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NEWSLETTER

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2019

A DISCIPLE IS NOT ABOVE HIS TEACHER, BUT EVERYONE WHEN HE IS FULLY TRAINED WILL BE LIKE HIS TEACHER.

The new year. Time to learn something new? There are lots of areas we could concentrate on. Learn to live a healthier life. Learn to cook like Julia Child. Learn plumbing, blacksmithing... Get another degree? One area long neglected and re-emerging in learning circles is apprenticeships.

Apprenticeships offer many advantages. Millions leave college each year with long term debt, little practical training, and difficult job prospects while apprenticeships cost nothing and provide learners with health care and pension benefits, paid practical training, highly marketable and in-demand skills, no debt, and earning prospects of \$145,000 to \$175,000 per year.

We might feel it is difficult to go back and start over, but there is one apprenticeship that is always open and available to everyone: Being a Disciple of Jesus.

Factually, that is what being a disciple means - a learner, a student, an apprentice. In 2019 we

are called to renewed discipleship, to apprenticing with the Master and Teacher of all. This year we are to dedicate ourselves to learning and doing with Jesus as His disciples!

This apprenticeship is to focus on aligning our lives with that of the Teacher, learning His ways, first imitating and then integrating His behaviors, approaching people as He does, and inviting them into this school of discipleship.

The key to this year of learning is our doing. A plumber's apprentice has to get in there and carry the pipes, sweat them together. An electrician's apprentice has to splice wire with his teacher. In the same way, as Jesus sent out the seventy-two learners/apprentices/disciples, we must apply our efforts in practical ways alongside our Master.

Ready to learn something new, and put that learning into practice? Ready to do the one thing that guarantees success and great benefits? Sign the Jesus Union card and Disciple now!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Our annual congregation meeting is tentatively planned for Sunday, February

3rd 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. We really need you to disciple in this manner, 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.

Membership and Dues

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.

If anyone has an issue with paying dues based on financial difficulties, please see Fr. Jim privately and confidentially.

Envelopes and Tax Statements



God bless you for your generosity and support of our parish in 2018. Because of you and your sacrifice we have been greatly blessed. Donation envelopes for

2019 have arrived and are available in the back of the church. Please take a 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.

SOUPERBOWL OF CARING



"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 17 years our parish has raised \$2,100 as part of the SouperBowl of Caring effort. This year's collection will be held on February 3rd. The soup pot is out. Please continue your generosity in this worthy effort which helps Schenectady Community Ministries in feeding the hungry.

Thank YOU for Your Food Offerings

Thank you to all who donated to our annual Thanksgiving and Christmas food collection for those in need in our local community. 247 pounds was delivered to Schenectady Community Ministries. They were VERY happy and very impressed

with the amount.

The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

Make February 2019 – 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 2020 - two great events our youth attend in the summer.

We need your support to give our young people a great beginning in 2019. 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 3rd so that everyone may be entered. Tickets cost only \$10 each. Feel free to contact Fr. Jim or Linda DePaula with any questions or

to get more tickets if needed.

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

The Holy Name of Jesus



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.

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

There is so much to be thankful for. To all who blessed us by preparing food for our annual parish

vigil dinner. To Combos for the great fish. To all who joined in to decorate the parish so beautifully for Christmas. To our youth under the direction of Mrs. Liz and Alyssa, and Kyle for presenting us with a beautiful Christmas play. To Christina for beautifully playing Silent Night. To Larry, Kyle, and Alyssa for their musical presentation at Midnight Holy Mass. To Victoria for her beautiful rendition of O Holy Night.

*Thank
You*

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 (Pete, Larry, Darryl).

To all who provided for our weekly coffee hour – a ministry of service and hospitality. To our event planners and volunteers at our Basket Social and Rummage Sale. To those who provided wonderful breakfasts on Sunday. To Joanne and her family for her great Italian dinner last January. To Joe and all his volunteers for the phenomenal Polish dinner. For everyone's work on other special events and to all those who gave of their time and treasure to build up the ministry and 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 and Convo.

May God bless and reward you for all you have done!

