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# **NEWSLETTER**

## **MARCH**

# **2021**

BESIDES THIS YOU KNOW THE TIME, THAT THE HOUR HAS COME FOR YOU TO  
WAKE FROM SLEEP. FOR SALVATION IS NEARER TO US NOW

In this, our centennial year, we are taking opportunities to look back with thankfulness and ahead with determination. It seems that along with the blessings of this year we have experienced the blessing of an ever more active parish. Things are going full steam ahead and are only going to increase.

Just consider our Lenten journey. It is not only Holy Mass on Sundays, but also Stations on Fridays, Bitter Lamentations every other Wednesday, as well as ongoing Together in Faith and Love Zoom meetings every Thursday, time spent at the parish working on our centennial plans, and undertaking projects that need doing.

During other seasons of the year we have added many worthy liturgical practices such as Rorate Holy Masses on Wednesday mornings in Advent and weekly and monthly Rosary devotions as well as our monthly healing Holy Mass.

We have an exceptionally rich heritage of prayer, music, and service before the Lord and we have been blessed more than abundantly.

We share that abundance both in the parish building and virtually on Facebook and YouTube.

Prior to current circumstances we held two Holy Masses on Sundays and were working toward a daily Holy Mass schedule. Two Holy Masses will return on Sundays and Daily Holy Mass will (God willing) begin this year.

The scripture quote above comes from Romans 13:11. It falls under the scriptural category of heritage. This passage reminds us that heritage is not a stagnant looking back, but rather a light guiding our preparation for the future, looking forward, constantly growing.

In this Season of Lent and this centennial year let us resolve to press ever onward, eyes forward, to the salvation promises made to us on Easter: Freedom from every evil; Full possession of all that is good and glorious; Growth and increase in the graces and gifts of the Holy Spirit; Being brought nearer to the saints; and Greater enjoyment of God's marvelous love than we had when we first believed.

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## Our Lenten Journey Toward Holy Week

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We began our Lenten journey on February 17th, Ash Wednesday, with Holy Mass at 7pm. Each Friday we gather to observe the

sacred tradition of Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Every other Wednesday we gather for Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale at 7pm. These observances help us better understand the loving devotion Jesus had for us, to the point where He gives up His life for us. Walk with Him today so that we may rejoice with Him on the last day.

Lent is time devoted to repentance, a turning away from the ways, events, and situations that are harmful to us. This Lent we focus on Lenten disciplines and what they help us achieve..

Let us live Lent mindfully with prayer (Holy Mass, Stations, Lamentations, private prayer,

bible reading, our Church-wide Lenten retreat on March 23rd), sacrifice (fasting), penance (recollection of and turning away from sinful behaviors), and charity (Lenten giving).

We ask you to participate in our annual directed giving campaign as an act of charity and almsgiving to offer up food and other things needful for those in our local community.

Passiontide begins March 21st and Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 28th.

Please be attentive to our schedule and join us. There is truly no greater experience than the deep contemplation and sacrifice leading to the ultimate joy of Easter.

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## What About the Basket Social?

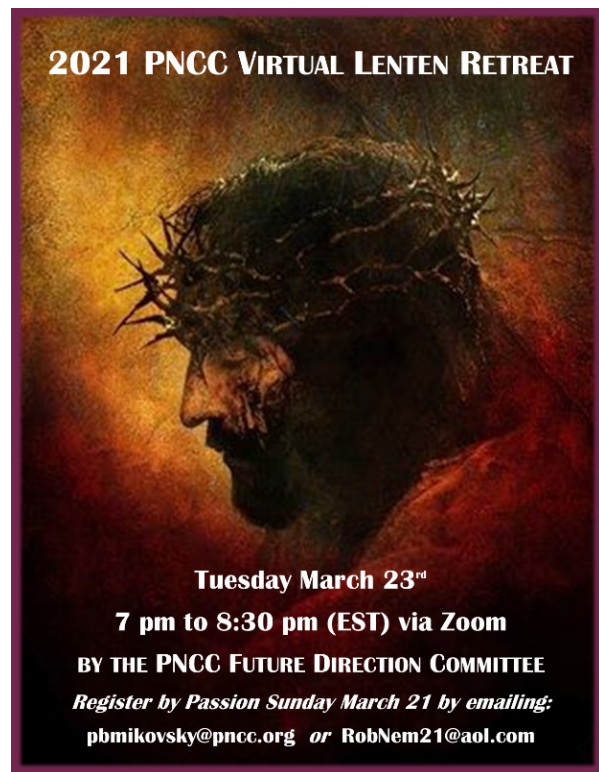
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We have considered the limits on public gatherings and other good advice in relation to this event which is always so well attended. Out of an abundance of caution we will not hold the Basket Social this year. It is scheduled to return April 24, 2022.

