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"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO ARE HUNGRY NOW, FOR YOU SHALL BE SATISFIED.
"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO WEEP NOW, FOR YOU SHALL LAUGH."

I am hungry.

We previously considered so much to be a part of normal routine. Much of it now fades away, and rightly so. There are certainly things in normal routine that we have learned are not all that important. We have reprioritized our cares.

Some of our hungers are now better satisfied. That hunger for more family time - we have it. The hunger for less competition, less pushing and shoving, more thoughtfulness in our routines - we have that too. The hunger to get projects done, to take account of what is important - we have certainly had the time to undertake those projects and assess importance. The hunger to pray more, read scripture, and study - hopefully those are underway.

If we take one more step back from those things and take the eternal view, there is something even greater that we hunger for, that I hunger for - it is our joint worship at the table of the Lord. It is physically sharing in that moment where heaven and earth are joined in the

inexpressible precious, magnificent, and mystical moment of Eucharist. The elements of bread and wine are transformed into Jesus' precious body and blood and we adore together. We then step forward to be fed God by the Hand of God.

For each of us, church may have been another ordinary routine. Now we cannot gather as we did. We, even the servers and musicians present with me, cannot receive at the table. The Fast of Lent has carried forward, for we are deprived of the Bread of Life, the Cup of Salvation. This is a hunger pain beyond comprehension. It hurts!

Jesus pointed out that the hungry would be satisfied, that those of us who really get it and weep now (you know I am emotional, but now I tend to cry at the slightest thing), will laugh.

The sacrifice carries on. The mystical union is not ended, it will not end. The bread is prepared. Feel the hunger and cry now in prayer knowing that we will be satisfied and laugh. He promised!

Your Support?

We have been greatly blessed during this crisis through the generosity of those who continue to give and contribute. Your generosity and commitment is heartwarming



and very much appreciated.

Frankly, we need your help and you are assisting in sustaining the parish.

Some are dropping off envelopes in the parish mailbox. Others are mailing in donations. Some are giving online. The how does not matter. The fact is - you are doing it. God bless you!

St. Paul wrote extensively on giving and he called Christians to account if they fell short. In 2 Corinthians 8:7 he says: *But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also.*

Paul is speaking in context. He is talking about the generosity of the Macedonian Christians who were giving out of extreme poverty. Paul is challenging the Corinthian church (and us today) to excel in the gracious act of giving generously, especially in times of need. The Corinthians were falling short! Paul says we should give generously and without complaint because *the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your*

sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

Jesus' generosity is the example we should be living by, and His generosity in saving us should motivate us to do what is right.

During this challenging time, we ask that you continue your support of the parish. Frankly, we need all hands on deck to support the parish.

You may make your donations to the parish by mail or 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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Please sign-up to get this Newsletter and other notifications by E-mail. Doing so reduces the mails that must be handled/touched. Getting the Newsletter electronically also saves expenses and printing costs.

Send an E-mail to Fr. Jim at frjim@holynamencc.org or sign-up online at <https://www.holynamencc.org/2020/04/get-your-newsletters-electronically/>. Your E-mail address is kept secure and is never sold or used for non-church business. Thank you for your consideration.

Participate in Holy Mass and Devotions Online

Livestreaming Holy Mass from Holy Name has become quite the draw. Our cathedral in Scranton shares our online Holy Masses with their parishioners. On Good Friday we had 800 viewers on Facebook for the Liturgy of the Presanctified. We had 763 for Holy Mass on Easter. Several hundred people spent time in quiet prayer and reflection on Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Prior to the crisis we typically had about 60 people who tuned-in, now it is about 160. Additional people view through YouTube.

Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameOfJesusSchenectady/>.

On YouTube we are at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWUo-NZzSJVzk2Q9hchQaHg>.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Sunday, May 3rd marks Good Shepherd Sunday.

Good Shepherd Sunday is, of course, special in and of itself. It also holds additional significance for our parish. A good share of our parishioners are from the former Good Shepherd parish in Amsterdam, NY. This day would be their parish's patronal feast. On this day we both grieve with them for

the loss of that beautiful parish and we rejoice with them for the Good Shepherd is always with us, in our hearts and in the way we live.

Holy mass will be offered for all the living and deceased members of Good Shepherd parish



We continue to work diligently to maintain the heritage, traditions, and the legacy Good Shepherd has left us. This, of course, is a hard moment in the year for our members. Pray for them to show your love and support.

Mother's Day



Please join us virtually on Sunday, May 10th as Holy Mass is offered for all of our living and

deceased moms, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, and all the special women in our lives. We can buy gifts - but all that will pass. Our prayer for them at Holy Mass will never be erased and will persist eternally.

