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JUDGE NOT, THAT YOU BE NOT JUDGED. FOR WITH THE JUDGMENT YOU PRONOUNCE YOU WILL BE JUDGED, AND WITH THE MEASURE YOU USE IT WILL BE MEASURED TO YOU.

The world is in our face, and the struggles of many are on our conscience. In this constant onslaught, we are called by many voices into judgment on matters of human dignity. Many voices call us to make judgments - and in many respects to value one thing over and against another, one person over another, one policy over another. Because this is the perpetual situation in the world, the words of Jesus must be first and foremost in our minds and hearts. His teaching and way must be our guide.

I have heard many of these voices: A man shouting in a store: "No one cares about kids killing each other in Chicago, why should we care about these kids." Posts on Facebook that call out all the ways children suffer in our nation - those killed in the womb, those separated from parents by imprisonment or divorce, and other factors. The writer implies that our concerns for 'each' child is not good enough. In all of these the speaker or writer is calling us to chose, to judge.

What many seem to miss is our call as Christians to respect the dignity of each and every human being. No sin, no misstep in God's eyes, decreases a person's dignity. No color, background, ethnic identity, financial standing, orientation, national origin, or self-identity makes a human being less in God's eyes. Nothing ever must lessen the respect and honor we owe to all.

True, Jesus calls all to reformation, to change and reconciliation. He often said: *Go, and sin no more.* People responded and did exactly that - they were changed. What we must remember is that Jesus never allowed the sin of anyone to bar the door. He called all to change because all have equal dignity in His eyes.

Our call is to live our aspirations - to be the absolute best by living in full accord with God's call. Let us never aspire to exclude, but to include. Let us aspire to open hearts and open doors, to reform and love as Jesus says we must. To respect and protect the dignity of each person.

Fr. Jim Away

Fr. Jim will be Chaplain at this year's Kurs Encampment. He will be away from June 30th through July 7th. He will also be away July 16th through 19th for a civil work commitment. As Fr. Jim is also the Convo 2018 Moderator, he will be away from July 23rd through 27th. If there is a spiritual need or emergency during these periods, please call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518- 453-2258.

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of Fr, Jim, his family, the Parish Committee, and all parishioners we extend a hearty congratulations to:



Traviss Carrol-Kelone on the occasion of his First Penance (June 23rd) and First Holy Communion (June 24th).

Larry and Donna Panfil on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, officially celebrated on June 22nd and celebrated with a special blessing in church on June 24th.

Many years!!! Sto lat!!!



Summertime Events

We welcome all to attend these great summer events including the:

- KURS 2018 with the theme "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race" will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from June 30th through-July 7th.
- The Church's Annual Fourth of July Celebration will begin with Mass at the chapel at the former Manor at Waymart on SATURDAY, JUNE 30th.



- CONVO 2018 - Anointed Lifeguards will take place from July 23-27, 2018 at the University of Scranton.
- 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 on August 18th.

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

Happy Summer

We wish all of our young people as all the youth of our neighborhood a joyful and blessed summer season.

As we reflect on the successes and challenges of this past school year may we see them as opportunities for growth.

Let us pray especially that our Lord watch over and protect our young people and children this summer.

Almighty and Eternal God, Father most kind, Who in Thy plan of Salvation of mankind did resolve, that one generation shall follow another in fulfilling the tasks of temporal life, and



prepares wisely and good everything in the universe; keep in Thy tender care the youth of our Church, individually and collectively, that our youth may always understand those things which are in harmony with Thy holy Will and bring true happiness; - and that service to Thee in our youth is the only assurance of tranquility in the sunset of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summer Coffee BREAK

We are taking a break from our weekly coffee hours for the summer months. Coffee hours resume September 9th. Thank you to all who provided for this time of fellowship over the past 10 months.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY PICNIC



We are holding a parish and community picnic on the church grounds this summer on Sunday, August 19th. Please invite friends and family and join in this great time of fellowship and reminiscing.

Holy Mass for Healing

Our next monthly Holy Masses for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, July 9th and Monday, August 20th at 6:15pm. Join us and invite others.

With Thanks

To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love and charity on behalf of our parish.

To the members of our Parish Committee for their hard work and sacrifice.

To Alyssa, Kyle, and all who ran the children's attractions at PolishFest. It was a great success and a real blessing to the parish.

To Joanne, Helen, and Stacy for a wonderful Father's Day breakfast.

To the organizers and parishioners of B.V.M. of Częstochowa parish for inviting us to participate at PolishFest.

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and to all who assist in our ministry of hospitality.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure.

God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać! Thank you!!!

