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WE COMMEND OURSELVES IN EVERY WAY: BY PURITY, KNOWLEDGE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, THE HOLY SPIRIT, GENUINE LOVE; BY TRUTHFUL SPEECH, AND THE POWER OF GOD

This month our Holy Church holds its Seventeenth Annual Mission and Evangelism conference. This coincides with the words above from St. Paul's Second Letter to the Church at Corinth. How do we commend ourselves to others? How do we show forth what a genuine life in Jesus means?

Being truly genuine in our walk with Jesus is at once a difficult task and a great reward. In May we look to Mary as a perfect example of someone who genuinely walked with her Son. Let us focus on what it means to be genuine, authentic - or as some would say - being real.

An authentic Christian confesses Jesus Christ as Lord. Christianity must begin with a verbal acknowledgment of Jesus Christ as the Lord of our lives. Being real means that we do not limit our proclamation of Jesus' name to within the walls of the church.

Authentic Christians know what being uncomfortable means. This happens when we sin. We become

unhappy and miserable because we have hurt the One we love the most.

Authentic Christians enjoy their fellowship with other believers. A true Christian will want to be around other Christians and will consider them family - encouraging and lifting each other up.

Authentic Christians obey the commands of Jesus Christ - they will support the rules and dictates of the Lord and His Church, even if they go against the wishes, thoughts, and philosophies of society, their families or friends.

Finally, an authentic Christian loves and obeys the Word of God. We chose to walk according to His teaching.

Let us commend ourselves to others as Jesus' authentic followers with confession, repentance, fellowship, obedience, genuineness, and truthful speech. By doing so, the power of God will show through us. We, like Mary, will glow with His real and genuine love. We will be real!

Mother's Day

♥ God BLESS You Mom! ♥

On May 14th we honor all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, and those special women in our lives that exemplify the goodness of motherhood in our lives. We also remember all those who do not or have not had a positive relationship with their mother.

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 those who have gone on to their eternal rest. Let us also help and pray for all those (too many in our day) who do not or have not had a positive relationship with their mother. May they receive Mary's special care and see her as standing forth as their heavenly mother in a very special way.

Basket Social Advance Thank You



Our 15th Annual Basket Social was still in the planning and preparation stages as this newsletter was being written. In advance we want to deeply thank all who attended, to the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center for the use of their facilities and a special thank you to all the generous donors who prepared baskets, those who prepared and worked, cooked, and pitched in. As of this writing we had nearly 100 baskets for auction. We will cover the final outcome in our weekly bulletin and in June's newsletter. We know in advance that God is doing great things for us!!!!

EVENTS GALORE IN MAY

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 14th. 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.

Holy Mass for Healing

Our next monthly Holy Mass for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, May 8th at 6:15pm. Come join us.

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 Holy Mass on Thursday, May 25th at 7pm in celebration of the Solemnity.

Kurs Applications on their way

Kurs is not that far off. Youth who will be attending Kurs should be receiving their applications shortly and should get them in to Fr. Jim in as soon as possible so we make take advantage of the discounted early bird rate.

Memorial Day

The Holy Church joins the nation in the solemn remembrance of Memorial Day. We will gather for Holy Mass at our parish cemetery (or in our parish church in the case of inclement weather) on Monday, May 29th 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.

Summer Events

Planning is underway for the summer events including the:

- KURS 2017 with the theme "We Hold A Treasure" will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 1st through-July 8th.
- National United Choirs (NUC) biennial Convention and Workshop at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester, New Hampshire. The Workshops are of interest to musicians of all ages and levels of experience. The Convention and Workshop will take place from July

26-28, 2017, but the deadlines for registration is June 1st. Hotel reservations are due in early July.

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
- 16 Loryn DonVito
- 18 John White IV
- 19 Brenda Boyland
- 22 Cameron Goehrig
- 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!

Gracias
MERCI
ARIGATO
thank you

To all who prayed, sacrificed, abstained, and who join in the weekly Eucharist, the greatest act of thanksgiving ever. God bless you!

