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JESUS' DISCIPLES GATHERED AROUND HIM, AND HE TAUGHT THEM: I TELL YOU NOT TO WORRY...

I believe we often wonder whether Jesus is really speaking to us. Are those particular words meant for me? The answer is always yes, and reflecting on our passage for this month, we can certainly see how it applies to us. Jesus' friends and followers got together, and He **COMMANDED** them: Chill out!

Indeed, Matthew 6:25, taken from the Sermon on the Mount, is a direct command from Jesus to His followers. His language was not a suggestion or a recommendation, or an option. If you are following me, you need to relax, chill out, throw out all fear and anxiety.

If we experience God, church, family, and everyday life from a perspective of fear and anxiety we are missing the blessings of a true relationship with Jesus and each other. Instead of living in Jesus - life to the fullest - we are just functioning and killing ourselves.

Fear, worry and anxiety are a wall, a thick, high, deep, and strong wall that blocks the way between me and Jesus. We look at those walls,

and our instinct is not to break through the wall, after all. Who am I? Rather, we start immediately to make the wall bigger, stronger, higher, and deeper. We forget the dynamite we really have.

The power we have is faith as small as a mustard seed. Go to the local supermarket or spice store. Find a jar of mustard seed, and look how small those seeds are. Buy that jar, and then go find a big 'ol wall - a brick or stone one, and take one of those seeds. Just one, and throw it at the wall. In our minds and hearts, see that wall explode and fall.

That's the power we have in Jesus. That is the order He has given us. With the simplest of faith, the least amount of faith, the wall of fear, worry and anxiety is destroyed.

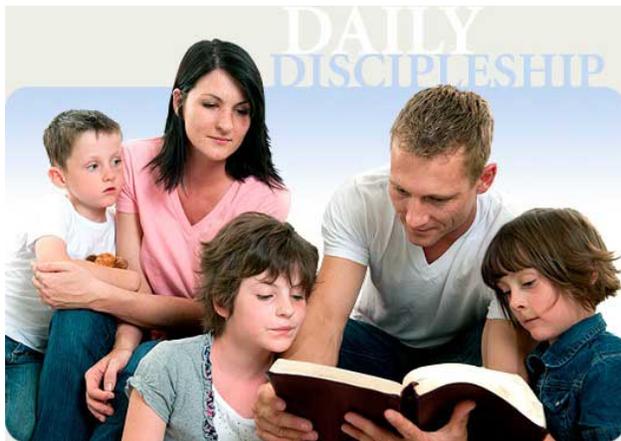
When we come to church, let us use the opportunity to stand up and follow Jesus' order. He's speaking to us. Destroy the wall. Relax the shoulders, throw out the obligation, and step over the broken parts of that wall. See Jesus for real, no fear.

Confirmation & Installation

On June 2nd at 2pm, the Very Rev. Marian Pociecha will be formally installing Fr. Jim as pastor of our parish in the presence of our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Bernard Nowicki. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Jim and Bishop will confirm three candidates: Christina "URSULA" Supinski, Kyle "AMBROSE" Carlson, and Victoria "PHILOMENA" Konicki.

God bless Fr. Jim and our confirmands.

**NEEDED: STRONG,
DETERMINED, BRAVE,
AND FAITHFUL MEN**



Our Holy Church sets the month of June aside and encourages the faithful to pray for the clergy of our Holy Church and for an increase of vocations. That prayer starts in family, both by words of prayer and the prayer of encouragement. Families are the seed of vocations

and our work is so needed.

This month we also remember those who spent their lives serving God and His people, being now retired and in need of our financial support.

Men who respond to Jesus' call are strong, determined, brave, and faithful. Are you ready to respond to God's call? Now is the time to respond to His revelation. Take action.

To respond, please contact the Savonarola Theological Seminary of the Polish National Catholic Church, 1031 Cedar Ave, Scranton, PA 18505. School, (570) 961-9288, Office, (570) 343-0100.



Father's Day Pray and BBQ

On June 16th we honor all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, spiritual fathers, and those special men in our lives that exemplify the strength and dedication of fatherhood in our lives.