Milestones to Celebrate:

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

**Wishing you all many years!
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Epiphany Visitations - Kolęda - House Blessings



The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated on Sunday, January 6th.

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 March 5th (prior to Ash Wednesday).

Planning Ahead

- 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 9:30 and 11:30am.
- Jan. 13: Solemnity - Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- Jan. 18: Feast –St. Peter’s Chair in Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.
- Jan. 20: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Parish Committee Meeting follows the second Holy Mass.
- Jan. 21: Martin Luther King Day. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.
- Jan. 25: Feast - Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends.
- Jan. 27: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time./Music Scholarship Sunday.
Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY.
- Feb. 2: Solemnity of the Presentation, Holy Mass with Blessing of Candles at 10am.

- Feb. 3: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at 10:00am ONLY. Brunch and Annual Meeting to follow.**

Music Scholarship Sunday

Sunday, January 27th is Music Scholarship Sunday. Our parish has been blessed with great musicians and aspiring musicians. We had 2 winners last year. Scholarships are available to both youth and adults. 2019 scholarship applications will be available soon. God bless those who add musical beauty to the worship of God.

Gift of Intentions

Want to offer the best gift? Request Holy Mass be celebrated for a loved one for health and healing, for blessings, in thanksgiving for gifts received, or for the departed. See Fr. Jim to schedule a time.

YMSOFR PROJECT - 90 FOR 90 CAMPAIGN

This year, the YMSofR service project is to take care of one of our own. In 1929, Bishop Hodur had a vision for Spójnia Farm, to educate youth at retreats. In 2019, The Farm turns 90! The Y project is to raise funds to continue the work of the Farm. The 90 for 90 campaign aims to raise \$90,000 to do this work. We have brochures outlining the need and ask our YMSofR brothers to plan events to raise

funds this year. The funds will be given on July 4, 2019.

Directors Needed

To serve on the PNU/Spójnia Board. This is a light duty, but much in need. We need five volunteers.

The Most Important Thing We Can Do To Be Successful In The New Year

From Chip Ingram: Recently, I was with a young pastor who asked me, "What's the most important advice you can give me in order to fulfill God's purpose in my life?" That question caused me to go digging into Scripture and what I found was a clear pattern.

See if you spot what I discovered...

Moses' Final Warning to the Next Generation

He said to them, "Take to heart all the words I have solemnly declared to you this day, so that you may command your children to obey carefully all the words of this law. They are not just idle words for you—they are your life." – Deuteronomy 32:46-47 (NIV)

God's Command to Joshua as the New Leader

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of

the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” – Joshua 1:7-8 (NIV)

David’s Testimony in Times of Adversity

“If Your Law had not been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction.... Your Law is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” – Psalm 119:92, 105 (NASB)

Jesus’ Example in Launching His Ministry

After His baptism and the Father’s public declaration of His identity and mission, Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit to be tested by the Devil. Note His first reply to Satan’s offer:

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.’” – Matthew 4:4 (NASB)

Jesus’ Preparation of His Disciples After His Resurrection

While Peter and the disciples huddled in a room, fearing for their lives, two followers were traveling the seven-mile trek to Emmaus. Jesus joined them, veiling His identity and asked what they were discussing. When they shared their “dashed hopes” that Jesus must not have been the Messiah because of the crucifixion, here’s what the text says:

“And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them

what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.” – Luke 24:27 (NIV)

Do you see the pattern? Do you see the one thing that every one of these passages points to? If you want this year to be successful, fulfilling God’s highest and best purpose for your life, then go to God’s Word.

Read it, study it, memorize key passages, listen to it, do a small group study, soak it in, breathe it out, let it take root in your soul. It will change your life! It will transform your thinking! It will give you courage, strength, and power for all that comes your way. 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.

