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A WOMAN OF SAMARIA CAME TO DRAW WATER.
JESUS SAID TO HER, "GIVE ME A DRINK."

Our Gospels throughout Lent carry us through a series of ups and downs.

We begin with Jesus' forty days of fasting and prayer in the desert. He comes out of the experience tired, hungry, and likely longing for companionship. What does He get? Temptation.

The following week Jesus is revealed to His apostles in the glory of the Transfiguration. All is beautiful and pure. Then we meet the Samaritan woman at the well and experience her dialog with Jesus. Her sins come to the surface and Jesus reveals that He is the Messiah Who can give her "living water." Next we meet a blind man. Most blame his blindness on sin. Jesus cures him. We see the doubt and disbelief of the Pharisees. The blind man's parents are afraid and the Pharisees throw him out of the temple. He meets Jesus again and in the midst of the let-downs he's faced he professes his belief in Jesus. *He said, "I do believe, Lord."*

On Passion Sunday Jesus weeps as he comforts Martha and Mary on the death of their brother Lazarus. We see the pain of death and separation, weeping and mourning, and Mary's declaration of faith: *"Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."* Finally we rejoice at the raising of Lazarus.

Returning to the Samaritan woman, Jesus says to her, *"If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."*

Life is filled with ups and downs, pains and joys. Let us use this walk through Lent to strengthen our faith and reliance on Jesus, on His word, on His grace, and on our family in faith. Let us continually ask Him for His living water - water from a well that never runs dry, that we all share in, and that will refresh and sustain us through all of our ups and downs.

Join us for everything Easter

We so look forward to seeing you this Lent as we join together in fellowship as we pray, sacrifice, fast, increase our charity, and forgive.

Passiontide starts April 6th.

April 13th is Palm Sunday.

We will keep you informed as to the times of services during Holy Week. We

reach the highpoint of the year's joy on Easter Sunday, April 20th 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.



"SON OF GOD" THE MOVIE

20th Century Fox announced that Son of God, the film based on History Channel's miniseries The Bible, will open wide in U.S. theaters on Feb. 28, 2014.

The 10-hour miniseries The Bible, which many of us watched last Lent, produced by husband-and-wife

team Mark Burnett and Roma Downey, was a breakout hit for the History Channel. The miniseries averaged 15 million viewers per episode and earned three Emmy nominations.

The big-screen treatment will follow Jesus from his birth through his crucifixion and resurrection.

Portuguese actor Diogo Morgado is starring. The film will feature selections from the miniseries plus additional scenes that were left on the cutting room floor.

"We are very excited to be working with 20th Century Fox to release Son of God as a major motion picture," said Downey and Burnett in a statement. "We responded to an overwhelming demand for the greatest story ever told to be seen as a shared experience on the big screen. The result is a beautiful stand-alone movie. It's the story of Jesus for a whole new generation."

If anyone would like to go see the film "Son of God" together, just let Deacon Jim know. We will set a date and go to the movie.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle Winners!!!

Congratulations to all who won in our Outrageous Valentine's Raffle. At the time of this writing we still have five more winners to draw.

Congratulations so far to: Emma Broking, Stephanie Dominy, M.

Zawistowski (2X), Debra Treadwell, Stephanie Konicki, Darryl DePaula, Tom Supinski, Regina Pollack, Audrey Ventura, Shawn & Tyler Panfil, Sue White, Gary Tatlock, Adam Konicki (grand prize), Stacy Wheelock, Georgette Hannoush (2X), Mary-Alice Lynch, Keith Rayner, Deanna Hannoush, Jen Kukla, Marilyn Heitala, and Michael Dominy.

Thank you to those who re-donated their winnings as a special blessing. We raised about \$1,600 for our youth programs.

Please Help Basket Social - April 6th

It is time to get ready for our annual basket social to be held April 6th. 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/>

Soup on Sunday

Our next Soup on Sunday, featuring

chicken soup, is Sunday, March 16th from 11:30am until 1:30pm.

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.

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!!!

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

9 Rebecca Kopec, Marianna Zemken
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, Matthew Zembrzuski
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

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. We are dedicating this year to the strengthening the "family in faith."

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 and Stephanie

Gracias
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thank you

for preparing a wonderful breakfast that day.

Thank you for your Souper Bowl Sunday generosity. \$221 and 114 pounds of food was collected and donated locally.

Thank you to all who have assisted in the continuing Parish clean up and organizational duties and who supported our community outreach meeting.

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!!!

Need Rental Space?

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

Hymn for the Month

Goodnight
A Traditional Lenten Hymn



This hymn is traditionally sung by the symbolic grave on Good Friday. It is sung from the perspective of Mary and Jesus' other faithful followers. They and we are saying goodbye/goodnight in our sorrow.

Goodnight, holy head of Christ my Savior, Jesus. You were sorely wounded to the very brain, how piteous. So, goodnight, O flow'r of roses; goodnight, Jesus, my beloved, O goodnight. So, goodnight, O beauteous lily, Jesus, Joseph, and Maria, O goodnight.

