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# NEWSLETTER

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GOD IS SPIRIT, AND HIS WORSHIPERS MUST WORSHIP  
IN THE SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH."

Jesus came with one goal, it was to reveal who God is. The line above, taken from John 4, was in the dialog between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. Rather than get pulled into a dialog over where to worship, how exactly to worship, Jesus did what He did best, He reveals Who God is.

Jesus completed all necessary to reveal God. From His birth to the sending of the Holy Spirit, Here is who God is:

- He is Spirit and Father to us.
- He desires relationship with us.
- He sent His only Son to us to free us.
- His Son experienced everything we go through and bound Himself to us completely.
- He, through His Son's word, His teaching, is the Wisdom that shows us how we are to live.
- He gives us His Son's very body and blood, made real to us in our ultimate act of worship and praise, leaving with us His eternal presence, dwelling with us.
- He deigned that His Son sacrifice Himself, dying on the cross in the

most horrible manner possible, to free us from sin and death and to make us partakers in His Kingdom.

- He caused His Son to rise from the dead, to show us that we too will rise, that death is not eternal. He shows us what we, His faithful believers will be.
- He sent the Holy Spirit to remain with us and guide us. To give us the gifts we really need to live.

This time of particular stress and crisis is painful, saddening, and filled with anxiety and fear. Easter draws near, but the world is different, and we cannot be together. Yet, we are one in God.

We are one and together because we know Who God is, because we recognize what He has done, because we know our destiny. Jesus taught that the how of things, the detail, even the small 't' traditions we hold so dear, are only tokens of the reality. Sure, they are great, but let us, more than ever, join our hearts together in the best way possible, in spirit and truth, worshiping that way this Easter and always!

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# Easter Wishes

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**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 our hearts and in our lives as we follow Him and adhere to a faith both ancient and new.

We recognize, even among our trials, His wonderful gifts; most especially the joy we have in Him.

You have blessed me abundantly and I love you and miss you. May no crisis stand in the way of 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 życzy.

ks. Jakub i rodziny

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**Join us for the 50 days of Easter**

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We so look forward to your being with us, albeit remotely, as we continue to celebrate the Easter season that begins April 12th and does not conclude until May 31st (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in His resurrection with the apostles, our Holy Church, and our entire family in faith.

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## Basket Social News

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Out of an abundance of caution, and in light of government (and truly wise) direction to maintain social distancing, our ever popular Basket Social is rescheduled to a later date.

As of right now, we are planning to hold the Basket Social on Sunday, September 20th at a new location, the South Schenectady Firehall, 6 Old Mariaville Rd, Schenectady, NY 12306. This new venue is much larger, modern, and very comfortable.

We look forward to seeing your great baskets and most especially all of you in September.

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## CROSS WALK - WITNESS

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Our parish had planned to participate in the 7th Annual Cross Walk on Good Friday. Due to social distancing requirements and to be safe, the event will not be held. We offer up our prayers for all of our partner Churches, The Bridge Church, Global Prophetic Ministries, Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, and New Day C.E.C. who so zealously strive to spread the Good News of Jesus.

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## Spiritual Communion

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Since we will be watching Holy Mass remotely, we may join ourselves with Jesus at the time of communion by making an Act of Spiritual Communion. This prayer may also be used anytime we desire to be closely united with our Lord and Savior, Jesus:

*Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior. Amen.*

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## PARTICIPATING ONLINE

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We broadcast Holy Mass and devotional services live online on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameOfJesusSchenectady/>. You can even host a watch party with others. We rebroadcast later in the day on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWUo-NZzSJVzk2Q9hchQaHg>.

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## Giving in Challenging Times

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During this challenging time, we ask that you continue your support of the parish. You may make your donations to the parish by mail, or better yet, securely and safely online at <https://www.holynamencc.org/2020/03/giving-during-the-covid19-crisis/>.

God bless you for living the biblical principal of giving. God's promise to the faithful giver is trustworthy and true. *Give and it will be given to you.*

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## Milestones to Celebrate:

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### 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!

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### **God bless you!**

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To all who are praying, sacrificing, and abstaining during Lent. To all 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 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 with Victoria Konicki who helped to make Lent a beautiful time of reflection and for diligent preparation for Holy week and 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!!!

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## **How to say Happy Easter**

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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: *¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!*
- Italian: *Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!*
- Polish: *Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał!*
- 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!*

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## National Church Activities

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The **75th Annual National Bowling Tournament** will not be held in 2020 and has been moved to 2021.

