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NEWSLETTER

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YOU ALSO BECAME IMITATORS OF US AND OF THE LORD, HAVING RECEIVED THE WORD IN MUCH TRIBULATION WITH THE JOY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, SO THAT YOU BECAME AN EXAMPLE TO ALL THE BELIEVERS

On March 4th ISIS operatives in Yemen attacked a refuge for the elderly operated by the Missionaries of Charity. They killed four nuns, two female staff members, eight elderly residents and a guard. They kidnapped Fr. Tom Uzhunnalil. According to some reports, Fr. Tom was crucified on Good Friday.

On Easter, Taliban operatives blew up an amusement park filled with Christian children killing more than 65.

In early 2015 ISIS beheaded twenty-one Christian men on a beach in Libya. Did you know that Coptic Christian men, women, and children are tattooed on the inside on their wrists - a Cross placed there. The reason is that those who would kidnap and attempt to convert them would be unable to remove the Cross without killing them.

The second-century Church Father Tertullian wrote that "the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church," implying that the martyrs' willing

sacrifice of their lives leads to the conversion of others. But why? Furthermore, we just celebrated Easter, why bring all this up? Joy!

Having just celebrated Easter we should have a renewed appreciation for the great joy with which the ancient and modern day martyrs faced the world and their immanent deaths. We should learn from their joy in the face of every challenge. These faithful people stand strong in the Lord. They do not run away when things become uncomfortable. They do not flee when things get edgy. They place their trust in the Lord. They aren't stupid or senseless. They get the message of Easter.

The Easter message is freedom from every stronghold, from every fear, from every dread. There is nothing to be afraid of because what we have cannot be taken away, even by death. In every tribulation let us stand strong and remain joy-filled. The Lord has set us free. No one has power over us, not even death. Nothing is more powerful!

Father Jim's Easter Wishes

My dearest family in Christ,

On behalf of my family, I extend to you every blessing for this Easter and throughout the Easter season. May the resurrected Christ continue to reign in your heart and in your life as you follow Him and adhere to a faith both ancient and new; as you recognize His wonderful gifts, especially the joy we have in Him.

You have blessed me abundantly and I love you with all the joy of the resurrected Christ.

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry,

Jezus zmartwychwstając śmierć pokonał, a cudu tego dla nas - ludzi dokonał, abyśmy z czasowego życia ziemskiego mogli przejść do boskiego życia wiecznego.

Niech Zmartwychwstanie Pańskie, które niesie duchowe odrodzenie, napełni wszystkich spokojem i wiarą, oraz da siłę w pokonywaniu trudności i pozwoli z ufnością patrzeć w przyszłość...

Radosnych i błogostawionych Świąt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego spędzonych w gronie najbliższych życzy.

ks. Jakub i rodziny

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 March

27th and does not conclude until May 15th (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in His resurrection with the apostles, your Holy Church, and your family in faith.

Basket Social

Our ever popular Basket Social with so many baskets is ready to go.



Thank you for your generosity and creativity!!! Thank you to Donna Panfil and all who assisted her in getting everything ready - Larry, Liz, Marilyn, Shirley,

and Marianne. God bless you.

As always, you know the baskets are great when everyone visiting the church hall has dibs on several baskets - 'I'm going to win that one...'

The Basket Social will be held Sunday, April 17th, starting at noon, AT A NEW LOCATION: **The Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St, Schenectady, NY 12303**. Be sure to invite friends and family to attend.

CROSS WALK - OUTSTANDING WITNESS

Our parish participated in the third annual Mont Pleasant Cross Walk on Good Friday. What a tremendous day of worship and praise for all our Lord and Savior did for us on this

holiest of days.

We began at St. Adalbert's R.C. Church at the foot of Crane Street.



From there we proceeded to The Bridge Church, Global Prophetic

Ministries, Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, New day C.E.C., Holy Name of Jesus, and ending at Gathered Remnant Ministries. A Christ's people we prayed and sang, imploring His Divine grace for Mont Pleasant. We cast down the strongholds of pimping, drugs, and violence and showed all we met what Jesus' Church can do together. Thank you to all from our parish who attended. God bless you for your witness to Him.

Free Lunch on Sunday

Our next Free Lunch on Sunday event is Sunday, May 15th.

We offer free soup and more for anyone in need - whether its warmth, food, friendship, or just some company. Please continue to 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!!!