Also on this day, consistent with our parish tradition, we will crown the image of the Blessed Virgin. A special litany in honor of our Blessed Mother, and seeking her intercession for our healing from this crisis, will be offered at the end of every Holy Mass.

To Jesus Through Mary



Did you know that I have a church bell sound on my iPhone? It rings every day at noon. Why? To remind me that church bells

ring in a special way at noon? Well yes, and to remind me that the special tolling of the bell is my call to pray the Angelus.

The Angelus is a devotion commemorating the Incarnation of Jesus. The devotion is the recitation of three verses and responses from the Bible and praying the Hail Mary in between.

During most seasons of the year the Angelus goes as follows:

Ÿ. The Angel of the LORD declared unto Mary

Ŕ. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary...

Ÿ. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.

Ŕ. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

*Ÿ. And the Word was made flesh.
Ŕ. And dwelt among us.*

Hail Mary...

Ÿ. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

Ŕ. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen.

During the Easter Season, these words are replaced by Queen of Heaven

Ÿ. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

Ŕ. The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,

Ÿ. Has risen as he said, alleluia.

Ŕ. Pray to God for us, alleluia.

Ÿ. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

Ŕ. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray: O God, who have been pleased to gladden the world by the Resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may receive the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

In offering these prayers we bind ourselves closely with Mary asking that she intercede for us. Especially at this time we look to her as one of her great titles, Health of the sick/ Uzdrowienie chorych.

Solemnity of the Ascension

The church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension on the 40th day after Easter as is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

Why is this day important to us? It isn't only that Jesus is returning to His rightful place of honor in heaven. Rather it shows us that Jesus, who emptied Himself and came as a man, who lived, ate, laughed, cried, suffered, and died as a man, Whose human body was glorified in the resurrection also ascended in that glorified body into heaven. This is our assurance that we too will rise and live in heaven eternally with Him in our glorified bodies. The parish will broadcast Holy Mass on Thursday, May 21st at 7pm in celebration of the Solemnity.

LEGACY FROM HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



We are honored to have received a beautiful monstrance from Holy Spirit parish in Little Falls, NY. We honor the legacy of that parish and its faithful.

The root word for monstrance means 'to show.' The monstrance offers us an opportunity to 'show' Jesus and our faith to the whole world.

As we sing, pray, and offer up our special needs during exposition we do not just show-off Jesus, rather in kneeling before Jesus' presence, we show the truth of faith - that Jesus is truly and fully present under the appearance of the consecrated eucharistic bread. We would not be foolish enough to kneel to bread alone! At benediction, we are blessed by Jesus Himself.

Men's Spiritual Retreat

Following the lead of prior years, the men of the United YMSofR would like to formally invite you to the YMSofR Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat, to be held June 18-20 at historic Spojnia Farm in Waymart, PA. This retreat is aimed at us men, and is open to PNCC and non-PNCC members alike, YMSofR/non YMSofR, clergy, whomever.

Holy Mass for Healing

Our next monthly Holy Mass for healing will be broadcast Monday, May 18th at 6:15pm. Join us in praying for Jesus' miraculous healing of the earth.



The Holy Church joins the nation in the solemn remembrance of

Memorial Day. **We will gather for Holy Mass at our parish cemetery on Monday, May 25th at 10am**

In doing so we pray for all of those who have died in combat defending our nation and all of our veterans who have also been called to their eternal rest.

If we gather at the cemetery, we can do so in-person.

Gathering at the cemetery, we must ensure we stay at least six feet from each other and wear face-masks. If you can come out, please bring lawn chairs and face masks (and sun block).

If the weather is inclement we will broadcast from our parish church

Summer Events

Planning is underway for the summer events including:

- **Kurs 2020** will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4th through 11th (8 days).
- **CONVO 2020** 20/20 Vision of Jesus will be held at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA from July 20th through 24th.
- The United Y.M.S. of R. **6th Annual Golf Outing** will be held on August 15th at the Panorama Golf Course, Forest City PA. Stay tuned for additional information.

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

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

- 1 Kimberly DonVito, Roni Bylina, Mary Tate
- 2 Eileen Kupiec
- 6 Erikka Carroll
- 9 Melissa Morrison
- 12 James DeMidio
- 16 Loryn DonVito
- 19 Brenda Boyland
- 22 Cameron Goehrig
- 24 Angie Bray
- 25 Karoline Trela, Jack Hamilton
- 26 Karen Maliszewski
- 27 Jayson Caden
- 28 Marianne Węglinski

Anniversaries

- 22 Kenneth & Jennifer Brown
 - 25 Fr. Jim & Renee Konicki
- Wishing you all many years!

God bless you!

