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NEWSLETTER

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BE ANXIOUS FOR NOTHING

This month's first Sunday is a Solemnity dedicated to the character and nature of God, Trinity Sunday. In reflecting during that Solemnity we focus on all that flows from the Father. We then follow our typical yearly cycle of also honoring our spiritual fathers (the clergy of our Church) and our human fathers.

St. Paul is writing to the Philippians. He starts in Chapter 4:6-7 by saying, *Be anxious for nothing*. Now we might say, good advice Paul, thanks, but you do not understand. After all, we have disease, civil unrest, the problem of generational prejudice, murder bees, plus a stadium sized asteroid making a close pass at earth. How can I not be anxious?

Paul is not writing in a vacuum. He is writing from prison after a harrowing journey to prison which included shipwrecks (p.s., no lifeboats back then). No joy or fun being in prison either. In other letters he expressed his despair at being abandoned by his friends, no one showed up for his trial, but he did not hold it against them.

Paul is also writing to a community

with its own issues. Remember that most people who followed Jesus were slaves (meaning laborers, minimum wage workers), women and children who society saw as inferior. They saw the hope of Jesus, a Son sent by the Father to offer Himself for them - for people otherwise considered worthless.

The Christians of Philippi faced the day-to-day degradations and prejudice foisted on them by society. They also faced infighting as happens in any family. You can more than imagine the anxiety of a family persecuted by society, on edge within itself, and whose leader was in prison far off. They felt everything about to collapse.

Paul's command, *Be anxious for nothing* is not an option. All of our undue cares intrude into an arena that belongs to God alone. Having undue care knocks God out of His Father role and makes us father instead of child. Let God be Father.

Paul goes on to tell us to pray to God, to ask, for there are no areas of our lives that are of no concern to God. Pray with confidence, thanksgiving, and receive peace.



Commitment to Dignity

As followers of Christ, and members of the Schenectady community, we commit ourselves to upholding the image of God in all persons. This comes from the gospel to which we are dedicated.

Consistent with our mission and the Gospel message, we commit ourselves to be formed into people who honor the image of God in all persons, who proclaim the Kingdom in our midst, and who actively oppose anything that degrades the dignity and worth of others.

The Christian mission of Holy Name of Jesus compels us to speak out as a community, and individually, when we see any act of injustice. We are charged by Christ with making sure all within our community know we reflect His image, walk in His way, and shine His light, advancing the peace of God in the world around us.

We know that words on their own can never be enough. At the same time:

- We state unequivocally and without reservation, on behalf of the entire Holy Name of Jesus family, that we condemn racism in all its forms. **It is a sin** and completely antithetical to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- We recognize the profound contributions that people of color have made to

the Schenectady community and to our nation and how that contribution has enriched our lives.

- We stand grieved at how slowly things have changed with regard to our country's racial divide and commit ourselves to being the change that is needed.
- We repudiate all racially inspired acts of violence, hurt, and malice.
- We affirm the image of God that our African-American community members bear and how they bear it.

As a parish and as a Church, we have a proud legacy of diversity and respect for anyone facing exclusion, prejudice, persecution, and violence. We ourselves have living memories of those sins committed against us back to our earliest years.

For nearly 100 years, we have benefited from all who stood to fight against prejudice and bigotry. We stand now and say NO MORE!

PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE: Let us pray. God our Creator, You are present in all Your sons and daughters. Forgive us when we allow hate, division, ignorance, and fear to separate and divide us, harming the unity for which Jesus prayed. Open our minds and hearts to see Your image in everyone. May we see each person as Your child who deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Inspire in us creative and loving action as we work for racial justice. May we courageously answer your call to care for each and every one of our brothers and sisters. May we strive to listen, learn, and love as we act to build a more just society. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 talk to Fr. Jim who is the National Vocation Committee Chair or 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



On June 14th 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.

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 and Encourage Vocations

June is the month we devote to prayer for and encouragement of 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?

Our choice is to pray and encourage or to just let it die. Are we willing to

do that?

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?

PRAY EVERYDAY: O Almighty God, look mercifully upon Thy Church and incline the 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

YES, summertime events are happening. Please participate in these virtual events:

- **Men's Retreat:** with a theme from Galatians 5:13 is "Called to Be Free." The retreat is being held virtually from June 18th to 20th. As your pastor, I highly recommend and encourage all men of the parish to participate in this event. Great graces have been obtained by those who have taken part in the past. Let us come before the Lord in petition as the men of the Holy Church. Branch 56 will pay all registration fees. Please register quickly. To register

for the 3rd Annual National YMS of R Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat Registration Information:

Use the following link to fill out the Google form: <https://forms.gle/bZfW36VCLAzdfdYo6>

OR, Download the "paper" version of the registration from https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vLL6T3Yoqmw1tca4OFp62qh4QSEOAi-8/view?fbclid=IwAR1ODYhaOpBQQ1iWbngYzrbAnI4Ez0Jo0wWxEruvc01Pv9ZKMxe_hGKPSI4 and either E-mail it to unitedymsofr@gmail.com, or send by postal mail to: Rev. Carmen Bolock, 200 Stephenson Street Duryea, PA 18642.

