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# **NEWSLETTER**

## **JANUARY**

# **2018**



ARISE, SHINE, FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS COME, AND THE GLORY OF  
THE LORD HAS RISEN UPON YOU.

Arise and shine, I can just hear my mom saying those words as I covered my head with the blankets. Never all that happy to get up in the morning, here I am in 2018 as a priest of our Holy Church, leading a wonderful family of faith in our worship of God through His Son, Jesus. Of course that means I have to get up early. It's worth it!

The prophet Isaiah, using the words above, was speaking to the dejected people of Israel. They were in captivity in Babylon, with covers over their heads. He tells them to get up, to wipe the sleep from their eyes, to shine because an amazing thing was happening. They were being saved, recalled from exile. They were being called home.

This happened to us that first Christmas. We were called to take on a new attitude. No more pulling the covers over our heads. The time of Jesus is here. We are being saved. Salvation had come, redemption is being accomplished. All we have to do is get up and meet

and accept Him.

Growing up, I came to realize how great it is to be in the warm light of Christ. I learned to jump out of bed, wash up, and get ready for church. I was going to meet Jesus. I was going to dive into the depths of beautiful worship in a warm and welcome setting. I was going to be surrounded by people, young and old, who knew my name and who called me to better myself. Light came and grew in my life. I pray that we all have had that experience of Jesus' light warming us.

Funny things happen in life. Sometimes not too "haha" funny. The light dims, the warmth cools, and we start pulling the covers over our heads again. When that happens we have to recall these words from Isaiah. We have to reconnect with the Manger, the start of great light and warmth. We have to gather the courage to engage in worship and community once again. The New Year is here. We are being called. Time to arise and shine.

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## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **Annual Meeting & Parish Offices: Cannot do it without you.**

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Our annual congregation meeting is tentatively planned for Sunday,

February 4th along with the election of a new Parish Committee. We will finalize the date and advise you of the final date through the weekly bulletin and announcements system.

Much good has been produced by having you in our family of faith, and a new year of great things is ahead of us. To be really successful we need two things: God's care and grace and members to step forward and offer to serve in positions of leadership. See really need you, so have the courage to step up.

Please write your name down along with the office (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Secretary, Trustee) you would like to run for and drop them in the collection basket in an envelope marked nominations.

Anyone may attend the annual meeting to share in the information provided, but please note that only paid parish members may cast a vote or run for office.

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## **Membership and Dues**

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Membership requires the payment of annual dues which support the larger Church and our Diocese. Certain benefits of the parish, including burial in the cemetery, are reserved to members.

Dues for each member under the age of 65 is \$150 per year or \$2.88 per week which supports the Central Diocese and National Church. Dues for members 65 and over are \$125 per year or \$2.40 per week.

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**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
PAY YOUR  
DUES**

Payment of dues gives you a voice and a vote and the ability to run for a position on the Parish Committee. It also allows you to represent the parish and vote at Diocesan and General Church Synods.

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## **Envelopes and Tax Statements**

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God bless you for your generosity and support of our parish in 2017. Because of you and your sacrifice

we have been greatly blessed. Donation envelopes for 2018 have arrived and are available in the back of the church. Each envelope packet is marked with a family name. Please take your packet home and avail yourself of these envelopes in the coming year. Doing so allows the parish to provide you with a statement for accounting and income tax purposes.

Annual statements for income tax purposes will also be available this month.

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## SOUPERBOWL OF CARING

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*"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."*

Over the past 16 years our parish has raised \$1,981, 129 food items and 334 lbs. of food as part of the SouperBowl of Caring effort. This year's collection will be held on February 4th. Please continue your generosity in this worthy effort which helps Schenectady Inner City Ministries in feeding the hungry.

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## The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

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Make February 2018 – the month of love – a month to win in more ways than one!

This effort supports the youth of our parish and will help us in saving for Kurs and CONVO 2018 - two great events our youth attend in the summer.

We need your support to give our young people a great beginning in 2018. As God has told us, starting our children off right in the knowledge of the Lord will cause them to bear much good fruit in their lives.

Each ticket for the Outrageous Valentine's Raffle gives the purchaser a chance to win up to \$1,180. The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle will include drawings for \$40 daily prizes and a \$100 daily prize on Valentine's Day. The raffle is drawn each day of the month, giving the ticket holder **28** chances to win! Winners are returned to the raffle bucket, making them eligible to win again and again.



We ask that you sell them and get them into the parish office by February 4th so that everyone may be entered. Tickets cost only \$10 each. Feel free to contact Fr. Jim with any questions or to get more tickets if needed.

We thank you for your support and wish you good luck!

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## The Holy Name of Jesus

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January 2nd marks the annual celebration of the Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Our parish was established and

dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Join us on January 2nd at 7pm for Holy Mass in celebration of our patronal feast. Let us always honor and praise the Holy Name of Jesus in all we do - in our witness to His Holy Name and our mutual affection, fellowship, love, and charity.

