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NEWSLETTER

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WHO, THOUGH HE WAS IN THE FORM OF GOD, DID NOT COUNT EQUALITY
WITH GOD A THING TO BE GRASPED

Everything Jesus said and did was for us. He counted properly.

In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul laid out all the things Jesus gave up for us. He *made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant*.

Jesus did not give these things up to demean Himself, to become less than what He was, but rather to take all He is and all He has and offer it up before His Father in the ultimate sacrifice. A sacrifice sufficient to pay our debt of sin.

That ultimate sacrifice was the key moment of Jesus' doing. That act alone is so meaningful for us. We have endless thanks and praise to offer for that alone. Yet there is so much more in Jesus' time on earth and ministry for us. He not only provided us freedom by His ultimate sacrifice, He left us a storehouse of treasure to be counted and used.

This Lent, we are called upon to count, consider, and take up each and every thing Jesus taught and demonstrated for us. We are to assess His way of life, His call to

follow Him, find the areas where we fall short, turn from them, and respond with concrete, doable, and practical strategies to live Jesus' life. That's right, live Jesus' life.

The concept of discipleship entails a turning away from 'how we are' to 'how we must be.'

Lent provides the perfect opportunity for us to count up all the ways we fall short, all the ways, and to escape from sin into fuller life in Jesus.

If Jesus could give it all up, then so must we. If Jesus has called us to discipleship, then so we must accept His call; His way of counting.

Philippians says, everything about Jesus is *to be grasped*, to be counted, too be considered and thought about. But, we must not stop there. If we truly grasp and count all there is in Jesus, we realize what we must do. As Jesus lived, we must live. As Jesus did, we must do. Make Lent matter, delve into Jesus storehouse of treasure and let us make ourselves count as Jesus does.

Our Lenten Journey Toward Holy Week



We are beginning our Lenten journey on March 6th, Ash Wednesday, with Holy Mass at 7pm. Each Friday we also will gather to observe the

sacred tradition of Stations of the Cross at 7pm. This helps us better understand the loving devotion Jesus had for us, to the point where He gives up His life for us. Walk with Him today so that we may rejoice with Him on the last day.

Lent is a time devoted to repentance, a turning away from the ways, events, and situations that are harmful to us. This Lent we will focus on developing practical strategies to avoid and overcome temptations.

Let us enter Lent mindfully with prayer (Holy Mass, Stations, private prayer, bible reading, and our Lenten retreat), sacrifice (fasting), penance

(recollection of and turning away from sinful behaviors), and charity (Lenten directed giving).

We ask you to participate in our annual directed giving campaign as an act of charity and almsgiving to offer up food and other things needful for those in our local community.

Passiontide does not begin until April 7th and Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 14th.

Please be attentive to our schedule and join us. There is truly no greater experience than deep contemplation and sacrifice leading to the ultimate joy of Easter.

Lenten Retreat



Lenten Retreats in parishes and Seniorates all over the country and Canada are scheduled for this season. Our Mohawk Valley Seniorate will conduct a Lenten Retreat at BVM of Częstochowa on a date to be determined. This retreat process has grown each year - and is a highlight in our larger

communal experience of faith. We strongly encourage you to attend. Please give us a heads up if you will be attending so enough food may be provided. There is no charge for this spiritual exercise.

Join us for everything Easter

We so look forward to seeing you for Passiontide (the remainder of Lent starting on April 7th) as we join together in fellowship to pray, sacrifice, fast, increase our charity, and forgive.

April 14th is Palm Sunday marking the start of Holy Week. See our Holy Week schedule in this Newsletter. We reach the highpoint of the year's joy on Easter Sunday, April 21st with our Solemn Resurrection Holy Mass at 8am.

Walk with Jesus in the days and weeks leading up to Easter so as to rejoice with Him in His resurrection.