Within the family community, the man is called upon to live his gift and role as husband and father. We can look to the example of sacrificial love exemplified by St. Joseph and if we see these traits in the men around us we know that they are working with God.

Join us for Holy Mass that day at

10am followed by a BBQ for our dads. Let us pray for God's blessing on our faithful fathers - those who are with us and for the eternal rest of those who have merited eternal life.

Clergy Pension – Donate and Pray

Did you know that our priests receive a pension from the Church? On Father's Day, we are asked to make donations toward that pension fund. They are so very needed.

Why pray – because, frankly, the picture says it all - pennies. Our pension plan is so poor that our retired clergy often end up impoverished. A retired priest and his spouse receive a total of \$600 per month. They lose their housing and all the other benefits they had as active clergy and must venture out to live on that meager amount. They sacrificed their lives for their flock, they must sacrifice again. Should the priest die, the widow is left with \$300 a month. What a shame!



Desperately Pray for Vocations

June is the month we devote to prayer for vocations. It is not hard

to fathom the desperate situation the Church is in. If you and I do not pray now, and every day for vocations, who will? If we do not care enough to encourage our sons, grandsons, husbands, nephews, and cousins to the altar, who will? If we are willing to let die all that has been built here and across the world, what will be left for the future? There are hard decisions to be made. We have to pick ourselves up by the bootstraps, gather courage, and set to rebuilding for if we do not, who will?

A Prayer for Discerning my Personal Vocation

Heavenly Father, we are all created in your own image and likeness and we share your common call to know, love and serve You in this life so that we might be with You forever in the life to come. But, in your great and loving plan, You also extend to me an individual vocation - a unique pathway that You have marked out just for me, a particular role that you have reserved for me in Your great plan.

I ask you to please help me discern your special call to me. Send me the Holy Spirit to enlighten my mind that I may know your plan for me and to bestow upon me his sevenfold Gifts, so that in coming to understand your will for my life, I may accept it with gratitude, embrace it with courage, and fulfill it with generosity and love throughout all the days of my life.

I ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, and St. Joseph, pray for me.



PRAY EVERYDAY: *O Almighty God, look mercifully upon Thy Church and incline he hearts of many of her sons to offer themselves for the work of the sacred priesthood, so that by their labors Thy light may shine in the darkness of the world and the coming of Thy kingdom may be hastened by the perfecting of Thine elect. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.* — A Prayer for the Increase of Priests from A Book of Devotions and Prayers According to the Use of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Summertime Events

Planning is underway for the summer events including:

- The **74th Annual National Bowling Tournament** will be held in Stratford, CT. 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>.
- **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!!!

Raffle Tickets

The Education & Youth Commission of the Polish National Union of America is once again hosting a raffle to benefit its College Stipend Program. The raffle will be held on December 5th, 2019 @ the PNU Home Office, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, Pa. Donations for these tickets are \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10.00.

- First Prize – \$400 cash
- Second Prize – Amazon Echo
- Third Prize- \$100 cash

We greatly appreciate your support and generosity as we continue to support the ministries of this Commission to benefit our youth. Monetary donations are always graciously accepted towards the funding for this stipend program, and can be mailed directly to the following address: Education and Youth Commission of the PNU, c/o Mary Ann Stankowski, 1006 Pittston Avenue, Scranton, PA 18505 (checks made payable to Education and Youth Commission).

Thank you, and if you are interested in tickets they are available from Fr. Jim, the PNU Home Office, or just

contact Mary Ann Stankowski at 570-341-0986, or eyc@pnu.org.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

1 Christine Griessler, Cody Houser
5 Caleb Johnson, Marc Wienclawski
6 Peter Battaglia, Linda Carringi,
Frances LaGreca, Amber Laporte-
Smith, Ryder Prusky
8 Jenna DonVito, Sabrina Brook
10 Henry Carringi III
11 Claudia Bertasso
15 Michael Houser
16 Timothy Olsen, Mikaela Hoefer
19 Amber Oravsky
22 Edward Bertasso
24 Seth Garrison
30 Nicholas Badovinac

Anniversaries

22 Peter & Elizabeth Battaglia
22 Larry & Donna Panfil
28 Philip & Angela Jorczak

Wishing you all many years! Sto
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Am I Enough?