*O Lord Jesus Christ, You have said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you." Grant, we beg of You, to us who ask it, the gift of Your most divine love, that we may ever love You with our whole heart, in word and deed, and never cease praising You. Amen.*

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**THANK YOU, MERCI,  
DZIĘKUJE, ĀČIŪ, GRACIAS,  
MAHALO, GRAZIE!**

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**There is so much to be thankful for.** To all who blessed us by preparing food for our annual parish vigil dinner. To all who joined in to decorate the parish so beautifully for Christmas. To our youth for presenting us with a beautiful Christmas play.

To those who have worked so tirelessly over the past year: our parish officers and committee members, our jurors, nomination committee members, members of the ANS, YMSofR, and choir, Mrs. Liz Battaglia for her service as our organist and music director, our altar servers, lectors, and those who cared for the maintenance and upkeep of the parish facilities

(Aleksandra, Pete, Larry, Darryl).

To all who provided for our weekly coffee hour - a ministry of service of hospitality. To our event planners and volunteers at our Basket Social and Rummage sale. To Joanne and Stacy for wonderful breakfasts on Sunday and to Joanne and her family for great Italian dinners. For everyone's work on other special fundraisers, and to all those who gave of their time and treasure to build up the ministry and

*Thank  
You*

community of our parish, Seniorate, and the wider Church.

A special thank you to our youth and their parents/grandparents for your dedication and hard work and participation in Kurs. May God bless and reward you for all you have done!

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### **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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#### Birthdays

- 1 John Linscott
- 3 Logan Slezak
- 4 Zach Bixler, Zachary Prusky, Courtney Carroll
- 5 Derrick D'Amico
- 8 Alex D'Amico, Lawrence Panfil, Christine DeCocco
- 11 Cyndie Williams
- 14 Karen DeMidio
- 18 Darian Topolski
- 22 Catherine Martucci
- 23 Christina Naumowicz, Laurie Lee Woodworth
- 25 Richard Maliszewski, Richard

Okonsky  
26 Cadence Smith  
27 Eric Kaminski, Jack Kaminski  
29 Judi Horton

**Wishing you all many years!  
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## **Traditional Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner**

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Join us for a traditional Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner on Saturday, January 20th from 4-7pm. Just like Nonna's! Made with an old family recipe. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, tossed salad, Italian bread, dessert, drinks. Eat in or Take out. Tickets \$10/adult, Children 6 and under \$5.

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## **Epiphany Visitations - Kolęda - House Blessings**

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The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated on Saturday, January 6th. In observance of the Solemnity, Holy Mass will be held at 10am.

Fr. Jim is available to come to your homes for the traditional Epiphany home blessing. Please see him to make an appointment. Blessing appointments are available through

February 13th (prior to Ash Wednesday).

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## **Where Charity lives, Love prevails**

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In scripture, the word charity is synonymous with love.

Our annual holiday food collection amounted to **212 lbs. of food**. The food was donated in the name of our parish to SICM. God bless you for your generosity and care for those in need in our local area.

Thank you for sacrificing and honoring the time of preparation for God's coming. You have blessed those in need through your efforts.

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## **Planning Ahead**

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- Jan 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision - Holy Mass at 10am.
- Jan. 2: Solemnity: Holy Name – our Parish Feast – Holy Mass at 7pm.
- Jan. 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord – Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense at 10am.
- Jan. 7: Solemnity - Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- January 14: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- January 15: Martin Luther King Day. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.

- January 18: Feast –St. Peter’s Chair in Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.
- January 20: Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm.
- January 21: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at 10am ONLY.** Parish committee Meeting follows.
- Jan. 25: Feast - Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends.
- Jan. 28: Septuagesima Sunday/ Music Scholarship Sunday. **Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.**
- Feb. 2: Solemnity of the Presentation, Holy Mass with Blessing of Candles and Throats at 7pm.
- Feb. 5: Sexagesima Sunday. **Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY. Brunch and Annual Meeting to follow.**

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### **Music Scholarship Sunday**

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Sunday, January 28th is Music Scholarship Sunday. Our parish has been blessed with great musicians and aspiring musicians. We had 3 winners last year. Scholarships are available to both youth and adults. 2018 scholarship applications will be available soon. God bless those who add musical beauty to the worship of God.

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### **Future Direction Committee - Year of the Family**

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

Holy Church,

We are excited to announce that the theme selected for 2018 across our



Holy Polish National Catholic Church is: "The Year of the Family". This was decided at the recent National Clergy Conference where after

prayer, reflection and discussion the clergy selected this theme for 2018.

The hope and prayer of our clergy and the Future Direction committee is that this Year of the Family will help strengthen all our families in living out our Christian faith, virtues and values and will become an important and consistent part of their lives.

