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# NEWSLETTER

## JULY/AUGUST

# 2019



AS JESUS WALKED ALONG THE SHORE OF LAKE GALILEE

Jesus spent a lot of time along the shore. St. Mark's gospel practically starts with Jesus walking along the shore. Jesus preached by the shore, walked from the shore out to the boat, across the water, and appears on the shore, seaside, after His resurrection.

The well known poem, 'Footprints in the Sand' speaks of Jesus walking with us along the shore of our life, beside us at times, carrying us at others.

All of these references to the shore, and we never see any references to snow or cold throughout Jesus' ministry. Sure, there was the storm on the sea, but Jesus took care of that. No cold because there is none in God.

As we enter the fullness of the summer months, we find yet again, Jesus with us at the shore. We recognize that Jesus doesn't hang back at home while we head out to the shore. He is ready, and very much happy to go along. After all, the seaside town of Capernaum was His base (ok, enough, I see that Jesus loved the shore and the sea).

Wherever we may go this summer, the message isn't about Jesus' love of tourist destinations or those quiet secluded places only we and a few of our friends know about, but rather about what Jesus accomplishes wherever He may be.

Jesus loved these places, the shore especially, not because He liked to hang out and soak up rays, but because - the key - that's where the people were.

Jesus came to bring a powerful message - The kingdom is at hand, it is about to break open with a sunlight and freedom you have never known, and when it opens, I want you to be ready to enter. Jesus came to bring that message to everyone. We all have access.

The lovely song, Lord, You Have Come To The Seashore/Pescador de Hombres/Barka makes the point. He came to seek, to call, to proclaim. Having done so, He expects us to take up with Him, at the shore, anywhere we go, and say: at Your side, I will seek other shores. Let us seek those shores - the opportunity to make Jesus known everywhere.

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## Fr. Jim Away

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Fr. Jim will be Chaplain at this year's Kurs Encampment. He will be away from July 4th through July 13th. If there is a spiritual need or emergency during this period, please call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-453-2258.

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## A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS

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

Victoria Konicki, Christina Supinski, and Kyle Carlson on their Confirmation.

Victoria Konicki on her High School graduation.

Many years!!! Sto lat!!!

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## Summertime Events

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We welcome all to attend these great summer events including:

• **Kurs 2019** with the theme "What I received, I passed on to you." *Challenge Accepted!* will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4th through 13th (9 days).

- **The 34th Convention and 26th Workshop of the National United Choirs** will be held at Holy

Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Lancaster, NY from July 31st through August 2nd.

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

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

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## Happy Summer

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We wish all of our young people and 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.*

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### **Summer Coffee BREAK**

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We are taking a break from our weekly coffee hours for the summer months. Coffee hours resume September 8th. Thank you to all who provided for this time of fellowship over the past 10 months.

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## **PARISH AND COMMUNITY PICNIC**

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We are holding a parish and community picnic on the church grounds this summer on Sunday, August 11th. Please invite friends and family to join in this great time of fellowship and reminiscing.

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### **Our Own Claudia Bertasso in Beauty and the Beast**

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Claudia Bertasso is acting in and choreographing for the Not So Common Players presentation of Disney's Beauty and the Beast on the Clifton Park Common's Stage. This outdoor Theater event is FREE

to the public. Belle is a girl who is dissatisfied with life in a small provincial French town, constantly trying to fend off the misplaced "affections" of conceited Gaston. The Beast is a prince who was placed under a spell because he could not love. A wrong turn, taken by Maurice, Belle's Father, causes the two to meet. Beauty and the Beast has many hilarious but heartfelt moments with memorable songs, such as "Belle", "Beauty and the Beast", "Be our Guest", and many more.

Bring your own chair, a blanket, or a whole picnic and make a night of it. Friday, July 19 at 8 PM to Sun, July 28th at 11 AM. FREE at the beautiful Clifton Park Commons, 7 Clifton Common Blvd, Clifton Park, NY.

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### **Holy Mass for Healing**

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Our next monthly Holy Masses for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, July 15th and Monday, August 19th at 6:15pm. Join us and invite others.

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### **With Thanks**

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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.

