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NEWSLETTER

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BUT ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, AT EARLY DAWN, THEY WENT TO THE TOMB, TAKING THE SPICES WHICH THEY HAD PREPARED.

*They came, so sad, with faces
stained;
Behind them the rays of a new
dawn flamed.
All about them heaven with glory
began to open...*

The partial stanza above is from the poem *The Resurrection* by Fr. Walter Hyszko. This and other poems by Fr. Hyszko can be found in his book, *Ode to Great Men and Great Things in Poetry and Prose*.

This poem is so appropriate to us. It reflects on the early morning walk *Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women* took to the tomb. They were deeply saddened, faces tear stained from prolonged crying. Their hearts were broken.

In their sadness, they set out to commit a final act of love toward Jesus, to anoint His dead body with spices. He was dead.

Fr. Hyszko paints a picture in words. They reflect what we may be experiencing Easter Sunday morning if we have walked with

Jesus throughout Lent, if we actually spent time in church from Maundy Thursday through Holy Saturday. The weight of Jesus betrayal, arrest, torture, death, and the ensuing silence after burial weighs heavy on us. Our sinfulness, our failures, our unwillingness to be there for Jesus, presses on us. We feel death's press and we miss it.

As Fr. Hyszko points out, the Marys, Joanna, and the other women missed it too: *Rays of a new day flamed / heaven with glory began to open*. All those things that weigh on us, all the tears and regrets in our lives have been covered in the redeeming blood of Jesus. We have been washed and made new. That day burned forth as new - a new era - rebirth into a time where heaven is open. The doors have been unbarred. Death has been crushed by death. He lives!

The last line of the poem's first stanza says: *Yet the thrall of grief remained unbroken*. Do not let your grief remain unbroken this Easter for we are made new. Rejoice!!!

Easter Wishes

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

Join us for the 50 days of Easter

We so look forward to seeing you as we continue to celebrate the Easter season that begins April 21st and does not conclude until June 9th (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in His resurrection with the apostles, your Holy Church, and your family in faith.

Basket Social - HUGE THANK YOU



Our ever popular Basket Social with so many baskets was a huge success. It was our biggest fundraiser ever. Our Gross proceeds totaled over \$8,500 and

our net income was \$7,814.39. This would not have been possible without Donna Panfil's leadership and so many hands that joined together in work and prayer.

To everyone who donated such beautiful baskets and gifts, the food makers, the cooks, dessert makers, set-up chauffeurs and workers, greeters - WOW!!! YOU ARE THE BEST!

Thank you to all of our loyal patrons. People traveled far and wide to come to the Basket Social - one person coming up from New Jersey just for this event. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

CROSS WALK - WITNESS

Our parish once again will participate in Cross Walk - this year the sixth annual Cross Walk on Good Friday.



We will begin at The Bridge Church and then proceed to Global Prophetic Ministries,

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, New Day C.E.C., and Holy Name of Jesus.

We will pray and sing imploring Divine grace for Mont Pleasant. We will cast down the strongholds of pimping, drugs, prejudice, and violence and will show all we meet what Jesus' Church can do through His people.

Please join in on this witness to the power of Jesus' cross starting at 11:30am from The Bridge, 735 Crane Street.

Butter Lambs for Sale

We are selling butter lambs for Easter. We'll take orders up until April 12 -via church sign up sheet or phone call to 518-605-8559. The butter lambs will be ready for pick up on April



14th during normal church hours OR on April 15th between 7-9pm. They are \$5 each. The money collected will go towards buying supplies to create a community garden on the church grounds.

Milestones to Celebrate:

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
- 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!

God bless you!

To all who praying, sacrificing, and abstaining during Lent, who prayed more fervently through Lenten devotions, attended our Seniorate retreat, engaged in acts of charity, and practiced acts of Christian love and concern.

Thank you to all who so generously gave (so far) through our Lenten directed giving program.

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!!!

How to say Happy Easter

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 zmartwychwsta!*

Prawdziwie zmartwychwsta!

- 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!*

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

National United Women's Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament 28th National Convention, May 3rd through 5th at Holy Mother of Sorrows PNCC Parish, Dupont, PA.

Men's Spiritual Retreat sponsored by the National YMS of R from May 16th through 18th in Walmart, PA. Join us!.

The **74th Annual National Bowling Tournament** will be held In Stratford, CT and will be hosted

by St. Joseph's parish from June 7th through 9th. 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>.

34th Convention and 26th Music Workshop of the National United Choirs at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, Lancaster, NY from July 31st through August 2nd.

The United Y.M.S. of R. **5th Annual Golf Outing** at the Panorama Golf Course in Forest City, PA. The golf outing will be held on August 17th. Stay tuned for additional information.

YMS of R 74th Biennial Convention, October 18-19-20 at our parish.

National Youth Activities

Fr. Jim has once again been appointed chaplain for this year's **Kurs Encampment** being held July 4th through 13th at the Bishop Hour Retreat and recreation Center in Waymart, PA. Sign up forms will be available in May. This event of July 4th also marks **90 years to the day** Bishop Hodur established Spójnia Farm and the camp. A huge celebration is set for July 4th. Come see the new pool and other surprises awaiting us.

Music Scholarships

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 2018 Scholarships, the Church has given out 1,095 scholarships totaling \$316,985.

Applications for the 2019 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, 2019.

Planning For:

- April 1: 153rd Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur.
- April 5: Stations of the Cross at

7pm.