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thank you

To all who are praying, sacrificing, reaching out to fellow parishioners and neighbors, who are decreasing the loneliness. You are the living Church. God bless you!

Thank you so much to all who are living their Christian commitment and are participating in Holy Mass virtually each week. You are hosting watch parties, inviting others, spreading the word, providing much needed feedback, suggestions, and encouragement to our team.

To Adam and Victoria Konicki who worked so hard throughout Holy

Week in serving, cleaning, preparing the altars, playing, singing, and just being there for Jesus.

To Linda, Darryl, Kyle, Alyssa, and all who have worked to clean up around the church and care for our grounds.

To Joe Kaczynski for your wonderful work at our cemeteries.

To all of you - I pray for you, my heart is broken by our necessary separation. I love you, You are a blessing and a treasure. Thank you!!!

Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr



On Sunday, May 10th, we also commemorate the 69th anniversary of Bishop Joseph Padewski's martyrdom.

Bishop Padewski was born in a small farming village near Radom in Poland. He emigrated to the United States in 1913 and moved to Detroit. He was ordained to the priesthood of the PNCC on December 16, 1919 by Prime Bishop Francis Hodur.

In 1942 Bishop Padewski was arrested by the Nazis and was held at the Montelupich prison in Krakow. He was then transferred to the Tittmoning POW Camp in Germany where he was held for 18 months. Through the intervention of the Swiss Red Cross he was freed and returned to the United States in

March 1944. Between 1944 and 1946 Bishop Padewski served as pastor of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Czestochowa Church in Albany, New York.

Bishop Padewski returned to Poland on February 20, 1946 to resume his duties as Bishop of the Polish branch of the PNCC. Shortly after his return, in this atmosphere of Stalinist terror, he was arrested, interrogated, and tortured. Bishop Padewski died under torture on May 10, 1951. He is the only American civilian citizen ever killed by a communist government.

Bishop Padewski, martyr for the faith, pray for us.

Planning For:

Remember - Holy Mass is broadcast every Sunday at 9:30am.

- May 1: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles.
- May 3: Good Shepherd Sunday. Polish Constitution Day
- May 4: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross (translated).
- May 10: 5th Sunday of Easter. May Crowning. Mother's Day. 69th Anniversary, Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski
- May 17: 6th Sunday of Easter.
- May 18: Healing Holy Mass broadcast at 6:15pm. Virtual Parish Committee Meeting at 7:30pm.
- May 21: Solemnity of the

Ascension. Holy Mass broadcast at 7pm.

- May 23: Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola.
- May 24: 7th Sunday of Easter.
- May 25: Memorial Day - Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am
- May 31: Solemnity of Pentecost.

When will the parish 'reopen?'

What does the future hold? Interestingly, we know as much about the future as we knew before this whole crisis started.

Many say that churches are closed. That is a misnomer. Church has not been, nor will it ever be, closed. Not only is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass being offered for each of us regularly, we are the living church in each of our homes and in our community of family, friends, and neighbors.

Note that our parish will not reopen for public worship on a whim. When the time is right, when we can gather again safely, we will reopen. We will do so responsibly and with great care. We pledge to trust the words of scientists and health care professionals who are true heroes and experts in these matters. Decisions will be based on the health and safety of God's kingdom workers - all of us. We will not allow anyone to move us away from our responsibility.

Stay home, stay safe, and live the commandment of love: *Thou shall love the Lord thy God and thy neighbor.*

Public worship steps

While an exact time for restarting public worship has not been determined, we are taking steps to prepare in consultation with our bishop who has issued carefully considered guidance on the steps that must be taken.

Among the steps we have taken are

- the purchase of a large supply of face-masks,
- evaluating the cleaning process necessary prior to and between Holy Masses,
- the requirement for appropriate social distancing, and
- if necessary, additional Holy Masses will be added so that crowd density is lessened.

Stay tuned...

Virtual Coffee Hour/Prayer time/meetings

We can use Zoom for meetings and get-togethers. Other parishes are holding virtual coffee hours or get-togethers to share time and pray. If you are interested, please let Fr. Jim know. Send him that E-mail address or text number. He can set-it-up and notify you by E-mail or text. Write frjim@holynamenc.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles	2
3 Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am. Polish Constitution Day	4 Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross (translated)	5	6	7	8	9
10 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am. Mother's Day. May Crowning. Commemoration of the Holy Martyr and Bishop Joseph Padewski,	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.	18 Holy Mass for Healing broadcast at 6:15pm Parish Committee Meets virtually at 7:30pm.	19	20	21 Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass broadcast at 7pm	22	23 Commemoration of the martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola
24 7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.	25 Memorial Day Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am	26	27	28	29	30
31 Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.						

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