As we begin this Year of the Family across our Holy Church we first look to the example of the Holy Family. For in the Holy Family, God has given us, a model of family life. We see that Jesus, Mary and Joseph always put God's will first. As we look to their example may we put God's will ahead of our own, live with joy obediently following God's Holy Word and act in word and deed with sincere love for God and each other.

A Prayer from the Mass for the Solemnity of the Holy Family

*Let us pray. Father in heaven, Creator of all, You ordered the earth to bring forth life and crowned its goodness by creating the human family. As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace with all people. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

We will be sending various blessings and prayers to be done before or after Holy Mass as well as some materials for our families to take home.

The yearly plan is focused on strengthening all families in living out our Christian faith, virtues and values during this special year. We have set monthly themes as follows:

- January – The example of the Holy Family. A blessing of families after Holy Mass on Sunday January 7th and a prayer card for all to take home.
- February – The importance of unconditional Love in the family.
- March – Celebration of Lent as a Family. Encourage various ways that the family can pray and meditate together during this Sacred season. Have the family prepare an Easter basket together or Easter table together for the blessing of the Church on Holy Saturday.
- April – Living out our Easter Joy in the family and the parish – the importance of regular attendance

at Holy Mass.

- May – The love of our Blessed Mother – her submission to the will of God as an example for all.
- June – Sacred Vocations Month – The Guardianship of St. Joseph – his submission to the will of God as an example to all - Family Vocations event and prayer.
- July – The importance of Family Time/Vacation to the family. Also remembering to continue the practice of daily prayer and worship during this time.
- August – Importance of youth in the family – raising children as an important ministry in the church – an event for the parish youth and prayers for parents and guardians.
- September – Sharing our gifts and talents in the home and in the parish. Create a fun exercise/game that lists one's gifts and talents and then challenge them to share them at home as well as in the parish.
- October – Clergy Appreciation Month – On the Solemnity of the Christian Family. Have a sharing family event at the parish where troubles and joys are Shared; strengthening the bonds of our parish families.
- November – Family Gratitude – stress the importance of giving thanks and doing it as an individual and parish family. Thanksgiving Day prayer placemats. Helping those in need or alone on Thanksgiving.

- December – Resources for the family to spiritually prepare for Christmas together, a shared prayer when putting up their Christmas tree – small advent wreath for the home lit during the family meals. Recognizing and living the true meaning of Christmas as a family.

PNCC Future Direction is now on Facebook! Like us and follow our updates on Facebook too.

If you know of parishioners or friends who are not a part of our monthly email updates – please have them email us at [FutureDirection@pncc.org](mailto:FutureDirection@pncc.org) to become a part of this important effort for our Holy Church.

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 Kingdom through our Holy Church.

As we begin this Holy Year of the Family may we look to the example of the Holy Family and put God's will first in our lives. May God bless you and your family as we begin this new Year in our Lord 2018.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

PNCC Supreme Council Future  
Direction Committee

Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky,  
Prime Bishop

Very Rev. Robert M. Nemkovich Jr.,  
Chairman

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## From the Fathers

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On what Christmas has done for us:

*Come, then, let us observe the Feast. Truly wondrous is the whole chronicle of the Nativity. For this day the ancient slavery is ended, the devil confounded, the demons take to flight, the power of death is broken, paradise is unlocked, the curse is taken away, sin is removed from us, error driven out, truth has been brought back, the speech of kindness diffused, and spreads on every side, a heavenly way of life has been in planted on the earth, angels communicate with men without fear, and men now hold speech with angels. – St. John Chrysostom.*

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# Happy 2018!

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On behalf of Fr. Jim and our Parish Committee we wish you and yours the blessings of joy in Jesus for 2018.





# January 2018

## NOTE SPECIAL HOLY MASS TIMES IN JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Solemnity of the Circumcision, Holy Mass, 10am  Happy New Year!	2 Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus – Parish Feast, Holy Mass, 7pm	3	4	5	6 Solemnity of the Epiphany - Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense, 10am
7 Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala, Claudia Bertasso.	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. <b>Holy Mass 11:30am ONLY.</b> Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	15 Martin Luther King Day  Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm	16	17	18 St. Peter's Chair at Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.	19	20 Spaghetti Dinner 4-7pm
21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. <b>Holy Mass at 10am ONLY.</b> Lector: Larry Panfil. Parish Committee Meeting	22	23	24	25 Conversion of St. Paul Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends	26	27
28 <b>Music Scholarship Sunday</b> Septuagesima Sunday. <b>Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY</b> Lector: Derek Westcott.	29	30	31			

## EVENTS

### Starting Jan. 7th:

Blessing of Homes Begins – See or Call Fr. Jim.

**All of February - Outrageous Valentine's Raffle**

### February Upcoming

Feb. 2nd – Presentation

Feb. 3rd – St. Blaise

Feb. 12th – President's Day

Feb. 13th – Last Day for Home Blessings

Feb. 16th – 64th Anniversary of the death of Š+P Prime Bishop Franciszek Hodur