Thank you so very much to the Parish Committee, Liz, Larry, and Bishop Judy Murphy-Jack for your music at Confirmation. Thank you to

Mr. Charles Mueller and his family for the wonderful Confirmation dinner. To Mrs. Linda DePaula for the planning and to all who supported and assisted, who did set-up and break down. Thank you to the priests and parishioners of the Seniorate who attended.

Thank you to all who prepared a fantastic BBQ, made excellent salads and worked together to make our Father's Day fellowship very special.

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

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 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!!!

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### **Our Church and A Prayer For Our Country**

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Independence Day held a special place in the hearts of the founding generation of our Church. So often the church looks for a 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. In honor of the 243rd

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.

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### **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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#### 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:**

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- Holy Mass is celebrated each Sunday at 9:30am and 11:30am unless otherwise noted.
- July 2: Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M.
- July 4: Independence Day. 90th Anniversary Celebration at Spójnia Farm, Waymart, PA. Holy Mass at 11am.
- July 4 - July 13: KURS Encampment, Waymart, PA
- July 6: Commemoration of John Hus, Priest and Martyr
- July 7: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at 11:30am only.**
- July 14: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 15: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- July 21: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 25: Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle
- July 26: Commemoration of Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V.M.
- July 28: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen
- August 4: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord.
- August 11: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Annual Parish Picnic.**
- August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at 7pm.
- August 17: 4th Annual YMSofR Golf Tournament.
- August 18: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at**

## **11am ONLY. Jack & Jill Shower Honoring Alyssa DePaula and Kyle Carlson.**

- August 19: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle.
- August 25: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Youth Sunday.
- August 27: Solemnity - Our Lady of Czestochowa.
- August 29: Solemnity - Beheading of St. John the Baptist
- September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- September 2: Labor Day
- September 8: Solemnity of Brotherly Love
- September 15: National Back to Church Sunday. Let's Do This Together!

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## **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY – LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER**

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Back to Church Sunday is Sunday, September 15th. We need your help.

This year's theme is "Let's Do This Together" A perfect theme for our parish!

Every church is the local expression of the Body of Christ. As such, We have the capacity to passionately address the issues of brokenness and loneliness that pervade our society. The Church, as messy as it

might be, is a beautiful place where people can come together to find wholeness, friendship, healing, forgiveness, guidance and love



through Jesus and His people. National Back to Church Sunday is celebrating this beauty with our 2019 theme, **Together.**

In Paul's letter to the Church in Ephesus we see this "together" theme emphasized again and again.

In Ephesians 2 we are encouraged by the declaration that "**together**, we are His house." Paul prays in Ephesians 3 that "**together** with all the Lord's holy people" we could "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ." In Ephesians 4 we see how we grow in strength together as Jesus "makes the whole body fit **together** perfectly." A powerful picture is painted for us in Ephesians 5, showing that together we can truly make a difference as we "live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ." We come together in Christ as the Church, and that makes all the difference for each and every person that steps through the doors of our parish, finding a place they can call their own with a family that reminds them they are not alone.

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## Raffle Tickets

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The Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is once again hosting a raffle to benefit our College Stipend Program. The raffle will be held on December 5th, 2019. Donations for these tickets are \$5 each or 3 tickets for \$10. First Prize – \$400 cash; Second Prize – Amazon Echo; Third Prize- \$100 cash. Fr. Jim has tickets.

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## Homebound? Need the Holy Mass? More?

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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.

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## Regular Confession

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Youth and their parents are reminded that regular auricular confession is a requirement. Children and youth 8 to 15 years old must go to private confession to properly receive regular communion. To help you meet this requirement, Fr. Jim will hear confessions on the last Sunday of each month from 8:30am to 9am. Adults are also welcome!

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## CALL to Special Synod

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*Pursuant to article VII, LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY, B, THE SPECIAL SYNOD, SECTION 1 of The Constitution and Laws of the Polish National Catholic Church, Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky, Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church, is calling a Special Synod for the Polish National Catholic Church to convene at Saint Stanislaus Cathedral Youth Center, Scranton, Pennsylvania, on Friday, October 25, 2019 with the concurrence of the Supreme Council. The sole purpose of this one-day Synod will be to elect Candidates for Bishop.*