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## National Lenten Retreat

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Our Church-wide (National) Virtual Lenten Retreat will be held Tuesday evening, March 23rd at 7pm. We will gather in the parish that evening and have the retreat up on the big screen. If you would like to participate from home please send an email to the Prime Bishop at [pbmikovsky@pncc.org](mailto:pbmikovsky@pncc.org) or Fr. Sr. Rob Nemkovich at [RobNem21@aol.com](mailto:RobNem21@aol.com).

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## Epiphany Visitation

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Blessed chalk and incense were made available and several welcomed Fr. Jim to visit their homes and bless them. Thank you

for your wonderful generosity and kindness.

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## Join us for everything Easter

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We so look forward to seeing you for Passiontide (the remainder of Lent starting on March 21st) as we join together in fellowship to pray, sacrifice, fast, increase our charity, and forgive.

March 28th is Palm Sunday marking the start of Holy Week. See our Holy Week schedule in this Newsletter. We reach the high point of the year's joy on Easter Sunday, April 4th with our Solemn Resurrection Holy Mass at 8am.

Walk with Jesus in the days and weeks leading up to Easter so as to rejoice with Him in the eternal celebration of His resurrection.

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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. Thank you to those who re-donated their winnings as a special blessing. We have raised necessary funds for our youth programs.

The winners are: Patty Badovinac (2X) Alyssa DePaula (4X) Sandy Tatlock, Peter Zobre, Joe Kaczynski, Dawn Tatlock, Nick Emanuele, Blake Horton, Marianne Weglinski, Jessica Woodworth, Michele Zawistowski, Renee Konicki, Fr. Jim, Skyler Dee, Kaithryn Gingerlowski, Elizabeth Battaglia (2X), Adeline Bush, Carol Kupiec, Stefan Weglinski, Shirley Maliszewski, Lauren DeBlois, Chris D'Amico, Judi Horton.

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**Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję,  
Āčiū, Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie!**

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To all who attended our annual meeting. To all who ran for office and were elected. You honor the sacrifice of our ancestors who built this democratic model of Church and keep their hope alive by your participation.

Thank you for your Souper Bowl Sunday generosity. \$90 was collected and donated locally.

Thank you to Adam for his service at the altar. Thank you to our organist and choir director Liz

Battaglia and Mike Emanuele for his musical stylings.

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

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## Our Annual Financial Meeting - March 7th

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Our annual financial meeting will be held on Sunday, March 7th in person and virtually via Zoom. There are key decisions to be made this year. Please attend and help decide on our financial future.

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### HARMONIA CHOIR

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Our parish has a very rich and nationally recognized choral history. We have received interest from several who would like to join the Harmonia Choir. If you would like to join in, please see Fr. Jim or Liz Battaglia.

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### Milestones to Celebrate:

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#### Birthdays

9 Rebecca Kopec, Marianna Zemken  
13 Christopher Maliszewski  
14 Paul Zebrowski Sr., Deborah Kusek  
16 Steven James  
18 Justyne Rios  
19 Justin Smith, Stanley Podkulski, Danielle DeMidio  
21 Susie Spooner, Gary Podbielski, Matthew Zembrzusi  
23 Erin Pross  
24 Amber Houser

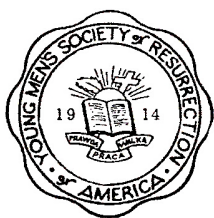


26 Elizabeth Battaglia, Nylyse Rios,  
Sarah Limmer  
27 Skyler Dee  
28 Frances Pawlowski, Lilianna  
Kalnaus  
30 Susan Malinowski  
Wishing you all many years!

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## YMSofR Clothing Drive Report

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This winter's clothing drive organized by the Young Men's Society of the Resurrection, Branch 56 collected 17 bags of clothes.

