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NEWSLETTER

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AND MARY SAID, "BEHOLD, I AM THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD; LET IT BE TO ME ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD."

The month of May gives us a special opportunity to reflect on motherhood and the mother of Jesus, Mary. In reflecting on our moms and on Mary we are given the chance to rightly understand what God desires from each of us.

Mary said, *"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord..."* This is no small statement. It is a statement of commitment and dedication. Commitment and dedication are one of God's big requirements. He asks us to have faith, to go beyond the here and now and to enter into an eternal relationship with Him.

Artist Martin Creed won the Turner Prize in 2001. The first retrospective exhibition of his work is being held at the Southbank Centre's Hayward Gallery in London, England through May 5th. One of his works is pictured in our newsletter. It is the giant spinning neon word MOTHER. Some interviewers have said that this work reminds us of how small we are in relationship to our mothers. When we were small we looked up to mom. She could do

almost anything from fix our bicycle to making great food, to nursing us through some awful illnesses.

What we learn as we grow up is that mom is not superhuman, but human as well. What really sets her apart is commitment and dedication. That is what should be super-sized to us. As with Mary, the mother of Jesus, our moms' big lesson is commitment and dedication.

We fall into error when we turn Mary or our moms into goddesses, or somehow think they are something so very different from us. If we do, we have an excuse for not living as they have. We should not mythologize Mary and our moms. What we should do is what our Traditional Rite Canon says - "honor above all others the memory of Mary, the glorious Virgin Mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ" and honor too our moms. In doing so we honor the reality - humanity can say yes to God. That is their gift to us. Like they have, let us offer God real commitment and dedication as His servants.

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 5th and continues through May 24th (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in Jesus' resurrection along with His apostles, your Holy Church, and your family in faith.

Mother's Day

♥ God BLESS You Mom! ♥

On May 10th 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.

Basket Social Thank You



Our ever popular Basket Social with 111 baskets was a great success. Thank you to 150+ 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. 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!!!!!!!

God Bless Heather Nicole and Alyson Talia



Please keep Heather Nicole and Alyson Talia Heins in your prayers. Mother and daughter were born into the faith by the waters of

regeneration in Baptism on Sunday, April 12th. May God bless them and their families and cause their faith to grow ever richer.

EVENTS GALORE IN MAY

Holy Mass for Healing

Our first monthly Holy Mass for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, May 18th at 6:15pm. Come join us.

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 and Holy Mass offered for our mothers living and deceased will be held on Sunday, May 10th.

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.

Music Scholarships Applications Due

Please visit www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com to download a copy of the National United Choir's Music Scholarship application. Write to Cathy Bilinski at nucscholarship@gmail.com if you

have any questions. The application deadline is May 15th.

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 14th at 7pm in celebration of the Solemnity.

Memorial Day



The Holy Church joins the nation in the solemn remembrance of Memorial Day. We will gather for Holy Mass service at our parish cemetery (or in our parish church in the case of inclement weather) on Monday, May 25th at 10am for Holy Mass. 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.

70th Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament

The 70th Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament will be held from Friday, May 29th through Sunday, May 31st in Lancaster, NY. If you are interested in going, please see Fr. Jim.



Summer Events

Planning is underway for the summer events including the:

- The Biennial Acolyte Retreat with the theme "Becoming a Modern Day Evangelist" will be held June 23rd through 26th at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA.
- KURS 2015 with the theme "Take A Chance On God" will be held at the at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4- July 11.
- The National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop with the theme "Singing is Believing" will be held from July 22nd through July 24th at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish in Dupont, PA.

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

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

Anniversaries

- 22 Kenneth & Jennifer Brown

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

God bless you!

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To all who prayed, sacrificed, abstained, who joined and contributed to the liturgies of Holy Week and the joy of Easter, engaged in acts of charity donating 344 pounds of food to Schenectady Inner City Ministries.

To the ecumenical community of Mont Pleasant. The second ever

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

ARE YOU WATCHING A.D.?

The series A.D., the Bible Continues is really great. Check out the series on NBC (WNYT locally) on Sundays at 9pm.

Free Lunch on Sunday

Our next Free Lunch on Sunday event is Sunday, May 17th at 11:30am. We will have hot dogs, hamburgers, other picnic fare and more for anyone in need - whether its warmth, food, friendship, or just some company. Please help spread the word. 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!!!

Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr

On Sunday, May 10th, we commemorate the 64th 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 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:

Remember - Holy Mass is held every Sunday at 9:30am and 11:30am

- May 1: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles
- May 3: 5th Sunday of Easter, Polish Constitution Day. JamBerry Party
- May 4: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross (translated)
- May 10: 6th Sunday of Easter, 64th Anniversary, Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski, Mother's Day
- May 14: Solemnity of the Ascension, Solemn Vespers at 7pm
- May 16: Armed Forces Day - honor our service members.
- May 17: 7th Sunday of Easter, Free Lunch on Sunday
- May 18: Healing Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.
- May 23: Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola
- May 24: Pentecost Sunday
- May 25: Memorial Day - Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather

permitting) at 10am

- May 29-31: 70th Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament
 - May 31: Solemnity of the Holy Trinity/Trinity Sunday
 - June 1: Sacred Vocations Month begins - pray for vocations and for those studying for the priesthood and diaconate.
 - June 4: Corpus Christi
 - June 7: Sunday in the Solemnity of Corpus Christi
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What Does Being PNCC Mean?

What does being a member of the National Catholic Church, PNCC mean?

Firstly and primarily it means belonging, having a home where you can express your faith and join in worship, thanksgiving, and petition to God. We carry out the work Jesus left us exactly as He wanted us to do it, in a community.

It means being part of a diverse local, national, and international community of faith where every culture is welcomed and respected - where no one will close their hearts or minds to you.

It means faith that is ancient - one of the last and best manifestations of the pristine Christian faith.

We do not invent new things or follow traditions and practices inconsistent with faith. We do not

need apparitions, made up doctrines that promote political power and control, Jesus with rays shooting out of His body, and other such things. We need no new revelation or message from heaven. Why? Because we already have heaven's message.

Our faith, confidence, and belief is in Jesus - who has carried out His saving work and has left us His Body, Blood, and Gospel, His message, His way for living lives that are just, peaceful, prayerful, dedicated, committed, and evangelizing.

There is no need to borrow saints, steal images and traditions, or feel less Christian than others. In fact, most of those 'borrowed saints' would curse us for being PNCC. Rather, be confident that Jesus is with us and that the Holy Spirit infuses our lives with His gifts.

Our Holy Church is a rich treasury of faith. It has a unique faith culture all-its-own. Rejoice in what we have and who We are.

An early banner in the Church proclaimed "Bóg z nami -- Kto przeciw nam?" This can be translated "God is for us — Who will stand against us?" Those are words of true faith and confidence. Words for us today.

Parish Organizations and Ministries

Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need

you? Ask Fr. Jim how you might help.

Need Rental Space?

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

A Year of Regeneration Update

Christ is Risen. He is Risen Indeed. As we continue in "A Year of Regeneration" for our Holy Church, the Future Direction subcommittee of our Polish National Catholic Church is sending our monthly update to keep us on track with the implementation of the 2015 Action Plan. We welcome those who have requested to be a part of this important work for the building of God's Kingdom.

We have received some great feedback on the many Lenten Retreats that took place. It is wonderful to hear how folks have been inspired and have grown closer to Christ across our entire Church during our Lenten journeys.

Good news from our Clergy Surveys. Many have implemented the commissioning services for installing the 2015 parish committees and welcome packets are in the process of being prepared.

Save the Date: Wednesday – September 9th at 7 pm (EST) we will be having a webinar for our

entire Church that will be led by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky. In the coming months more information about this webinar and our church wide celebration/commemoration of Brotherly Love this September.

If you need any assistance, please reach out to our subcommittee. We are here to help with this important work – email us at FutureDirection@pncc.org should you have any question, concerns or challenges with this plan. Encourage all to add themselves to the Future Direction database.

Feel free to share with our committee your efforts in implementing this action plan. What is working? What is a challenge? Where could you use some additional help?

Please keep this church wide undertaking in your daily prayers –

asking God to bless this work and allow it to bear fruit for the building of His Holy Church. And be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we allow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to work through us.

Wishing you a blessed Easter season and may our Risen Lord guide us always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Supreme Council Future Direction Subcommittee

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AS A MOTHER...

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.

-ISAIAH 66:13 NIV

May 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles	2
3 5th Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso Memorial Holy Mass – PACC, 4pm Polish Constitution Day	4 Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross (trans.)	5	6	7	8	9
10 6th Sunday of Easter, Commemoration of the Holy Martyr and Bishop Joseph Padewski, and Mother's Day – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso, May Crowning at 9:30am Mother's Day Breakfast	11	12	13	14 Solemnity if the Ascension Solemn Vespers at 7pm	15	16 Armed Forces Day
17 7th Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott/Claudia Bertasso, Free Lunch on Sunday	18 Holy Mass and Anointing for Healing at 6:15pm Parish Committee Meets	19	20	21	22	23 Commemoration of Jerome Savonarola
24 Pentecost Sunday – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso,	25 Memorial Day – Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am	26	27	28	29 70th Annual Bowling Tournament – Lancaster, NY	30 70th Annual Bowling Tournament – Lancaster, NY
31 Trinity Sunday – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso,						

EVENTS

June Upcoming

- Sacred Vocations Month

- Corpus Christi and Seniorate Corpus Christi Celebration Sacred Heart
- Father's Day

- Acolyte Retreat
- Clergy Appreciation Month in the PNCC