By Chip Ingram

Ever wonder why God seems to use some people more than others?

Maybe you think it's because God only does amazing things through really "holy" and "righteous" people. Perhaps you think, "I'm not smart enough, or I'm not bold enough, or I'm not courageous enough, or I don't know the Bible well enough!"

The truth is God specializes in using ordinary people to do extraordinary things. And He actually loves to do it!

The pages of Scripture are filled with ordinary people: fishermen, prostitutes, people who are uneducated, and people who others reject. And we see how God takes these ordinary, regular people with marred backgrounds and does something extraordinary with them.

Why? So that when the extraordinary happens, they and the people around them realize that it's not the person but it's God!

He just requires one, simple thing from us – faith.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. (Hebrews 11:1-3)

Faith is the one thing that God commends. Every time it's in a person's life, in a person's heart, and in Scripture, He values it.

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (v. 6)

Having faith doesn't mean just intellectual assent. It doesn't mean just agreeing with the Bible or being a religious person. It means

believing who God is and what He has said to the point that we act on it.

But having faith can be hard.

That's why we're instructed to: "Throw off everything that makes us hindered and the sin that easily entangles us." (Hebrews 12:1)

Here's what we often forget: faith and sin don't operate together. So we've got to deal with the addiction issue, the lust issue, the money issue, or the lack of forgiveness ... whatever the issue that we're struggling with. We need to get serious about the sin in our lives.

Have you ever seen a marathon runner carrying a backpack? Of course not! They wear the lightest shoes and tiniest, most embarrassing looking shorts. Why? They know they need to "throw off" anything that keeps them from going where they need to go.

And God is saying that to us too. If there is anything that keeps us from living a life of faith, we need to get rid of it.

Is it difficult? Yes. But so worth it!

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

Jesus died so that we could by faith have a relationship with Him. And in relationship with Him, He would

transform us from the inside out so that ordinary people like you or me could be vehicles of grace to do miracles in the lives of others.

With Thanks

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

To all who prayed with us this past Memorial Day both at the cemetery and at home.

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

To our wonderful altar servers, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia, and to all who help with the ministry of hospitality.

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

A Fathers' Day Prayer

God our Father, In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POLISHFEST 2019

17th Annual
PolishFest
June 7-9, 2019

Our neighboring parish, Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa is holding their annual PolishFest from June 7th through 9th at 250 Old Maxwell Rd in Latham, NY. We encourage you to visit and lend your support. Visit the children's area being run by Alyssa and Kyle from our parish, and that is staffed by our parish youth. P.S., they have great rooter floats for sale.

Planning For:

Holy Mass on Sundays is at 9:30 and 11:30am unless otherwise noted.

- June 1: Sacred Vocations Month Begins.
- June 2: 7th Sunday in Easter. **Special Holy Mass with Pastoral Installation and Confirmation at 2pm.**
- June 7-9 PolishFest at B.V.M. of Częstochowa Parish. PNCC/YMSofR Bowling Tournament, Stratford, CT.
- June 9: Solemnity of Pentecost. Regular Holy Mass schedule.
- June 11: Feast - St. Barnabas.
- June 13: Commemoration - St. Anthony of Padua.

- June 16: Trinity Sunday and Father's Day. **Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Father's Day BBQ to follow.**
- June 17: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- June 20: Corpus Christi
- June 23: Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Regular Holy Mass schedule.
- June 24: Solemnity – St. John the Baptist.
- June 28: Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- June 29: Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles.
- June 30: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Regular Holy Mass schedule.
- July 2: Solemnity - Visitation of the B.V.M.
- July 4: Independence Day. 90th Anniversary Celebration at Spójnia Farm, Waymart, PA.
- July 4-13: KURS at Waymart, PA.
- July 7: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **HOLY MASS at 11:30AM Only.**



June 2019

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