**Men's Spiritual Retreat** sponsored by the National YMS of R from June 18th through 20th in Walmart, PA. Join us!

The United Y.M.S. of R. **6th Annual Golf Outing** August 15th at the Panorama Gold Course, Forest City, PA. Stay tuned for additional information.

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## National Youth Activities

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Fr. Jim has once again been appointed chaplain for this year's **Kurs Encampment** being held July 4th through 11th at the Bishop Hour Retreat and recreation Center in Waymart, PA. Sign up forms will be available in May.

**CONVO 2020** will be held from July 20th through the 24th at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA.

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## Music Scholarships

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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.

With the 2019 Scholarships, the Church has given out 1,103 scholarships totaling \$322,885.

Applications for the 020 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, 2020.

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## Planning For:

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- April 1: 154th Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur.
- April 3: Stations of the Cross broadcast at 7pm.

### Holy Week

- April 5: Palm Sunday, Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.
- April 6: Holy Monday.
- April 7: Holy Tuesday. Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton).
- April 8: Holy Wednesday.

- April 9: Maundy Thursday, Holy Mass, Reposition and Stripping of the Altars, broadcast at 7pm.
- April 10: Good Friday, Reflection of the Seven Last words broadcast at noon. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb broadcast at 3pm. Bitter Lamentations broadcast at 7pm.
- April 11: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises broadcast at 4pm.
- April 12: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter Proclamation and Solemn Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.

### **Bright Week**

- April 19: Low Sunday. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.
- April 20: Holy Mass for Healing broadcast at 6:15pm. Virtual Parish Committee Meeting TBD.
- April 25: Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist.
- April 26: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.
- April 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman.
- May 1: Feast - Ss. Philip & James, Apostles.
- May 3: Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am. Also, Polish Constitution Day.
- May 4: Solemnity - Finding of the Holy Cross (translated).

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### **Outrageous Valentine's Raffle Winners!!!**

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Congratulations to all who have won in our Outrageous Valentine's Raffle. The final winners list:

Fr. Jim, Greg Brzoza, Sandra Tatlock, Lauren DeBlois, Virginia Zampa (2x), Denis Brzoza, Claudia Bertasso, Avery Opalka, Chris Binette, Paul Zawistowski, Mike DonVito, Carol Taylor, Eileen Kupiec, Brian Williams (grand prize), Alyssa DePaula & Kyle Carlson (2x), Jessica Liberto, Sharley Maliszewski, Tyler Panfil, Mila Woodfield, Mariea Chase, Joe Kaczynski, Stefan Węglinski, Ella Kluza, Trish Badovinac, Mike Badovinac, Victoria Konicki, D&V Slawinski.

Thank you to those who re-donated their winnings as a special blessing. We have raised over \$1,160 for our youth programs.

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### **Remembering our sister**

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Our dear sister,  
 śp. Jan Shufelt,  
 wife of Bob  
 Shufelt and mom,  
 grandmother, and  
 great-

grandmother went home to the Lord Thursday, March 19th. Jan and Bob worked diligently to support the parish through many years of dedicated service in our bingo program. The bingo program not only supported the parish, allowed the parish to remodel and renovate,

but truly lived the biblical principal of tithing by providing funds and services to many local organizations and charities. A private funeral service was conducted with the family on Tuesday, March 24th. Please pray for Jan's eternal repose, and for her family. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may the perpetual light shine upon her.

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## **COVID-19 and Census Scams - Be Careful**

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Please be aware of and cautious for there are, unfortunately, those who wish to take advantage of the present crisis, using it to trick people into surrendering their personal information or paying for false cures or useless information. Among the more prevalent scams:

- Fake coronavirus-based websites, such as corona-virus-map[.]com, coronavirus[.]app, and vaccine-coronavirus[.]com.
- Phishing emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other reputable organizations offering information on the virus in links or attachments.
- Phishing emails asking users to verify their personal and financial information for charitable contributions or to receive coronavirus-related benefits, such as economic stimulus checks, airline carrier refunds, or general financial relief.

- Fake text messages offering information on the virus or resources related to coronavirus relief, such as iPhones, payday loans, or counterfeit virus treatments.
- Illegal robocalls pitching fake treatments or work-at-home schemes.
- Phishing emails and fake advertisements to trick victims into thinking they are responding to or communicating with official Census Bureau employees or websites. As a reminder, the Census Bureau does not contact people by email.
- Criminals fraudulently posing as Census Bureau Enumerators. The public is encouraged to verify the government provided ID that anyone working for the Census Bureau will possess. This ID will contain their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.