Please Help - Basket Social - March 31st



B is for Basket

It is time to get ready for our annual basket social to be held Sunday, March 31st at the Rotterdam

Senior Citizens Center. We really need your help to make this year's Social a success. Can you donate a basket, or two, or three? They don't have to be huge - anything will do. Through your love and charity we are able to touch the lives of others and maintain a vibrant faith community. Need ideas - check out Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/cmk1953/basket-party-ideas/>

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle Winners!!!

As of this writing, all winning tickets have not been pulled. Congratulations to all who have won in our Outrageous Valentine's Raffle so far:

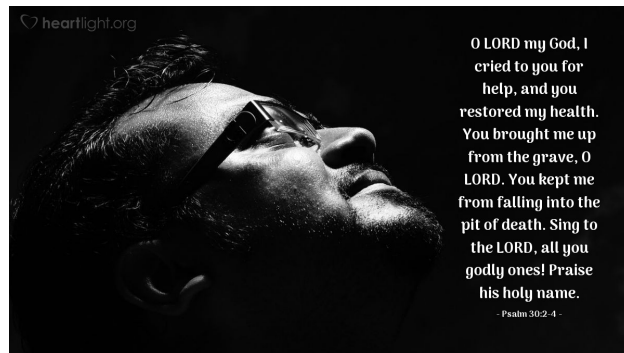
Renee Konicki (2x), Scott Williams (2X), Stefan Weglinski, Pat Badovinac (3x), Roni Bylina, Derek Westcott, Amber Tatlock, Roseann Jang, Theodore Zawistowski, Adeline Bush, Dino Viscusi, Alyssa DePaula, Daymond Morales (2x), Mila Woodfield, Stan Podkulski (grand prize), Gary Tatlock, Pete Battaglia, Kyle Carlson, DJ DePaula.

Thank you to those who re-donated their winnings as a special blessing. We have raised over \$1,100 for our youth programs.

Our Annual Financial Meeting - March 3rd

Our annual financial meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3rd. There will be one Holy Mass that day at 10:30am. Breakfast will be served. Please attend and help decide on our financial future.

EVANGELICAL/CHARISMATIC POWER EVANGELISM/FIRE OF THE SPIRIT HEALING SERVICE



Featuring Rev. Humberto De Leon, Rev. George Griffith, and Pastor Jim Konicki

COME AND WITNESS THE POWER OF ALMIGHTY GOD WITH HEALINGS, MIRACLES, SIGNS AND WONDERS, AND THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT! COME AND LET THE HOLY SPIRIT LIFT YOUR SOUL!

Speakers: Rev. Humberto De Leon - a former professional wrestler, a Texas Ranger, bounty hunter. Everything changed when Humberto met Jesus and was called into ministry in 1981. God told Humberto it was time to stop breaking people and start fixing

them. Humberto has served Our Lord preaching, teaching and holding healing services operated by the Holy Spirit ever since God spoke to him.

Rev. George Griffith - a former farmer, Navy/Korean War Vet, and 30-year CHiP (California Highway Patrol) retiring as a Lieutenant. Worked 10 years for the National Insurance Crime Bureau and is presently an evaluator of training of college cadets. After coming to Christ on July 4, 1967 held positions of V.P., President of local chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship (FGBMF). Currently, pastors Church of the First Born, as well as speaking throughout America in different cities.

What is Power Evangelism?

In the year 2000, Rev. Humberto and Rev. George began to minister as a team, ministering in several cities. Their ministry is commonly referred to as "Power Evangelism", as the Holy Spirit moves in the meetings. Healing occurs to individuals and many are "slain in the Spirit" during ministry. They are very humble servants and you will often hear them say, "We do NOT do the healing or slaying in the Spirit, as that is HIS work; we only pray, speak and expect the miracles to happen."

If you are one who is bound, now is the time to be loosed through the power of Almighty God. Whether it be health, financial, or emotional, or any other healing that is needed in your life—now is the time to be set FREE!