For safety reasons we did not unpack and count the clothes, so unlike last year there is no item count. Clothes were distributed to Bridge Church.

THANK YOU to all who gave so generously and worked so hard!

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## Directed Giving for Lent:

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1st Week, FEELING FRUITY: Canned Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple or Applesauce, 100% Juice in Cans.

2nd Week, VEGGIE MANIA: Canned Corn, Canned Peas, Canned Beans, Canned Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes.

3rd Week, DINNER IS SERVED: Canned Beef Stew, Canned Pork and Beans, Instant Potatoes/Stuffing Mix, Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti or other Pasta, Canned Spaghetti Sauce.

4th Week of Lent, SCHOOL NEEDS: Pencils and Pens, Folders and Notebooks, Crayons, Tape and Elmer's Glue.

Passion Week, BABY MAKES THREE: Disposable Diapers, Baby Wipes, Liquid Formula, Jars of Baby Food.

Holy Week, SPECIAL NEEDS DIET: Low Sodium Soups, Canned Fruit in Juice (not in syrup), Canned Tuna in Water, Low Sodium Crackers, Organic Applesauce.

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## Year of Discipleship - March Focus

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Bishop Francis Hodur

Holy Scriptures: Wisdom 5:1-5; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; John 15:1-7

Reflection: Bishop Francis Hodur was called by God and his people to organize our Polish National Catholic Church. This began on the second Sunday of March in 1897. Bishop Hodur said: "Our Church cannot be a blind, soulless copy of any

Christian church. It must reach to the source of religious life, Christ the Lord. If we do not have Jesus' principles more adapted to life and effectively active, we do not have the right to life. Therefore, to work!"

Prayer: Almighty and merciful God, You called a humble priest, Father Francis Hodur, to be Your servant and to awaken Your people for work in Your vineyard. Grant that, as we remember Your call to us this month, our faith may be made firm and our hearts may be enkindled by the fire of sacrificial love.

Action Item: Find two ways in which we can make Christ's principles and teachings more effective and evident in our lives as we remember our First Bishop and how he followed and served Jesus.

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## Centennial Event

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Since our parish was founded as St. Joseph's parish, we will hold a special centennial celebration Holy Mass on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the B.V.M. on Friday, March 19th at 7pm. Please be there.



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## Memory Eternal!

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Our sister in Christ, Patricia McCormack entered into eternal

life on Tuesday, February 23rd, at the age of 61. Patty is survived by her loving husband, Glen McCormack, her daughter Robine Hess, and stepdaughters Michele (Jim) Blair and Alyssa McCormack. She is also survived by her six grandchildren Lindsay, Natalee, Bruce, Jaxson, Riley and Aspen and siblings Robert St. Pierre, Jane St. Pierre, and John St. Pierre, as well as many in-laws, nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by brother Paul St. Pierre.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord!

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## Stay Tuned

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We are planning lots of great events for our centennial year including a grand \$5,000 prize raffle. Stay tuned to our Facebook page, website, weekly bulletin, and this newsletter for up-to-date information and schedules.

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## Get Your Blessed Polish Easter Basket

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One of our beloved traditions is the blessing of the Easter baskets, the Święconka, that takes place on Holy Saturday. We are excited to offer baskets full of a variety of

homemade and imported Polish food items to share with your family on Easter morning. Fr. Jim will perform a blessing of the baskets prior to pick up. Please use the link below to place your order!

<https://www.holynamencc.org/2021/03/get-your-polish-easter-baskets-swieconka/>

Baskets are \$50 each and include:

- Kielbasa
- Hard Boiled Eggs
- Homemade Babka
- Beet Horseradish
- Culinary Salt
- Homemade Butter Lamb
- Fruits
- Homemade Kruschiki (Angel Wings)
- Juice
- Tapered Candle
- Traditional Palms
- Pisanki Decorative Egg
- Polish Candies
- Informational Booklet
- And more!

You may pick up your pre-ordered basket on Saturday, April 3, 2021 between 11am to 3pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church, 1040 Pearl St, Schenectady. In the alternative, you can have your basket delivered to your home using contactless delivery. There is a \$10 delivery fee for addresses in Albany, Schenectady, and Troy.

Important:

- Pre-orders ONLY.
- No substitutions.
- Must pick-up on date/time specified.