Discipleship 2019

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

With the hanging of each new calendar, we are gifted by God with the opportunity for a fresh start. Most of us enthusiastically embrace this chance for a personal reboot in the form of “New Year’s resolutions,” which cover everything from improving our personal health and increasing our physical fitness to strengthening our relationships with other people or even bettering our financial situation. Some of them entail wholesale changes to the way we live, while others call for smaller, simpler modifications to our daily routines. Certain people, exhibiting intense dedication and deep-seated self-discipline, seem to be able to make continual headway toward meeting their goals throughout the entire year, while

others with their own laser-focused attention, whole-hearted efforts and more than a few prayers for help and cries for mercy, also make steady and consistent progress...until right around the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

Regardless of how far into the New Year we actually make it before throwing in the towel, it is paramount that we all recognize that true success in each of these sincere endeavors can really only be measured by a single-criteria: perseverance. After all, we are all works in progress and (aside from a miraculous intervention akin to the conversion of one Saul of Tarsus) none of us is transformed in an instant. Further, all of these efforts are underpinned by the results of an honest self-assessment and motivated by a single implicit acknowledgement: the need to change. It is when we put these two points together, that we come to see the essence of every realistic New Year's resolution, regardless of its particular object: a sincere commitment to just keep working to be better.

With hopeful hearts and open minds, we Polish National Catholics are about to collectively embark upon a year-long consideration of what it truly means to be disciples of Jesus Christ. This will give each of us the chance to further fortify areas of our lives that are already spiritually and morally well-ordered and also the opportunity to formally recognize and actively address aspects yet in need of improvement. Throughout the year, we will be presented with matters for prayer, topics for reflection, chances for honest introspection and opportunities to act—all aimed toward the single goal of becoming more authentic disciples of the Lord Jesus.

As New Year's resolutions fall from our lips, may they take the form of a sincere prayer of recommitment to the Lord and a promise to persistently engage our call to be authentic disciples of Jesus and everything that this entails, never giving up even should we stumble and fall for the Lord will always help us get back on the pathway that He has marked out.

Indeed, each new year brings to us an

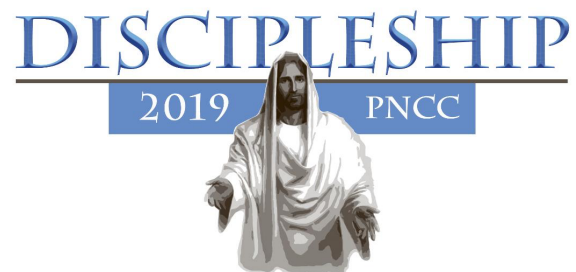
opportunity for a fresh start...and thanks be to God for that because we usually need it! We, as Polish National Catholics, will have the opportunity to embrace this together in 2019—may we do so with irrepressible joy. So, ring the bell! It's 2019 and...class is in session. But, then again, for us it's always in session.

Immediate action item for implementation from Holy Synod for Increased Spirituality. A 10 to 15 minute business free zone prior to the celebration of Holy Mass for priest and faithful. Use at least page 8 of the Mass booklets for spiritual preparation as well as other introductory pages. Let us prepare properly for the wonderful gifts of Christ in the Eucharist and hearing of God's Word during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

See the Prime Bishop's video presentation on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/ZP3OngObQTI>.

Happy 2019!

On behalf of Fr. Jim and our Parish Committee we wish you and yours the blessings of joy in Jesus for 2019.



January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Solemnity of the Circumcision, Holy Mass, 10am	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 at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Joe Kaczynski, Claudia Bertasso.	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil, Claudia Bertasso.	14	15	16	17	18 St. Peter's Chair at Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins.	19
20 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am. Lectors: Marilyn Hietala, Claudia Bertasso. Parish Committee Meeting.	21 Martin Luther King Day Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm	22	23	24	25 Conversion of St. Paul Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends	26
27 Music Scholarship Sunday 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 11:30am ONLY. Lectors: Joe Kaczynski	28	29	30	31		

EVENTS

Starting Jan. 6th:
Blessing of Homes Begins – See or Call Fr. Jim.
All of February - Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

February Upcoming
Feb. 2nd – Presentation
Feb. 3rd – 4th Sunday, St. Blaise
Feb. 16th – 66th Anniversary of the death of Š+P Prime Bishop Franciszek Hodur

Feb. 17th – Pre-Lenten Season Begins
Feb. 18th – President's Day