- April 6: Seniorate Lenten Retreat.

Passiontide Begins

- April 7: Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- April 12: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

Holy Week

- April 14: Palm Sunday, Holy Mass at 9:30 and 11:30am.
- April 15: Holy Monday. Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.
- April 16: Holy Tuesday. Clergy Conference. Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton).
- April 18: Maundy Thursday, Holy Mass, Procession, Stripping of the Altars, 7pm.
- April 19: Good Friday, Cross Walk at 11:30am, Bitter Lamentations at 3pm, Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 7pm.
- April 20: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Easter Baskets, 4pm.
- April 21: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter, Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am and Holy Mass at 10am. Easter repast after each Holy Mass.

Bright Week

- April 28: Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 9:30 and Holy Mass at

11:30am.

- April 29: Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist (translated).
- 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: 68th Anniversary, Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski.

A Message from the Education and Youth Commission

A reminder to all students who are attending a college or university, either part-time or full-time: The deadline for your stipend application is quickly approaching - April 15th. To apply, one must be a PNU member who is current paying on a policy or has had an established policy for at least 5 years (this does not include Social Membership). Applications can be obtained from the website of the PNU (www.pnu.org) under downloadable forms. Any questions or concerns please contact Mary Ann Stankowski, Education and Youth Commission, Chair at eyc@pnu.org.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle Winners!!!

Congratulations to all who have won

in our Outrageous Valentine's Raffle. The final winners list:

Renee Konicki (2x), Scott Williams (2X), Stefan Weglinski, Pat Badovinac (3x), Roni Bylina, Derek Westcott (2x), 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, Adam Konicki, Frank Durkee, Traviss Carroll.

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

Power of the Spirit Healing Service

Thank you to pastors George Griffin and Humberto DeLeon, and our friend Greg who coordinated this event held on Saturday, March 30th. Thank you to all who turned out to spend time with God, who raised their hearts to what God does in His reality and power. Pastor Humberto (Bob) is ill. Please pray for his restoration.

Three Truths for Lasting Life Change

By Chip Ingram

Is there an area in your life that you really want to change, and you know God wants to change, but you

feel stuck? Perhaps it is a critical attitude you can't get rid of or an addiction you can't shake.

Jesus' game plan for each and every one of us is that we would be transformed. Just as a caterpillar is transformed into a beautiful butterfly, we also should be "metamorphose-ized" when Christ comes into our lives. This is a process through which our character becomes more and more like Christ.



But if this is God's plan, ever wonder why is it so difficult for many of us?

We can take comfort that even the Apostle Paul struggled at times. He said, "For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing." (Romans 7:18-19)

He's basically saying, "I want to do what's right. But I find myself not doing it. And the very thing I don't want to do, I find myself doing that."

Sound familiar?

He goes on to say, "Now, if I do what I do not want to do, it's no longer I who do it, but it's sin living in me that does it. What a wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me

from this body of death?" (v. 20, 24)

And then, he gives us the answer: "Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (v. 25)

And so the question for us becomes: How did Jesus conquer sin, and how does that work out for us practically in everyday life?

We live in an existential world, so we think that life change is about trying harder. We think there's some formula.

But the Christian life isn't about trying hard to live like Jesus or achieving some morality.

The Christian life is a relationship with God the Father through the work of the cross. When we are united to Him by faith, we are co-crucified and co-resurrected. As the Spirit enters our life, we begin to live a new life.

True life change – from the inside out – always begins with truth. And whatever is true of Jesus also becomes true for us.

Here are three truths you need to believe and live out in order to have lasting life change:

You are free. Sin's power was broken when Christ died on the cross and rose from the dead three days later.

You are forgiven. Not only has sin's power been broken, but sin's penalty has been paid for. When Christ hung upon the cross – the sins of all people of all time – were

placed on Him and He absorbed it in our place.

You are secure. Death doesn't have dominance over you anymore because you have eternal life. The moment you turned from your sin and trusted in Christ, the Spirit of God came into you, sealed you with His Spirit, and adopted you into His family. He took you from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light, gave you a new relationship with God the Father, a relationship with a supernatural community called the body of Christ, and an eternal inheritance.

These are facts.

You can choose to give in to sin, give in to temptation, or be fearful of demonic spirits, but as a believer, you can also look death and sin straight in the eye and realize it doesn't have power over you anymore.

This is the beginning of lasting life change. You can feel it or not feel it, but the truth is that you're forgiven, you're free, and you're secure.

Parish Census and PNU Branch 140/168

Please complete your parish census and return it by May 31st.

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

April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 153rd Anniversary – Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur	2	3	4	5 Stations of the Cross, 7pm	6 Seniorate Lenten Retreat, 10am
7 Passion Sunday – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Joe Kaczynski/Claudia Bertasso	8	9	10	11	12 Stations of the Cross, 7pm	13
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21 Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter, Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Lector: Joe Kaczynski and Holy Mass at 10am. Easter repast after each Holy Mass.	22 Bright Monday	23 Bright Tuesday	24 Bright Wednesday	25 Bright Thursday	26 Bright Friday	27 Bright Saturday
28 Low Sunday – Holy Mass at 9:30am and 11:30am. Lectors: Larry Panfil/Claudia Bertasso,	29 Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist (translated)	30 Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman Supreme Council Meets in Scranton, PA				

EVENTS

May

Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Ascension