Goodnight, holy hands so tightly stretched up on the cross; like the strings upon a lute being stretched on this most holy wood. So, goodnight, O flow'r of roses; goodnight, Jesus, my beloved, O goodnight. So, goodnight, O beauteous lily, Jesus, Joseph, and Maria, O goodnight.

Goodnight, holy grave of the body of our sacred Lord, blessed Mary shed such a tears on the grave of Christ, her Son, our Lord. For Thy passion, we endeavor to sing praises, now and ever, Jesus Lord.

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

*Dobranoc głowo święta Jezusa
mojego. Któraś była zraniona do
mózgu samego. Dobranoc Kwiecie
różany, dobranoc Jezu kochany,
dobranoc! Dobranoc śliczna lilija.
Jezus. Józef i Maryja, dobranoc*

*Dobranoc SZYJO święta w łańcuch
uzbrojona. Bądź po wszystkie
wieczności pochwalone. Dobranoc
Kwiecie różany, dobranoc Jezu
kochany, dobranoc! Dobranoc
śliczna lilija, Jezus. Józef i Maryja,
dobranoc*

*Dobranoc grobie święty!
Najświętszego ciała. Który Matka
bolejąca łzami oblewała. Niech Cię
będzie cześć w wieczności za twe
męki zelżywości Mój Jezu Amen.*

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 6th, starting at noon, at the VFW Hall, 1309 Fifth Ave., Schenectady.

We need your help. If you are able, please donate 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
- coffee social
- pretty nails
- coupon clippers
- groovin' to the oldies
- crossword club, puzzles
- candlelight dinner
- avon/mary kay
- pet needs
- bible study
- popcorn party
- reading
- gardening



B is for Basket

Directed Giving for Lent:

Ash Wednesday Week, Mar. 5-8,
LET'S DO LUNCH Tuna and
Mayonnaise, Peanut Butter and
Jelly, Soup and Crackers.

1st Week of Lent, Mar. 9-15,
FEELING FRUITY Canned Peaches,
Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple or
Applesauce, 100% Juice in Cans.

2nd Week of Lent, Mar. 16-22,
VEGGIE MANIA Canned Corn,
Canned Peas, Canned Beans,
Canned Potatoes, Canned Sweet
Potatoes.

3rd Week of Lent, Mar. 23-29,
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. 30-Apr. 5, SCHOOL NEEDS Pencils and Pens, Folders and Notebooks, Crayons, Tape and Elmer's Glue.

Passion Week, Apr. 6-12, BABY MAKES THREE Disposable Diapers, Baby Wipes, Liquid Formula, Jars of Baby Food.

Holy Week, April 13-19, 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

Be sure to bring your children for School of Christian living classes. Our youngest ones have story time, we are starting a First Communion class, and are continuing our Confirmation class. 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.

Planning For:

●Every Friday in Lent - Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm

- Mar. 2: Quinquagesima Sunday, Annual Budget Meeting.
- Mar. 5: Ash Wednesday, Beginning of the Great Lent. **Service at 7:30pm.**

- Mar. 9: 1st Sunday of Lent/ Solemnity of the Institution of the PNCC. Daylight Savings Time begins.
- Mar. 16: 2nd Sunday of Lent, Soup on Sunday
- Mar. 19: Solemnity - St. Joseph
- Mar. 23: 3rd Sunday of Lent
- Mar. 30: 4th Sunday of Lent, **Friend Sunday**
- Apr. 6: Passion Sunday, Basket Social
- Apr. 13: Palm Sunday
- Apr. 15: Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton)
- Apr. 17: Maundy Thursday
- Apr. 18: Good Friday
- Apr. 19: Holy Saturday, Blessing of Easter Baskets
- Apr. 20: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter
- Apr. 27: Low Sunday
- May 2-4: "Our Faith Through the Years," Fourteenth National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Woonsocket, RI
- May 17: 86th Annual Track and Field Meet, Scranton, PA
- 6/6-8 - 69th Annual YMSofR Bowling Tournament, Sterling Heights, MI.

Parish Organizations and Ministries

Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you?

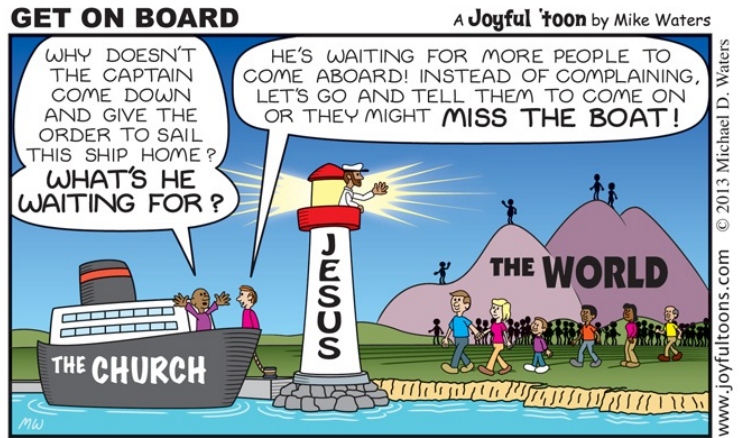
God calls us to work together for the good of our community, in support of each other, and for the needs of the Church. The YMSofR – Men’s Society of the Resurrection, ANS – Women’s Adoration Society, Choir, Parish Committee, and a hopefully reconstituted branch of the PNU (Spójnia) all need your help. We also need altar servers and lectors. Please see Deacon Jim.