To our wonderful altar servers, our

organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and 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!!!

Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr

On Tuesday, May 10th, we commemorate the 66th 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: Solemnity of St. Joseph the Workman (translated) and Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles.
- May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross, Polish Constitution Day.
- May 5-7: Mission and Evangelism Conference in Woodland Park, NJ
- May 7: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am. Basket social starts at noon.
- May 8: Healing Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.
- May 10: 66th Anniversary,

Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski

- May 14: 5th Sunday of Easter. May Crowning. Mother's Day. Normal Holy Mass schedule. Mother's Day Breakfast.
- May 19-21: Annual YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament, Wallington, NJ.
- May 20: Armed Forces Day - honor our service members.
- May 21: 6th Sunday of Easter. Normal Holy Mass schedule.
- May 23: Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola.
- May 25: Solemnity of the Ascension, Holy Mass at 7pm
- May 28: 7th Sunday of Easter. Normal Holy Mass schedule.
- May 29: Memorial Day - Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am
- June 1: Sacred Vocations Month begins - pray for vocations and for those studying for the priesthood and diaconate.
- June 4: Pentecost Sunday. Normal Holy Mass schedule.
- June 11: Solemnity of the Holy Trinity/Trinity Sunday. Normal Holy Mass schedule.

Parish Organizations and Ministries

Did you know that our Parish has many organizations that need you? Ask Fr. Jim how you might help.

Ralph F. Boyd, Sr. Scholarship

The Schenectady County Human Rights Commission MLK Coalition is accepting applications for the Ralph F. Boyd, Sr. Award which provides \$1,000 to a Schenectady County High School student to use toward their post High School education.

Mr. Ralph F. Boyd, Sr. was instrumental in starting the Schenectady County Chapter of the NAACP, the Carver Community Center, the Head Start Program at SCAP, and the Baptist Retirement Center. He is active in the Veterans of Foreign Wars and earned the Distinguished Service Award and two Bronze Stars in World War II. This award is presented annually to a youth who reflects the commitment to human rights that Mr. Boyd, Sr. demonstrates every day.

The student should be a senior in High School and someone who has demonstrated a commitment of time and effort to programs, projects or initiatives focusing on human/ civil rights. This student should also be admitted to a two/ four year college or a career-based program.

Students must submit a one-page statement describing their involvement with human/civil rights issues. A one-page letter of support from a faculty member and evidence of admission to college or a career-based program is also required. Entries must be

postmarked no later than May 15, 2017.

Contact Schenectady County Human Rights Commission office (518) 377-3823 for more information.

Schenectady County Human Rights Commission, 797 Broadway, Suite 305, Schenectady, New York 12305

We Are Called to Baptize the Culture

Based on an article by Rev. Robert MiClean, Holy Archangels Orthodox Church.

Every age has certainly had its challenges when it comes to following God and the truth He's revealed. Today's culture with its dominant secularist 'religion' of humanism is no different.

Increasingly, our Christian beliefs are coming under assault, religious liberties are being challenged in many places.

The Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing women (the women who came to anoint the body of Jesus in the tomb) would have us draw some lessons from their courage, living in a culture where they faced great dangers for witnessing to their faith in Christ. They didn't hold back or bow to the pressure to keep silent. We recall that while the disciples fled, the holy myrrh-bearers were the first to bravely come to Christ's tomb. Likewise, St. Joseph of Arimathea boldly asked for Jesus'

body even as St. Peter denied him three times.

The Faith is the same yesterday, today, and forever, not because it's a collection of manmade, and therefore, changeable doctrines, but because it's the timeless truth of relationship, communion with God, as He's revealed Himself to His Church from the beginning.

Those of us living in this age where sin is increasingly defined subjectively and personally, need to remember that the Faith has been "*once delivered to the Saints*" (Jude 1:3). Being faithful means we don't change that 'faith once received'; rather, we become grafted into it—into an ever deeper communion with Christ's reality.