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## **Jesus, The Coronavirus, and You: Two Questions to Ask When Fear Grips Your Heart**

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What does it look like for Christians to live like Christians in the midst of this global crisis? How are we to respond to this worldwide pandemic, when fear is high?

As I write this, our world is reeling from a lethal outbreak of a new coronavirus (COVID-19) for which there is not yet a

vaccine. In just a few months it has spread from a dozen cases in China to a million cases across continents, and the numbers are expected to rise.

Governments are restricting travel, banning large gatherings, closing businesses, and shutting schools. Stock markets have tanked.

It's a scary time. And uncertain time. So what do we do?

Although I believe we need to be informed and take every precaution recommended by public health experts, I believe living in FEAR is not an option. But how can we overcome our fear?

Two Questions to Ask When Fear Grips Your Heart

Fear is a natural response for humans. But the Word of God, in light of our ever-present, all-powerful, all-knowing, loving God, commands us to fear not. No command in scripture is given so often and to so many different kinds of people as the command to fear not!

Jesus provides the answers to our fear!

Question 1: Where's My FOCUS?

When Jesus' disciples were caught in the storm and Jesus was asleep in the boat, these professional fishermen cried out in desperation. "Don't you care that we perish?" Awakened, Jesus spoke, calmed the storm, and then asked the disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?" (Mark 4:37-40)

We see the same thing happened to Peter, when he walked on the water. All was well when his focus is on Jesus. When he looks to the waves, he began to sink! Jesus responded, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Matthew 14:28-31)

Jesus actually expects us to trust Him when the wind and waves of adversity come into our lives. He's made a promise to "be with us" no matter, what forever and ever (Matthew 28:20).

Question 2: Where's My FUTURE?

Anxiety and panic are rooted in picturing all the bad things that might happen in

the future. The list is long! Physical harm, death, financial loss, global recession, chaos, uncertainty, instability, etc. When our minds begin to focus on all the negative possibilities of the future... fear will be right around the corner.

Jesus' final night on earth provides us with His most profound teaching about how to face the future. In John chapter 14, Jesus reassures the disciples that regardless of what He is about to face (death), and what they will soon face (persecution, exclusion, uncertainty, and death in some cases) that they need not be afraid.

**"Let not your heart be troubled (fearful, disquieted, anxious), you believe in God, believe also in me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so I would not have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you."** (John 14:1-2)

He later promised that they would live in a world of tribulation, difficulty, and persecution but that His peace given to them by faith in their heart would overcome the world. (See John 16:33.)

I don't mean to sound trite, but if the worst thing that can happen to us during this pandemic is that we die (and are immediately ushered into the presence of Jesus!) then we can more than live without fear. We can model a calm and confidence in the midst of any crisis and glorify our Father in heaven.

Our World May Change but Christ Doesn't







Few of us will likely be called into the front lines to provide medical care for the sick; but we have a great opportunity to live fearlessly and calmly in this time of chaos as we help our neighbors and our nation through it.

I believe crises are an opportunity for Christians to show the world how faith in Christ equips us to live no matter what economic uncertainty, physical harm, and maybe even death we face.

So let your light of fearless confidence shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven! - By Chip Ingram



# April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 1 154nd Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur.	2	 3 Stations of the Cross broadcast at 7pm.	4
5 Palm Sunday – Holy Mass with blessing of palms broadcast at 9:30am.	6 Holy Monday.	7 Holy Tuesday. Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton).	 8 Holy Wednesday	 9 Maundy Thursday, Holy Mass, Reposition, Stripping of the Altars broadcast at 7pm.	 10 Good Friday, Reflection on the Seven Last Words broadcast at noon. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb broadcast at 3pm. Bitter Lamentations broadcast at 7pm.	 11 Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises broadcast at 4pm.
12 Solemnity of the Resurrection – Proclamation of the Resurrection, Solemn Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.	13 Bright Week	14 Bright Week	15 Bright Week	16 Bright Week	17 Bright Week	18 Bright Week
19 Low Sunday– Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.	20 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Virtual Parish Committee Meeting.	21	22	23	24	25 Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist
26 3rd Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.	27	28 Supreme Council Meets Virtually	29 Supreme Council Meets Virtually	30 Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman		

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