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

- 1 Kendell and Shirley Maliszewski
- 3 Patricia Gustuvson, Mark Caulfield
- 4 Timothy J. Olsen
- 5 Kathleen Caulfield
- 7 Albert Rios
- 9 Lisette Rios
- 10 Timothy DeCocco
- 11 Julia White
- 14 Trevor Wheelock
- 16 Debbie Martucci
- 19 Philip Jorczak
- 22 Kathy Smith, Nancy Heins
- 23 Michael Wienclawski
- 30 San D'Amico, Stefan Węglinski

Anniversaries

- 13 Paul & Michelle Zawistowski

Wishing you many years! Sto Lat!

God bless you!

To all who prayed, sacrificed, and who abstained and joined in Lenten devotions, engaged in acts of charity, and practiced acts of Christian love and concern throughout Lent.

Thank you to all who so generously gave through our Lenten directed giving program. One fellow at SICM said that we would make a lot of people happy. We donated 286 pounds of food this Lent.

To all who attended our annual budget meeting. You honor the sacrifice of our ancestors who built this democratic model of Church and keep their hope alive by your

participation.

A special thank you to Bob and Stephanie for preparing a wonderful breakfast for our budget meeting and to Bob, Stephanie, and Joanne for the hard work of preparing and selling Polish foods for Easter.

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia who helped to make Lent a beautiful time of reflection and for making Easter so special.

To Liz and Derek for preparing a beautiful musical reflection on *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* by Chris Tomlin.

To 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!!!

How to say Happy Easter

The Paschal greeting is an Easter custom among Christians. Instead of saying "hello," "good morning," or some other greeting we are to greet each other with "Christ is Risen!" The proper response is "Truly, He is Risen." In some cultures, such as in Russia it is also customary to exchange a triple kiss on the alternating cheeks after the greeting (what a great custom!). Here is the Pascal greeting in several languages:

- English: Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

- Spanish: ¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!
- Italian: Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!
- Polish: Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał!
- Swahili – Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!
- German: Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!
- Norwegian: Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!
- Rastafarian – Krestos a uprisin! Seen, him a uprisin fe tru!
- French: Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité!
- Greek: Χριστός ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!
- Russian: Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес!
- Gaelic: Tá Críost éirithe! Go deimhin, tá sé éirithe!
- Scottish: Tha Crìosd air èiridh! Gu dearbh, tha e air èiridh!

National Church Activities Coming Up

The **Sixteenth Annual National Mission and Evangelist Conference** will be held April 22nd through 24th at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish in South Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This year's theme is "Our Covenant: Walking With Jesus." If you would like to go, please see Fr. Jim for registration information.

The **71st Annual National Bowling Tournament** will be held in Dearborn Heights, Michigan from June 3rd through the 5th. If you would like to put a team together and go, please see Fr. Jim for registration documents. They are also available online at <http://www.ymsrbowl.org>.

National Youth Activities

Fr. Jim has been appointed chaplain to this year's **Kurs Encampment** being held July 2nd through 9th at the Bishop Hour Retreat and recreation Center in Waymart, PA. This year's fun theme is Christmas in July. The spiritual theme is Radical Irreverence. Sign up forms should be available shortly. Please see Fr. Jim.

Convo 2016 with the theme "I Am" is being from July 25th through 29th at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. Registration is due by May 15th. Please see Fr. Jim ASAP so we can get registered at the discounted rate. More information and registration forms are available online at <http://www.pncc.org/?event=convo-2016>.

Need Rental Space?

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

Music Scholarships



The Church's Music Scholarship Program was instituted on August 8, 1964 by the Sixth General Convention of the National United

Choirs of the Polish

National Catholic Church held in Carnegie, PA. The program was implemented at the Seventh General Convention held in Cleveland, OH, on August 4, 1966, when the first awards were presented. The Music Scholarship Program was instituted and tailored to develop musicians within the Polish National Catholic Church. The program was further expanded to establish a chair of music at Savonarola Theological Seminary in Scranton, PA, and to make scholarships available in other areas of music to enrich the musical life of the church.

With the 2015 Scholarships, the Church has given out 1059 scholarships totaling \$298,085.

Applications for the 2016 Scholarship Program are available at <http://nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com/music-scholarship-application.html>

and Junior Incentive Award applications are available at <http://nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com/junior-incentive-application.html>.

We strongly encourage all who can to apply. The deadline for applying is May 15, 2016.