Once every X Years We need a Census

We are working to update our parish census information. The last time this was done was nearly twenty years ago, and you can imagine, our records are a little out-of-date. In an attempt to record the most accurate information possible, we need your help. We will be mailing our Parish Census forms shortly. You can also complete it securely and confidentially online at <https://www.holynamemccc.org/parish-census/>, mail it back to us, or place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

We realize that this task may take a few minutes of your time, but the updated information you provide will help us better serve you and our community. Beyond gathering updated information, we long for your thoughts and ideas. Because we live a democratic church tradition, your input, ideas, and participation are key to doing what is needful in our community. We will strive to support your ideas, to empower you to make a difference.

Once you receive the census, please complete it and return it. Please know how much your assistance is appreciated in this project. If there is anything that you need from us, please do not hesitate to call the parish office

at 518-372-1992 or E-mail Fr. Jim at frjim@holynamemccc.org.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

9 Rebecca Kopec, Marianna Zemken
13 Christopher Maliszewski
14 Paul Zebrowski Sr., Deborah Kusek
16 Steven James
18 Justyne Rios
19 Justin Smith, Stanley Podkulski, Danielle DeMidio
21 Susie Spooner, Gary Podbielski, Matthew Zembrzuski
23 Erin Pross
24 Amber Houser
26 Elizabeth Battaglia, Nylyse Rios, Sarah Limmer
27 Skyler Dee
28 Frances Pawlowski, Lilianna Kalnaus
30 Susan Malinowski

Wishing you all many years!

Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję, Ąċiū, Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie!

To all who attended our annual meeting. To Kelly Supinski for a great breakfast. To all who ran for office and were elected. You honor the sacrifice of our ancestors who built this democratic model of Church and keep their hope alive by your participation.

Thank you for your Souper Bowl Sunday generosity. \$128 was collected and donated locally.

Thank you to our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir

director Liz Battaglia, and to all who assist in the ministry of hospitality.

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

Year of Discipleship - March Focus

We are called by the XXV Holy Synod to develop and emphasize Discipleship through 2019: This month's effort is focused on repentance and overcoming temptation. We are called to develop a better understanding of what it means to repent and from there, develop practical strategies to avoid and overcome temptation. Those in need in whatever way is needed in your respective community

Directed Giving for Lent:

Ash Wednesday Week, Mar. 6-9,
LET'S DO LUNCH Tuna and
Mayonnaise, Peanut Butter and
Jelly, Soup and Crackers.

1st Week of Lent, Mar. 10-16,
FEELING FRUITY Canned Peaches,
Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple or
Applesauce, 100% Juice in Cans.

2nd Week of Lent, Mar. 17-23,
VEGGIE MANIA Canned Corn,
Canned Peas, Canned Beans,
Canned Potatoes, Canned Sweet
Potatoes.

3rd Week of Lent, Mar. 24-30,

DINNER IS SERVED Canned Beef
Stew, Canned Pork and Beans,
Instant Potatoes/Stuffing Mix,
Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti or
other Pasta, Canned Spaghetti
Sauce.



4th Week of Lent, Mar. 31- Apr. 6,
SCHOOL NEEDS Pencils and Pens,
Folders and Notebooks, Crayons,
Tape and Elmer's Glue.

Passion Week, Apr. 7-13, BABY
MAKES THREE Disposable Diapers,
Baby Wipes, Liquid Formula, Jars of
Baby Food.

Holy Week, Apr. 14-20, SPECIAL
NEEDS DIET Low Sodium Soups,
Canned Fruit in Juice (not in syrup),
Canned Tuna in Water, Low Sodium
Crackers, Organic Applesauce.

Stepping Up to the Spiritual Buffet

By Merritt Johnston

Picture this. You walk into church
this Sunday to find that all the
seats have been removed. Rows
of buffet-style serving lines are in
their place. Everyone is

instructed to get a serving of whatever spiritual food he or she desires. Many rush to the dessert section to load up with joy, peace, prosperity ... you get the picture.