- **Kurs 2020** with the theme "*The show must go on!*" will be held virtually from the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 5th through 10th (6 days). We will be using Google classroom and other secure tools to communicate and participate. Please watch the Kurs Facebook group page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/619591371759659/> for registration instructions. The parish will pay for all our parish participants.

Talk to Fr. Jim if you have any questions or need assistance.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

1 Christine Griessler, Cody Houser
5 Caleb Johnson, Marc Wienclawski
6 Peter Battaglia, Linda Carrangi,
Frances LaGreca, Amber Laporte-
Smith, Ryder Prusky
8 Jenna DonVito, Sabrina Brook
10 Henry Carrangi 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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Reopening Plans

As of now, we are looking to reopen for public worship in the church building starting Sunday, July 19th with one Holy Mass and with certain required conditions. We will do so responsibly and with great care and only if the situation continues to improve!

It is vitally important that we act with self-restraint and wisdom. At a basic level, if you are not well, stay home. If you do not feel safe, stay home. Participate remotely. We will

continue to broadcast Holy Mass as we have always done (long before the current crisis began). God wants you alive to do His work.

Requirements for reopening

- All pew missals, hymn books, and any other items must be removed from the pews. This prevents the passing of viruses via touch.
- There must be proper and more than adequate cleaning of all surfaces between Holy Masses/services.
- There will be no singing, instrumental music only.
- Holy Communion will not be distributed.
- Masks must be worn and must cover the nose and mouth.
- The church doors will be propped open so people can enter/leave without touching surfaces.
- Any papers (the bulletin) must be taken home and may not be left behind. They will be placed in the pew in advance.
- Social distance must be maintained by all persons. Pew seating will be restricted.
- Upon entering the church, you must go to the front. You must sit from the front to the back. In other words, enter and go to the first unoccupied pew in the front. Do not start sitting from the back to the front. Do not walk past occupied pews when entering. This prevents people from passing each other and passing on viruses. We

hope to not have to 'usher' you.

- Upon leaving, do the reverse. People in back leave first. In other words, do not walk past occupied pews.
- There will be a central collection basket in the back. Place your donations and tithes there.
- There will be no social gatherings or coffee hours.

These precautions have been established by the Polish National Catholic Church for everyone's protection and well being.

We are a wonderful family and I have no doubt we can do this with proper safety precautions. We will ask some to step up and carry out necessary tasks. Please volunteer to help and continue to stay safe and well!

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. You did it right!

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

To Adam and Victoria Konicki who assist each week with grace.

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

God Bless You Christina

We wish Christina Supinski every blessing and good wish on her High School graduation. We so appreciate Christina for her maturity and dedication, for her service, for her perseverance, and for her wisdom. These are the wonderful gifts begun in you and that will come to completion in the years ahead.

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.

VIRTUAL POLISHFEST 2020

Our neighboring parish, Blessed Virgin Mary of Częstochowa is holding Virtual PolishFest, June 13th and 14th on Facebook Live! Many authors, historians, artists and musicians will be presenting, a cavalcade of Hollywood, literary, are artistic names. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/PolishFestNY>. For a schedule and other information, please visit <https://www.polishfest-ny.org/>.

Planning For:

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

- June 1: Sacred Vocations Month Begins.
- June 7: Solemnity of the Holy Trinity. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.
- June 11: Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 7pm.
- June 14: Sunday within the Octave. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.
- June 15: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Virtual Parish Committee Meeting at 7:30pm.
- June 18: Octave of Corpus Christi. YMSofR **Men's Virtual Spiritual Retreat begins.**
- June 19: Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- June 21: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am. Father's Day.
- June 24: Solemnity - St. John the Baptist.
- June 28: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.
- June 29: Feast - Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles.
- July 2: Solemnity - Visitation of the B.V.M.
- July 4: Independence Day.
- July 5-10: **Virtual KURS** from

Waymart, PA.

- July 5: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass broadcast at 9:30am.

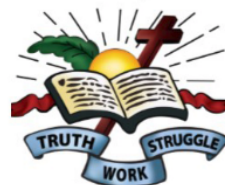
A Prayer for Discerning my Personal Vocation

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.



June

2020

Sacred Vocations Month

Sunday	Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Saturday 6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Trinity Sunday. Broadcast Holy Mass at 9:30am.				Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Broadcast Holy Mass at 7pm. Feast - St. Barnabas		Commemoration - St. Anthony of Padua Virtual PolishFest
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Broadcast Holy Mass at 9:30am. Virtual PolishFest	Broadcast Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Virtual Parish Committee Meeting at 7:30pm.			Octave of Corpus Christi Men's Virtual Spiritual Retreat	Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus Men's Virtual Spiritual Retreat	Men's Virtual Spiritual Retreat
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Broadcast Holy Mass at 9:30am. Father's Day.			Solemnity – St. John the Baptist.			
28	29	30				
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Broadcast Holy Mass at 9:30am.	Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles					

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