Planning For:

- April 1: 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur (1866).
- April 3: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- April 4: Solemnity of the Annunciation of the B.V.M.
- April 10: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- April 17: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
Basket Social at Noon at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center. No free lunch held today.
- April 18: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.
- April 22-24: National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, South Milwaukee, WI.
- April 24: 5th Sunday of Easter, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- April 25: Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist
- April 26-27 Supreme Council Meets in Lancaster, NY.
- April 27: Ecumenical Bible Study at 7:30pm.
- April 30: Solemnity, St. Joseph the Workman
- May 1: 6th Sunday of Easter, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- May 2: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles (translated).
- May 3: Solemnity - Finding of the Holy Cross/Polish Constitution Day.

- May 5: Solemnity – Ascension of the Lord. Solemn Vespers at 7pm.
- May 8: 7th Sunday of Easter and Mother’s Day, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- May 10: 65th Anniversary, Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski

MARRIED???

In 2016, all members of our Holy Church are called upon to focus on renewing their respect for God, the Church and all things holy. We hold in highest regard the Seven Sacraments instituted by Christ Himself, recognizing Holy Matrimony among them and deeming it worthy of great reverence.

As part of our Church’s mission we seek to assist those members of our parish who have been married before and now desire to validly enter into Sacramental Marriages within the Church.

Our outreach is to all who, due to the circumstances of life, are married civilly but have never been married in the Church or those who were previously married, divorced, and wish to consider entering into sacramental marriages.

If you or another member of the Church is seeking to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage but is in need of a Declaration of Nullity from our Bishop through the work of the Matrimonial Commission, or have been married civilly but now wish to be married in the Church, please

contact Fr. Jim who can answer any specific questions and assist you in beginning either of these processes.

Great Anniversaries

Bishop Francis Hodur

"[The regenerated man] refers everything to God. God is for him a focal point, a measure of his work and a crowning of his every activity. He lives in the face of God, feels His presence, and the influence of His grace. Similarly, the relationship of a regenerated man is fundamentally changed as to the world and people." – Bp. Francis Hodur

This year, on April 1st, we mark the 150th anniversary of our organizer, Bishop Francis Hodur.

Bishop Hodur was a great spiritual reformer and a social activist. He saw the promise of joyful freedom we have in Jesus Christ and that the struggle to get to know Him is not one of drudgery and sorrow, but of ultimate victory.

We should not forget that Bishop Hour was a man who fully trusted in Jesus Christ, his Catholic faith, and who never shied away from challenging the status control, that attempted to keep people down.

Bishop Hour spirituality moved him to take action to free suffering humanity through an instilled sense of self-respect, the offer of education, and work for financial

freedom. He truly believed in the image of God and the innate human dignity of each person never lost his faith in the unconditional love of God nor in the potential godliness of each and every person.

Bishop Joseph Padewski

Joseph 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.

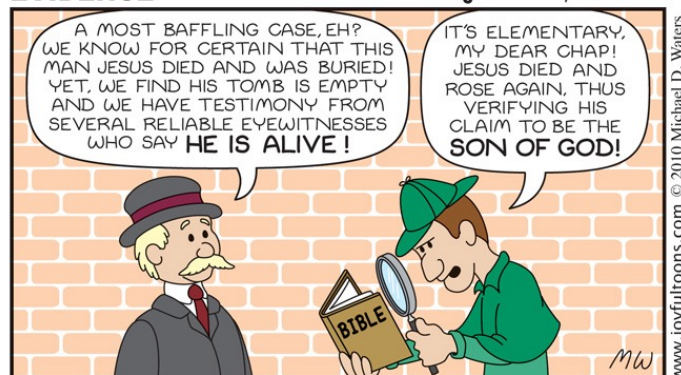
Shortly after his return, the Soviet

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. This year marks the 65th anniversary of his martyrdom.

EVIDENCE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

— Acts 1:3 NIV

April 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 150th Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur (1866)	2
3 Low Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso	4 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the B.V.M.	5	6	7	8	9
10 3rd Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Derek Westcott/Claudia Bertasso,	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Good Shepherd Sunday – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso Basket Social at 12pm.	18 Holy Mass and Anointing for Healing at 6:15pm Parish Committee Meets	19	20	21	22 National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.	23 National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
24 5th Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso,	25 Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist	26	27 Supreme Council Meets in Lancaster, NY Ecumenical Bible Study, 7:30pm	28 Supreme Council Meets in Lancaster, NY	29	30 Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman

EVENTS

Basket Social, April 17th

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May

Mother's Day, Ascension, Pentecost