As you make your way through the line, you realize that one item is left untouched. A generous supply of suffering sits under the heat lamp.

You have a decision to make. Dish yourself a generous helping, dip out a mere mouthful like you did as a kid with the vegetables your mom made you eat, or leave it completely untouched like the others ahead of you in line.

If you're anything like me, your first instinct is just to roll on by. After all, everything about our human instinct tells us to avoid suffering at all costs. But in God's economy, suffering has great value.

Ecclesiastes 7:3 (NLT) says, *"Sorrow is better than laughter, for sadness has a refining influence on us."*

It's hard to fathom that sorrow could possibly be better than laughter, but more often than not, we grow far more in seasons of suffering than in seasons of success. And if our end game is to be like Christ, there's just no

possible way to achieve that without suffering.

Romans 8:17 (NIV) says, *"Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory."*

Now God isn't commanding us to go out and intentionally seek suffering, especially when it's suffering brought on by our own sin. But when difficult times come our way, He is calling us to receive them with joy (check out James 1:2-4). He longs for us to become spiritually mature, and He knows that suffering is one of the most effective ways to help us get there. But thankfully, Christ makes sure that we do not have to endure our season of suffering alone.

2 Corinthians 1:5 (NIV), *"For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows."*

So if you're struggling today, turn to Christ for comfort. He's no stranger to suffering, so there's no better hand to hold on the journey. Trust in the faithfulness of God and let His refining influence take full effect in your life. And when all is said and done, you just might find yourself looking a lot more like Christ.

Planning For:

Holy Mass each Sunday at 9:30am and 11:30am unless otherwise noted.

- Mar. 3: Quinquagesima Sunday. **Holy Mass at 10:30am ONLY. Annual Budget Meeting follows.**
- Mar. 4: Commemoration of St. Casimir.
- Mar 6: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with Blessing and Imposition of Ashes at 7pm.
- Mar. 8: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- Mar. 10: 1st Sunday of Lent. Daylight Savings Time Begins.
- Mar. 15: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- Mar. 17: 2nd Sunday of Lent.
- Mar. 18: Holy Mass for Healing, 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting follows.
- Mar. 19: Solemnity - St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M.
- Mar. 22: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- Mar. 24: 3rd Sunday of Lent.
- Mar. 25: Solemnity - Annunciation of the B.V.M.
- Mar. 30: **Evangelical/Charismatic Healing Service/Fire of the Holy Spirit 7-9pm.**
- Mar. 31: 4th Sunday of Lent. **Holy Mass at 9:30am ONLY. Basket Social at Noon.**

- Apr. 1: Anniversary - Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur (1866).

Passiontide Begins

- Apr. 7: Passion Sunday.

Holy Week Begins

- Apr. 14: Palm Sunday.
- Apr. 16: Holy Tuesday. Clergy Conference. Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton).
- Apr. 18: Maundy Thursday, Holy Mass, Procession, Stripping of the Altars, 7pm.
- Apr. 19: Good Friday, Cross Walk at 11:30am, Bitter Lamentations at 3pm, Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 7pm.
- Apr. 20: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Easter Baskets, 4pm.

Easter









- Apr. 21: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter, Holy Mass at 8am and 10am.



PNU Branch 140/168

We will be reaching out to members of both branches. Stay tuned.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Quinquagesima Sunday - Holy Mass at 10:30am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil. Annual Budget Meeting at 11:30am.	4 Commemoration of St. Casimir	5	6  Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass at 7pm.	7	8  Stations of the Cross 7pm	9
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31 4th Sunday of Lent - Holy Mass at 9:30am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil ANNUAL BASKET SOCIAL						

EVENTS

April Events:

- 4/7 – Passion Sunday
- 4/14 – Palm Sunday
- **4/21 - Easter**

Basket Social! Only a few weeks left to get those wonderful baskets together for our March 31st event **at the Rotterdam Senior Citizens Club**