Claudia, Adam, and Victoria for their participation in the The 84th Y.M.S. of R. Track and Field Meet on Saturday, September 1st. Deacon Jim and our youth attended, participated in Holy Mass. and marched in the opening parade. Friendships were renewed, we celebrated our faith, shared great food, and engaged in friendly competition. Adam brought home two medals in the running long jump and the 400 meter relay. Victoria brought back four medals in the running long jump, 50 and 100 meter sprints, and the 200 meter relay. Congratulations!!!

Planning For:

- September 1: Track & Field Meet
- September 2: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- September 3: Labor Day
- September 8: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- September 9: Solemnity of Brotherly Love
- September 11: 11th Anniversary Of 9/11/2001
- September 14: Exaltation of the Holy Cross/Consecration of Bishops at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton.
- September 16: Back to Church Sunday - join us.
- September 21: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- September 23: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday
- September 29: Feast - St. Michael the Archangel
- September 30: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Consecration of Bishops

The Bishops elect, the Rev. Bernard Nowicki and the Rev. Stanley Bilinski will be consecrated at St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr Cathedral in Scranton, PA on Friday, September 14th, the Solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. A sizable group of parishioners will be attending to pray with the entire Church on this momentous occasion.

PNUA Meets Your Financial Needs

The PNUA - our Fraternal Insurance Company offers several programs that help to meet your financial planning needs. It is also a great way to build equity for our young people in preparation for college. Programs offered include:

Five, Ten, or Twenty-Pay Life

Covers the insured throughout life. Premium payments end after five, ten, or twenty years. Coverage continues throughout life.

Single Premium Life

Offers the insured full coverage from the time of issue, however only one premium is paid. This premium buys a paid-up certificate for the life of the insured.

Paid-Up at Age 85

Premium payments end at age eighty-five while coverage extends

throughout life.

Twenty-Year Endowment

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.

Tax Deferred Annuities

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

The PNUA also offers a Credit Union for members, college stipends for youth, and support in times of trouble.

For more information on any of these policies, or if you have any questions that are not answered in these pages, you can contact Deacon Jim or call the offices of the Polish National Union of America toll-free at 1-800-724-6352.

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Labor Day and the PNCC

The history and tradition of the Polish National Catholic Church's is the life and history of its people. The documents, hymns, and

writings of the Church, and its civic action all reference its relationship with Labor as it stood by its members.

These references include, from the Hymn of the Polish National Catholic Church:

*Now again He comes from heaven,
Midst the lab'ring, toiling people,
In the form of Bread and God's Word,
To His humble, needful people.
To His humble, needful people.*

The Church's relationship with Labor was based upon the struggles of its members. The Church stood to support them in their fight for freedom, recognition, fair treatment, proper wages, and dignity as citizens and Christians.

The Church, addressed criticism of Bishop Hodur's support for workers and their efforts. From Straz (21 January 1910):

As it was in 1897, so it is today in the year 1910, that Bishop Hodur is a supporter of reform in the civil or the social spirit, he is for the nationalization of the land, of churches, schools, factories, mines and the means of production. He has stated this openly and states it publicly today, he does not hide his sympathies for the workers' movement and he will never hide them, and he considers himself nothing else than a worker in God's Church.

But the bishop is an opponent of erasing religion from the cultural

work of humanity — indeed, Bishop Hodur believes strongly and is convinced that all progress, growth, just and harmonious shaping of human relations must come from a religious foundation, lean on Divine ethics, and then such growth will be permanent and will give humanity happiness.

Bishop Hodur and our Church stood with strikers and those in the Labor movement. He participated in strikes and supported striking workers, and called the PNCC together to respond to the Lattimer Massacre.

Coloring love

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son.

John 3:16



September 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 Track & Field Meet – Scranton, PA |
| 2 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil Holy Mass, 11am Lector: Marilyn Heitala | 3 Labor Day | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Solemnity – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| 9 Solemnity of Brotherly Love Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala Parish Committee Meets | 10 | 11 11th Anniversary Of 9/11/2001 | 12 | 13 | 14 Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Consecration of Bishops at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton. | 15 |
| 16 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala Welcome Breakfast | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist | 22 |
| 23 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Spójnia Sunday, Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Larry Panfil | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Feast - St. Michael the Archangel |
| 30 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am Lector: Marilyn Heitala | | | | | | |

EVENTS

October Upcoming

- 2nd – Guardian Angels
- 4th – St. Francis

- 12th-13th – Diocesan Synod,
Scranton, PA
- 14th – Solemnity – Christian
Family