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## Planning For:

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Holy Mass each Sunday at 10am unless otherwise noted.

- Mar. 4: Commemoration of St. Casimir. Together in Faith and Love Zoom meeting at 7pm.
- Mar. 5: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- Mar. 7: 3rd Sunday in Lent. Annual Budget Meeting follows Holy Mass.
- Mar. 10: Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale at 7pm.
- Mar. 11: Together in Faith and Love Zoom meeting at 7pm.
- Mar. 12: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.
- Mar. 14: Solemnity, Institution of the PNCC. Daylight Savings Time Begins.
- Mar. 15: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.
- Mar. 18: Together in Faith and Love Zoom meeting at 7pm.
- Mar. 19: Solemnity - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Centennial Holy Mass at 7pm.**

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## Passiontide Begins

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- Mar. 21: Passion Sunday. Parish Committee Meets.
- Mar. 23: National Lenten Retreat at 7pm (in church).
- Mar. 24: Feast - St. Gabriel the Archangel. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie żale at 7pm.

- Mar. 25: Solemnity - Annunciation of the B.V.M. Together in Faith and Love Zoom meeting at 7pm.
- Mar. 26: Stations of the Cross at 7pm.

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## Holy Week Begins

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- Mar. 28: Palm Sunday.
- Mar. 30: Holy Tuesday. Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton).
- Apr. 1: Maundy Thursday, Holy Mass, Procession, Stripping of the Altars, 7pm. (Anniversary - Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur (1866)).
- Apr. 2: Good Friday, Cross Walk, Bitter Lamentations at 3pm, Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 7pm.
- Apr. 3: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Easter Baskets, 10am. Blessed Basket pick-up starts at 11am.
- Apr. 4: **Easter/Solemnity of the Resurrection**, Holy Mass at 8am and 10am.

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## Happy 100th Anniversary

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This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our parish's founding in Schenectady.

Our parish has some really amazing artifacts, part of the wonderful legacy we have inherited. Among these are:

The chandelier at the center of the church's nave: The chandelier came from the Grand Union Hotel in

Saratoga Springs. The chandelier had been located in the grand parlor of the hotel. The historic hotel began as a boarding house built by Gideon Putnam in 1802, and eventually grew into the world's largest hotel. The hotel was demolished between 1952 and 1953. Ironically, after it was

demolished the hotel's vacant lot became the site of a Grand Union Supermarket.



The church's bells: We are still trying to track down the history of the church's two bells. Thankfully, those glorious bells (a great bell and a tolling bell) are still in place and functional. Parish lore informs us that the bells were forged at the American Locomotive Company (ALCO) in Schenectady where many of our parishioners worked.





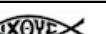




Tadeusz Kszesniak created the Szopka which has been displayed in our church for the Christmas season for over 30 years. Tadeusz immigrated from Poland in the late 1970's. Tadeusz had offered his artwork to St. Paul's R.C. parish in Schenectady where it was rejected. He approached Stefan Węglinski from our parish who gladly accepted it.

Our 100th Anniversary web page at <https://www.holynamencc.org/100-years/> has a listing of all benefactors and what they donated. Stay tuned for more to come.



# March

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	 3	4	 5	6
				Commemoration of St. Casimir. Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.	Stations of the Cross at 7pm	
7	8	9	 10	11	 12	13
3rd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am. Annual Financial and Budget Meeting			Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie zale at 7pm.	Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.	Stations of the Cross at 7pm	
14	15	16	 17	18	 19	20
<b>Solemnity of the Institution.</b> Holy Mass at 10am. <b>REMINDER: Day Light Savings Starts.</b>	Holy Mass for Healing with Anointing at 6:15pm.		Commemoration – St. Patrick of Ireland.	Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.	Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. Centennial Holy Mass at 7pm.	
21	22	23	 24	25	 26	27
Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am. Parish Committee Meets		National Lenten Retreat. Join in on the big screen at church. 7pm.	Feast - St. Gabriel, Archangel Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie zale at 7pm.	Solemnity – Annunciation of the B.V.M. Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.	Stations of the Cross at 7pm	
28	29	30	 31			
Palm Sunday Holy Mass at 10am.	Holy Monday	Holy Tuesday. Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton).	Holy Wednesday			

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