To this end, St. Paul warns us, saying, "*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...*" (Rom. 12:2)

We're called to be vigilant in not preferring our own ideas, preferences, or that of the rapidly changing norms of our culture, which are constantly being hammered into us, over the timeless truth that Christ is. He has entrusted His truth to us so we might experience the fullness of life in Him, find healing, and become inheritors of eternal salvation.

Living in our culture challenges us as Christians to such an extent that we may find ourselves 'unpopular', labeled politically 'incorrect,' narrow-minded, bigoted. The temptation to

"fit in," to compromise the faith, can be great—to begin to think that maybe what the culture is saying in contrast to the truth is, well, somehow okay or 'reasonable'.

But we can't be faithful and embrace that which is contrary to the Faith, the life He's entrusted to us. We are called to be strong and courageous, humble lovers of the truth—just as were the holy Myrrh-bearers who came to the tomb, when no one else would, just as the pious Joseph was when he asked for Christ's body when no one else would.

We are called, by virtue of our baptism, to transform the culture, to baptize the culture, not to conform our faith to the culture. This is hard; this increasingly sets us apart, someday, it may even be a risk for imprisonment or death, but this is also the way of love, the way of witness, the way that preserves the hope of salvation for all. This is the way of courage modeled by the countless Saints before us.

The question for us is this: Will we be like those who flee, deny, or succumb to the culture out of fear, or will we be humbly courageous like the Myrrh-bearing women and St. Joseph of Arimathea, who loved God more than they feared man?

Year of Commitment Update - The Holy Spirit's Guidance

Dear Bishops, Very Rev. and Rev. Fathers, Deacons and Faithful of our Holy Church,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!. As we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection and give praise and glory to God during this Easter season - we also have an eye on the coming Solemnity of Pentecost and are reminded of the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church.

The Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, continues to teach, govern and sanctify the Church. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit that our Lord continues to be present to His Church through the Sacraments. Do we allow the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us? Do we embrace the gifts of the Holy Spirit to keep us firm in our commitment to Christ and His Holy Church?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, Understanding, Knowledge, Counsel, Strength, Godliness and fear of the Lord.

As we are called during this month to commit to the guidance of the Holy Spirit - let us remember the declaration we made after we received the Sacrament of Confirmation:

On this solemn day of my life, the day on which I received the Sacrament of Confirmation, I publicly declare before Almighty God, His Holy Church, and all here present, that I shall be a faithful member of Christ's Church. Strengthened by the gifts of the

Holy Spirit, I promise to do all in my power to live according to the Commandments of God and fulfill His holy will. I promise to avoid sin, the occasion of sin and evil companionship. I promise to remember always, and in all places, that I am a member of the Polish National Catholic Church and to faithfully fulfill all my obligations towards this Church. So help me, God, one in the Blessed Trinity and all the saints. Amen.

During the month ahead, in preparation for pentecost sunday, let us offer this Prayer to the Holy Spirit: (2006 PNCC Missal - Mass of Pentecost)

Let us pray: *Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father, have mercy on us. As You descended upon the disciples in the upper room, so now once again descend upon Your Church. In flame our hearts, enlighten our minds and purify our souls. For together with the Father and the Son You live and reign, one God, forever and ever.*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman (translated); Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles	2	3 Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross Polish Constitution Day	4	5 Mission & Evangelism Conference	6 Mission & Evangelism Conference
7 Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am. Lectors: Derek Westcott. Basket social at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center	8 Holy Mass and Anointing for Healing at 6:15pm Parish Committee Meets	9	10 Commemoration of the Holy Martyr and Bishop Joseph Padewski,	11	12	13
14 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala and Claudia Bertasso.	15	16	17	18	19 YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament	20 Armed Forces Day YMSofR/PNCC Bowling Tournament
21 6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Daniel Dilanne and Claudia Bertasso.	22	23 Commemoration of the martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola	24	25 Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at 7pm	26	27
28 7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil and Claudia Bertasso.	29 Memorial Day Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am	30	31			