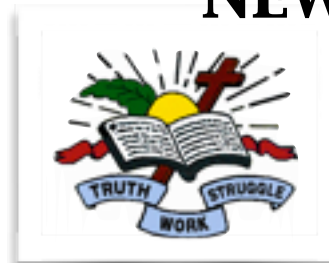


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**NEWSLETTER**

**APRIL**  
**2018**



FOR WE OURSELVES WERE ONCE FOOLISH, DISOBEDIENT. BUT WHEN THE GOODNESS AND LOVING KINDNESS OF GOD OUR SAVIOR APPEARED, HE SAVED US

April first and we are at Easter. The wonderful thing about this timing is how it all coincides and works together to represent a restart. A new month, a new day, a renewal of our Easter life - if we are willing to take Him up.

The passage above from Titus 3:3-4 compares and contrasts what we once were, before Jesus, and what we can become - if we chose Him.

St. Paul points out that people were *foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hating one another*. Paul in writing to Titus had recognized what the world was like. But rather than staying focused on what was wrong with the world, Paul is pointing out how much has changed because of Jesus. Jesus has restarted the world, He has renewed, regenerated, and re-energized the lives of those who choose to believe and are faithful to Him.

The key to Paul's writing is instruction on how life is to be lived.

The life we can take up post-Easter is completely different than the life we had before. It is fresh, washed clean, and a call to continued faithfulness.

The Easter life can be dangerous and demanding. Easter witness collides with the powers of "the age" that want us to stay stuck in old unredeemed ways. Worldly powers want us to chose a replay or repeat of yesterday - not an encounter with the new day of Jesus.

Instead, if we chose Easter living we gain a new saved existence of joy and well-being. We join to build community in worship and work. We reach out to draw-in all who desire to set aside yesterday for today and tomorrow.

Will we give up what we know, what we are comfortable with, for a new saved life? The crucified, buried, and resurrected Lord's offer is so much better. His goodness and loving kindness is for us. Let us take Him up on Easter and leave yesterday behind.

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# Easter Wishes

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**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 życzę.

ks. Jakub i rodziny

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**Join us for the 50 days of Easter**

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We so look forward to seeing you as we continue to celebrate the Easter season that begins April 1st and does not conclude until May 20th (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in His resurrection with the apostles, your Holy Church, and your family in faith.

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**Basket Social - April 15th**

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Our ever popular Basket Social with so many baskets is getting really close.



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 15th, starting at noon, at: **The Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St, Schenectady, NY 12303**. Be sure to invite friends and family to attend.

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## **CROSS WALK - WITNESS**

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Our parish once again participated in the fifth annual Mont Pleasant Cross Walk on Good Friday.

We began at St. Adalbert's R.C. Church at the foot of Crane Street and from proceeded to The Bridge



Church,  
Global  
Prophetic  
Ministries,  
Faith  
Deliverance  
Tabernacle,  
New Day

C.E.C., and Holy Name of Jesus.

Christ's people prayed and sang imploring Divine grace for Mont Pleasant. We cast down the strongholds of pimping, drugs, prejudice, and violence and showed all we met what Jesus' Church can do through His people.

Thank you to all who attended. God bless this witness.

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### **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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#### 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!

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### **God bless you!**

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To all who prayed, sacrificed, and who abstained and joined in Lenten devotions, our Seniorate retreat (and helped with it), engaged in acts of charity, and practiced acts of Christian love and concern throughout Lent and Holy Week.

Thank you to all who so generously gave through our Lenten directed giving program. We raised 273 pounds of much needed food for Schenectady Community Ministries.

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.

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia who helped to make Lent and Holy Week a beautiful time of reflection and for diligent preparation for Easter.

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!!!

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## How to say Happy Easter

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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: *iCristo ha resucitado! iEn 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!*

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## National Church Activities Coming Up - A VERY BUSY YEAR!!!

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The **Eighteenth Annual National Mission and Evangelism Conference** will be held April 27th through 29th at All Saints Parish, Carnegie, PA. This year's theme is "The UNworkshop: You Will Find Me." If you would like to go, please see Fr. Jim for registration information.

**Men's Spiritual Retreat** sponsored by the National YMS of R from May 17th through 19th in Walmart, PA. Stay tuned for additional information.

The **73rd Annual National Bowling Tournament** will be held In Waymart, PA and will be hosted by the United Y.M.S. of R. in conjunction with parishes in Dickson City, PA, Dupont, PA, Duryea, PA, Scranton, PA from June 8th through 10th. 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>.

The United Y.M.S. of R. **4th Annual Golf Outing** will be hosted by Y.M.S. of R. Branch 20 at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, Lancaster, NY. The golf outing will be held on August 18th. Stay tuned for

additional information.

The **XXV Holy Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church**, will be held within the Western Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church. The dates and site of the XXV General Synod have been set by the Western Diocese as October 1-3, 2018 at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, IL, nine miles from St. Louis, MO. The 2018 Holy Synod has been planned for only three days and these will be three full days of work.

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## National Youth Activities—Staying Busy

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Fr. Jim has once again been appointed chaplain for this year's **Kurs Encampment** being held June 30th through July 7th at the Bishop Hour Retreat and recreation Center in Waymart, PA. This year's fun theme is "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." Sign up forms are available.

The Central Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church is proud to announce that **Convo 2018** will be held on the campus of The University of Scranton in Scranton, PA, July 23rd through July 27th. This year's theme is "Anointed Lifeguards." Application forms are due by May 20th for a discounted price. Registration forms and more information is available at <https://www.convo2018.org/>.

Please see Fr. Jim.

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## *Music Scholarships*

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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 2017 Scholarships, the Church has given out 1,085 scholarships totaling \$310,835.