Our Church and A Prayer For Our Country



Independence Day held a special place in the hearts of the founding generation of our Church. Most all of them were immigrants who had sought safety,

opportunity, and freedom here in the United States. With deliberate intention, the founders of our first parish held off on the blessing of their church building until July 4, 1897. So often the church looks for a specifically religiously significant occasion on which to perform her special rites. Our organizers, however, saw the promises and opportunities of this nation as blessings from God and determined to specifically celebrate this day. Only in a country with an enshrined

freedom of religion could they have started an independent Catholic Church free from autocratic control. Thus, our Holy Church specifically celebrates on Independence Day. We are called to thank God for the blessings of freedom in our country and to pray for our collective good. God bless America!

In honor of the 242nd birthday of our country:

We thank Thee, Lord, for America, our home. We bless Thee for the liberty, the opportunity, and the abundance we share. But above all we praise Thee for the traditions which have made our country great, and for patriots who have laid the foundations through faith, courage, and self-sacrifice. Teach us in our own day the meaning of citizenship, and help us to be faithful stewards of the responsibility which Thou entrusted to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for our Country from A Book of Devotions and Prayers According to the Use of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Memory eternal!



Mr. Richard Maliszewski: śp. Richard, 81, passed into the loving arms of our Lord on June 15, 2018. śp. Richard was born on January 25,

1937, he lived out most of his life in Schenectady NY. He was predeceased by his beloved little angel and youngest child, Janet, his parents Raymond and Veronica (Starzec); his brothers Matthew, Edward, Eugene, Leonard and his sister Helen (Joseph). *śp.* Richard is survived by the love of his life and best friend of 56 years, Shirley; his children Robert (Lynn) and Kimberly (Lawrence) Russo; his grandchildren Celena, Kendell, Anthony, Devon, Jasmine and his only great grandchild Travis. He is also survived by many in laws, nieces, nephews and friends.

Richard was very proud to have served in The United States Air Force from December 1958 through May 1962. After leaving the Air Force, he began what would become a lifelong career at The General Electric Company retiring from there in 1997.

śp. Richard was a devoted parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus and served as chairman of the Parish Committee for many years. He was also an active volunteer firefighter for The Schonowe FD for quite some time. Richard was a huge Yankees fan and one of his favorite pastimes was watching baseball. He also had deep interests in history and acquired a vast knowledge over the years of the history of our country of which he was so proud. He was a man of many talents but he became quite famous in his circle, for his amazing "old school" made fresh daily,

popcorn. No matter what day it was or what was going on, one could always count on that bucket of popcorn on the kitchen counter. Richard was of the era whereby you put God, Family and Country first. He was a man of great integrity who worked hard in life and tried always to do the right thing. He was a devout family man who along with his soulmate Shirley raised their family to the best of his ability, always putting them first and foremost. He will be immensely missed by so many.

A Funeral Holy Mass in the Traditional Rite was held on Tuesday, June 19th.

Eternal rest grant unto Your servant O Lord!

Milestones to Celebrate:

July Birthdays

2 Gayle Clas
3 Genevieve Binkowski, Jaime Bylina, John Clas, Kimberly Maliszewski, Richard Okonsky Jr.
4 Ken Brown
5 Wayne Wienclawski
7 Eva Kubinska
8 Michael Ruchalski
12 Stanley Podkulski
16 Lawrence Panfil Jr.
19 Jason Lennon
22 Matthew Zebrowski
26 Alexander Oravsky
27 Sebesany Rios, Kathleen Maliszewski
29 Ronald O'Connor

July Anniversaries

14 Chad & Amber Smith

20 Edward & Claudia Bertasso
27 Zachary Prusky & Kristen Smith

August Birthdays

1 Wendy Williams
5 Christine D'Amico
7 Karen Cimmino
8 Taylor Garrison
10 Matthew Hines, Renee Konicki,
Joanne Bauer
12 Ginny Dinsmore
14 Stephanie Konicki-Ferguson
15 Roger Jarosz
18 Carson Hobson
19 Joanne Hernick
27 Derek Westcott
29 Megan DonVito, Tyme LaPorte
Smith, John Kaminski
30 Gabriella Martineau
31 Teresa Mazzone

Wishing you all many years! Sto
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Planning For:

- Holy Mass is celebrated each Sunday at 9:30am and 11:30am unless otherwise noted.
- June 30: Independence Day Celebration. Holy Mass and Celebration at Spójnia Farm in Waymart, PA 11am to 8pm.
- June 30 - July 7: KURS Encampment, Waymart, PA
- July 1: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at 11:30am only.**
- July 3: Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M. (translated)
- July 4: Independence Day

- July 6: Commemoration of John Hus, Priest and Martyr
- July 8: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 9: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- July 15: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 22: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 23-27: CONVO 2018 - University of Scranton.
- July 25: Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle
- July 26: Commemoration of Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V.M.
- July 29: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen
- August 5: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord.
- August 12: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at 7pm.
- August 18: 3rd Annual Golf Tournament.
- August 19: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Picnic**
- August 20: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee

Meeting at 7pm.