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## Pre-Synod Prayer

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*Lord Jesus, You commanded Your Apostles to go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to all nations. You have called bishops to succeed the Apostles continuing the Apostolic ministry. May our bishops keep watch over the faith, unity and order of Your Holy Church. Their inheritance is the faith of the Patriarchs and Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, and believers of every generation who have looked to God with hope; may our Bishops and those to be elected as Candidates for Bishop, preserve that inheritance. Bless Your servants, our Bishops and those who will be Candidates for Bishop, whom You call to the fullness of the priesthood, so that Your grace may shine forth*

*in their character and conduct. Strengthen them that they may be devoted shepherds and true examples for the flock entrusted to them. This we ask in Your precious Name. Amen.*

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## **One Day Women's Retreat**

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The Diocesan United Women's Society for the Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament is sponsoring a one-day women's retreat, featuring presenters Kim Messinger, Janine Boyer, and Shirley Brosius from Friends of the Heart. The retreat will take place on October 5th at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, and is open to all women. Information and registration forms are located in the church and are also available from Fr. Jim.

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## **How to Actually Experience the Hope You Have in Christ**

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By Chip Ingram

Did you know that as a believer in Christ you possess all the hope you need in order to get through this life?

It's a hope that's based on absolute certainty that Christ is coming back and that He has prepared a place for all genuine followers of Christ. It's a hope that believes the future is promising. And it's a hope that believes God's promises are true even in the midst of challenging circumstances and difficult people.

Jesus, on his very last night with the disciples, said, *"I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete"* – or,

*literally, "overflowing."* (John 15:11)

Jesus promises to give us the kind of hope that produces joy even when external circumstances aren't going our way.

Sadly, many of us are still living as though we are hopeless. We might be in the midst of a difficulty – a broken relationship, a job loss, or an illness – and although we know that we have this hope, we don't act like it. We possess it, but we're not experiencing it. So, how do we experience this kind of deep, true, eternal hope in everyday life?

This is what the Apostle Paul says after he has been beat up more than a few times, left in the ocean, and left once for dead: *"I want to know Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His suffering, becoming like Him in His death, in order that I may attain the resurrection from the dead."* (Philippians 3:10-11)

What he's saying is: "I don't want the intellectual knowledge about God. I don't want facts. I don't want data. I want a deep, personal, intimate relationship with God the Father through the Person of Christ." Having intimacy with Jesus is key to moving from hope that we possess to hope that we actually experience.

The more we can grasp this new reality – that we are in a spiritual union with God – the more we will realize that we have complete access to Him. He is present and near to us regardless of our circumstances.

Where are you at today? Where in your life do you feel hopeless? Whatever it is, you can trust the Spirit of God wants to take the truth of God's Word and help you not only know about hope but experience it. Begin by asking Jesus to help you to know Him deeper.



# July & August

# 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	July 1	2 Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M.	3	4 Kurs Independence Day & 90th Anniversary Celebration, Waymart	5 Kurs	6 Kurs Commemoration – John Hus, Priest & Martyr
7 Kurs 14th Sunday in OT. Lectors <b>11:30am</b> : Joe Kaczynski.	8 Kurs	9 Kurs	10 Kurs	11 Kurs	12 Kurs	13 Kurs
14 15th Sunday in OT. Lectors 9:30 & 11:30am: Larry Panfil, Claudia Bertasso	15 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm	16	17	18	19	20
21 16th Sunday in OT. Lectors 9:30 & 11:30am: Joe Kaczynski, Claudia Bertasso	22	23	24	25 Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle	26 Commemoration of Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V.M.	27
28 17th Sunday in OT. Lectors 9:30 & 11:30am: Larry Panfil, Claudia Bertasso	29	30	31	<b>August 1</b>	2	3 Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen
4 18th Sunday in OT. Lectors 9:30 & 11:30am: Joe Kaczynski, Claudia Bertasso	5	6 Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord.	7	8	9	10
11 19th Sunday in OT. Lectors <b>10am</b> : Larry Panfil. <b>PICNIC</b>	12	13	14	15 Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at 7pm.	16	17 4th Annual Golf Tournament
18 20th Sunday in OT. Lectors 11am: Joe Kaczynsk, <b>SHOWER</b>	19 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.	20	21	22	23	24 Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle.
25 21st Sunday in OT. & <b>YOUTH SUNDAY</b> . Lectors 9:30 & 11:30am: Larry Panfil, Claudia Bertasso	26	27 Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa.	28	29 Solemnity - Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30	31