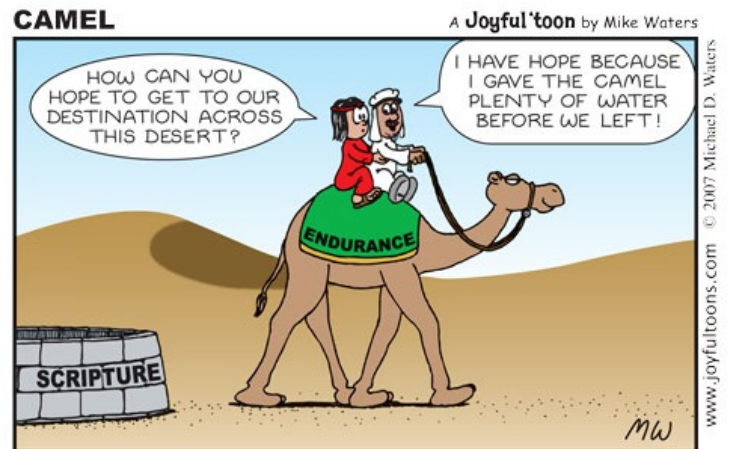
Friend Sunday is March 30th. It is an annual day when churches join together and encourage their members to reach out and invite friends and family to a special service where friendship is honored and encouraged.

You are the most effective means of outreach. Why not honor your special friend and bring them to church with you on March 30th. There you may pray for each other and together receive a special blessing on your friendship. With God involved your friendship will be

blessed in a very special way.



The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.
- 2 PETER 3:9 NIV



For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.
- ROMANS 15:4 NIV

SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5th. On this day we consciously receive ashes on our heads to symbolize penitence, humility and mortality. The ashes we use are the burned remnants of previous Palm Sunday palms.



When the people of Jerusalem realized that Jesus did not come to give them earthly power - but life everlasting (something they refused to grasp) the palms used to

welcome Him turned to the ashen shouts of "Crucify Him!"

The powerful reminder in these ashes calls us into a Lent filled with sacred opportunities to return to a right relationship with Christ, to follow Jesus instead of trying to tell Him what He should do.

Lent is the time to increase our prayer, sacrifice, fasting, charity, and forgiveness.

With this in mind, the parish offers the Lenten Devotion of Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:30pm.

Remember too that the Holy Church asks us to fast and abstain from meat every Wednesday and Friday in Lent and from Holy Wednesday through holy Saturday. This practice helps us to remember Jesus' sacrifice every time we sit down to eat a meal. If we can't give up

something as simple as a ham sandwich, how can we fight heavier temptation? Now is the time to train with the easy stuff (but it seems so hard) so we can better fight the really tough things that try to draw us away from Jesus.

I hope and pray each of us will use these 40 very special days to the greatest possible good.

SOLEMNITY OF THE INSTITUTION

This year the Solemnity of the Institution of the Polish National Catholic Church falls on the First Sunday of Lent.









As such, the First Sunday of Lent takes liturgical precedence and is celebrated.

Nevertheless let us remember and pray on this commemoration of the organization of our Holy Church 117 years ago.



The people gathered in the unfinished church hall of St. Stanislaus Church in Scranton could not know what their courageous efforts might yield 117 years later. Yet, they continued to build on faith that God was for them. Let us honor them and continue to build our parish, our diocese, and our Holy Church with that same faith. God is indeed for us and nothing can stand against us.

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Quinquagesima Sunday - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am, Lector: Larry Panfil Annual Budget Meeting & Breakfast	3	4 Commemoration of St. Casimir	5  Ash Wednesday Service of Worship and Holy Communion with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes at 7:30pm,	6	7  Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	8
9 1st Sunday of Lent Institution of the PNCC - Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am, Lector: Claudia Bertasso Also: Parish Committee	10	11	12 	13	14  Stations of the Cross 7:30pm.	15
16 2nd Sunday of Lent Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am, Lector: Marilyn Heitala	17	18	19  Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.	20	21  Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	22
23 3rd Sunday of Lent Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am, Lector: Larry Panfil	24	25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the B.V.M.	26 	27	28  Stations of the Cross 7:30pm	29
30 4th Sunday of Lent Service of Worship and Holy Communion, 9:30am, Lector: Claudia Bertasso	31					

EVENTS

Lent
Find the living water that refreshes and renews you. Live a life of prayer, charity, sacrifice, and forgiveness.

Basket Social! Only a few weeks left to get those wonderful baskets together for our April 6th event.

April Events:
Basket Social, 4/6
Easter, 4/20