- August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle.
- August 26: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Youth Sunday.
- August 27: Solemnity - Our Lady of Czestochowa (translated).
- August 29: Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- September 3: Labor Day
- September 9: Solemnity of Brotherly Love
- September 16: National Back to Church Sunday. You Belong Here!

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY – SPECIAL PROJECT

Back to Church Sunday is Sunday, September 16th. We need your help.

This year's theme is "You Belong Here." That is so true!

If you haven't joined us at Holy Name in some time, please - first and foremost - feel welcome to come home. You do belong here - more than anywhere. We really hope to see you. Because you get this Newsletter, please know that we keep you in our prayers and thoughts. We wait expectantly to see you and welcome you, not in some grandiose way, but with a hand of fellowship and friendship.

If you are a regular churchgoer at Holy Name, we will be providing you with 'engagers.' An engager is

something we ask you give to at least 10 people inviting them 'Back to Church.'

Did you know that Schenectady is the most un-churched area in the United States? The vast majority of people in Schenectady County have no fellowship with God and His family. This is not a criticism, rather it is an opportunity. Our wish and prayer for their salvation must be coupled with action - an invitation to church. Help save someone today, tomorrow, every day, every week.

Raffle Tickets

We have very few Convo raffle tickets left. Win up to two \$500 gift cards.

The National YMSofR is holding a golf raffle with some great golf items as winnings.

If interested, please see See Fr. Jim.

Homebound? Need the Holy Mass? More?

Did you know that we broadcast each Sunday's 9:30am Holy Mass on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameOfJesusSchenectady/>? The Holy Mass recordings remain available there. Check it out.

Fr. Jim is also available to visit the homebound and will bring the sacraments. Please let him know and we can set up an appointment.

VOTIVE CANDLES

There is a beautiful custom to light a candle when we pray. When you lite a candle for another person or for your very personal intention always remember that the candle prolongs your prayer.

Only Thirteen R.C. Churches Left



Did you know that there are only thirteen Roman Catholic parishes left in the Schenectady area? In the 1960's and 1970's it was 23 parishes.

Did you know that the pastor of two of them (St. Paul's and Mount Carmel) retires July 1st? One of those now has no priest or deacon.

Did you know that other Roman parishes are served only by a deacon and the sacraments are limited?

There are two Roman parishes in Mont Pleasant and only one deacon.

Think of St. Mary's - now a concert venue and bar. Think of St. Thomas - now a Hindu temple. No witness to Christ there, no salvation.

We mourn these facts.

Fr. Jim, in his Roman Catholic experience, stood against the closing and diminishment of Roman parishes in Buffalo because he saw the horrors that happen with abandoned people, 'surplus' buildings, and legacies left under dust, garbage, and disintegrated plaster.

Think it cannot happen here? It will. The Pittsburgh Roman Catholic diocese, a much larger and richer diocese has announced plans to reduce the number of its parishes from 188 to 57, a nearly 70% decrease in parishes. If that trend is replicated in Schenectady, it will be left with only 9 parishes; 4 more will close.

We mourn these possibilities.

The National Catholic Church program is the best and strongest response and protection for its members. Parish property, finances, and the future of each parish are fully in the hands of its members, not distant bishops and 'popes.' We are thankful for that legacy.

If you know someone who seeks the fulness of Catholic life and all the sacraments each Sunday, invite them to Holy Name.

If you are looking for a place to express the Catholic faith as believed and celebrated by the undivided Church of the first millennium, join us here. You Belong Here!

July & August

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 1 13th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 11:30am only. Lector: Marilyn Hietala. Kurs	2 Kurs Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M.	3 Kurs	4 Kurs Independence Day	5 Kurs	6 Kurs Commemoration – John Hus, Priest & Martyr	7 Kurs
8 14th Sunday in OT. Lectors 9:30 & 11:30am: Joe Kaczynski, Claudia Bertasso	9 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm	10	11	12	13	14
15 15th Sunday in OT. Lectors 9:30 & 11:30am: Larry Panfil, Claudia Bertasso	16	17	18	19	20	21
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