Applications for the 2018 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 1, 2018.

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## Planning For:

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- April 1: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter, Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am and Holy Mass at 10am. Easter repast after each Holy Mass. 152nd Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur.
- April 8: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am.
- April 9: Annunciation of the B.V.M. (translated).
- April 15: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30am only. **Basket Social at Noon.**
- April 16: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.
- April 20: Gospel Jubilee at Proctor's Theater at 7pm.
- April 22: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am.
- April 24-25: Supreme Council Meets.
- April 25: Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist.
- April 27-29: National Mission and Evangelism Workshop, Carnegie, PA.
- April 29: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 9:30 and Holy Mass at 11:30am.
- April 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman.
- May 1: Feast - Ss. Philip & James, Apostles.

- May 3: Solemnity - Finding of the Holy Cross/Polish Constitution Day.
- May 10: 67th Anniversary, Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski
- May 19: Gospel Concert at Holy Name, 2-5pm.

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## MARRIED???

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In 2018, all members of our Holy Church are called upon to focus on family. Holy Matrimony is key to a blessed family life.

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 questions and assist you in beginning either of these processes.

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## **Great Anniversaries**

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### **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 152nd anniversary of the birth of our organizer, Bishop Francis Hodur.

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

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

Bishop Hodur's 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 believed in the God given human dignity of each person.

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## **Gospel Jubilee Concert & H&J Gospel Concert**

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The largest continuing Gospel celebration in the Capital Region, Gospel Jubilee, is back at Proctors on Friday, April 20th at 7pm, with a highly-anticipated seventh edition sure to bring great joy and uplifting music to all in attendance. The Union College Gospel Choir "Heavenly Voices" will be joining the Gospel Jubilee Mass Choir again this year! Let's get a group together. See Fr. Jim so we can acquire a block of tickets.

We expect to hold a Gospel concert in the parish on Saturday, May 19th from 2-5pm. Please stay tuned for further details.

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### **Future Direction Update Easter as a Family**

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#### **An Excerpt from The Paschal Mystery: The Past, Present and Future Life of the Family by Fr. Dr. Scott Lill.**

Although no one would argue that Christmas easily wins in terms of how much time and energy we put into preparation, Easter is unquestionably the most solemn and important celebration for Christians. Finally, after fervently praying, diligently fasting and generously giving to those in need for the 40 days of Lent, we can celebrate the fact that the worst things this life can possibly throw at us have been utterly defeated through Christ's sacrificial Death, wondrous Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, all of which together we call the Paschal Mystery. But, what does the Paschal



Mystery mean for us right now? In a word: everything! The Death and Resurrection of Jesus mean everything, every minute of every day to Christians in all times and places. The Paschal Mystery--the transforming power of which was first given to us in Baptism--completely defines who we are, reestablishing and sanctifying our relationships to God, to other people and to the whole of creation. It is our source of grace and strength every day. St. Paul teaches this in his Letter to the Romans when he asks: *"...are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life."* St. Paul doesn't just mean new life at the future general resurrection, but true newness of life now. We come into direct and immediate contact with the Death and Resurrection of Jesus when we gather for Holy Mass and celebrate the Sacraments. Through the sanctifying and prophetic ministry of the Holy Church, we receive the grace to overcome those very same enemies that Jesus conquered: sin and its many terrible consequences, the worst of which include the loss of hope in the face of sickness and suffering and even the fear of death. The Paschal Mystery, as made present and effective during the celebration of the Eucharist, provides both the authentic form of the family's inner life and its fortification against the many external enemies that each family must face down in our world today. As each individual family member becomes more and more like Jesus, the family unit grows in holiness, unity and beauty, more capable to collectively live together as Christ's disciples. Family joys become even more joyful; family sorrows

become more bearable; and family life truly becomes new. This is why all the families within the Church should reaffirm their commitment to participate in the Holy Mass every Sunday and on other holy days: by regularly participating in the Eucharistic celebration together, the family more fully becomes itself.

When we speak of the inner family life, we are considering the relationship between the members. Our own experiences teach us that family members are called by God to sacrifice self-interest for the sake of the others' good—spouses for each other, parents for their children, children for their brothers and sisters and even children for their parents. With each member in loving communion with one another by virtue of their mutual Communion with the crucified and risen Lord present in the Eucharist, the family is more fully equipped to defend itself against the many assaults it must endure today.

Top get the full text visit the Future Direction Page on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PNCCFutureDirection/>

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## CONVO 2018 RAFFLE

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We have tickets available for a raffle in support of Convo 2018. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The prizes are a chance for at least **one of two \$500 cash cards**. See Fr. Jim.



# April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Solemnity of the Resurrection – Holy Mass at 8 and 10am. Easter repast follows each Holy Mass.  152nd Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur.	2 Bright Week	3 Bright Week	4 Bright Week	5 Bright Week	6 Bright Week	7 Bright Week
8 Low Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala/Claudia Bertasso	9 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the B.V.M. (translated)	10	11	12	13	14
15 3rd Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass at 9:30am ONLY Lector: Joe Kaczynski.  <b>BASKET SOCIAL, 12pm</b>	16 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.	17	18	19	20 Gospel Jubilee at Proctor's theater, 7pm.	21
22 Good Shepherd Sunday – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso	23	24	25 Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist  Supreme Council Meets in Lancaster, NY	26 Supreme Council Meets in Lancaster, NY	27 National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Carnegie, PA.	28 National Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Carnegie, PA.
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## EVENTS

### Basket Social, April 15th

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Center, 2639 Hamburg St, Schenectady, NY 12303

### May

Mother's Day, Ascension, Pentecost, Parish Gospel Concert, Men's Retreat.