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NEWSLETTER

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BUT DO NOT OVERLOOK THIS ONE FACT, BELOVED, THAT WITH THE LORD ONE DAY IS AS A THOUSAND YEARS, AND A THOUSAND YEARS AS ONE DAY.

This Easter Season is marked by the particular joy of being together in-person in church once again. The beauty of each of your faces, your smiling eyes, the thanksgiving, the song, the praise reverberate with that joy.

One year ago we could not gather in-person. We did not know what might happen. Would the parish survive? Would we ever gather again? How will I shop? How will I obtain my most essential needs? Most of us had never faced a challenge of the magnitude brought about by COVID-19. We deeply felt the loss of normalcy.

The questions and the fears were natural. Tears were natural. Yet, in spite of those rightly placed feelings and fears, the parish persisted. Prayer and supplication were made for each of you, our entire Church, the nation, and the world. Holy Masses were offered. God's mercy was called upon in Jesus' Holy Name. Prayers of intercession were offered to the Blessed Virgin. Yes, throughout it all, the parish bore on, carrying out its witness before the

world. Your discipleship fought against despair.

The greatest testimony of the time was the gift of perseverance all of you, the parishioners, friends, and members of Holy Name of Jesus were graced with. You did not throw in the towel, nor would you even think of allowing for defeat.

By God's grace the parish not only survived, but grew and was strengthened. Your hearts were uplifted, but not only. The hearts and minds of countless others known and unknown encountered our witness to our risen Lord and Savior. We bore witness in ways seen and unseen, by prayer, outreach, charity, kindness, and sacrifice. Because of what we did together, witnessing to the might of Jesus' Holy Name, grace continues to abound.

The Lord Almighty is the creator of the times and the seasons. He chastises, but also lifts up. He tests and rewards those who bear up. You, my brothers and sisters, have borne up mightily in witness to the power of the Risen One in our lives.

Easter Wishes

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 thank God for your mighty witness. I am overjoyed to share with you once again the awesome celebration 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, napęlni wszystkich spokojem i wiarą, oraz da siłę w pokonywaniu trudności i pozwoli z ufnością patrzeć w przyszłość...

Radosnych i błogosławionych Święt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego spędzonych w gronie najbliższych życzy.

ks. Jakub i rodziny

Join us for the 50 days of Easter

We so look forward to your being with us as we continue to celebrate the Easter season that begins April 4th and does not conclude until May 23rd (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in His resurrection with the apostles, our Holy Church, and our entire family in faith.

Two Holy Masses on Sundays Resumes

We resume holding two Holy Masses on Sundays beginning with Low Sunday, April 11th. Holy Masses on Sundays will be held at 10am and Noon.

WEEKLY RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION ALLOWED



With great joy at the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord we resume reception of the Holy Eucharist. Please approach down the center aisle one person

or family at a time. It will take additional time to ensure the protection of all with thorough sanitization between each and every person.

We will continue to pray the prayer of Spiritual Communion with all those attending virtually and all those who

are not yet comfortable approaching for communion.

Remember that in our Church Holy Communion is only on the tongue, **never** in the hand. If you are aware of any clergy member offering communion in the hand, please report such to Fr. Jim and he will convey that to the Diocesan and Prime Bishop who will take corrective action. The Bishops of the Church have repeatedly advised the clergy of the norms and practices of our Church and the fact that they **MUST NOT** be violated. Clergy who do so are desecrating the Body of Christ.

Also take note that in accordance with Church law, it is our obligation to attend Holy Mass each and every Sunday under penalty of sin (a violation of the Third Commandment of God - *Keep Holy the Sabbath Day*) unless there is grave reason not to do so in person. There is also no requirement or obligation that Holy Communion be offered or received each week. In accordance with Church law, Communion is to be received at least once per year. Communion is not something to be demanded, it is something to be approached with a clean conscience and in fear and trembling, for as St. Paul says: *Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the*

cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.

Spiritual Communion

An Act of Spiritual Communion joins us intimately with our Lord and Savior and is a worthy practice not just on Sunday, but anytime we desire to be closely united with our Lord and Savior:

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.

Participating Online

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>.

Milestones to Celebrate:

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!

**Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję, Āčīū,
Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie! God
bless you!**

To all who lived the disciplines of Lent. To all who prayed more fervently through Lenten devotions, 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. 310 pounds of food were donated to the Schenectady Community Ministries food pantry. Thank you as well to those who loaded it up and delivered it.

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 all who attended the National Virtual Lenten Retreat.

To all who attended and took part in the special Centennial Holy Mass offered on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To Alyssa and Kyle for their diligent work in creating a special Easter Basket program for our area. Also, to all their helpers and supporters. Handmade and unique items filled each basket and they look wonderful.

To our wonderful altar server, Adam Konicki who has offered service with great dignity and respect, our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia with Mike Emanuel who helped to make Lent a beautiful time of reflection and for diligent preparation for Holy Week and Easter.

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

How to say Happy Easter

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 zmartwychwsta! Prawdziwie zmartwychwsta!*
- 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!*

National Church Activities

Men's Spiritual Retreat sponsored by the National YMS of R from June 17th through 19th in Walmart, PA. Join us!.

National Youth Activities

Fr. Jim has once again been appointed chaplain for this year's **Kurs Encampment** being held July 3rd through 10th at the Bishop Hour Retreat and recreation Center in Waymart, PA. Sign up forms will be available in May.

Music Scholarships



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 2020 Scholarships, the Church has given out 1,112 scholarships totaling \$332,985.

Applications for the 2021 Scholarship Program are available at <http://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com/music-scholarship-application.html> and Junior Incentive Award applications are available at <http://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com/junior-incentive-application.html>. We strongly encourage all who can

to apply. The deadline for applying is May 1, 2021.

Planning For:

Sunday Holy Masses started April 11th will be at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted. Zoom Togetherness meetings every Thursday at 7pm.

Holy Week

- April 1: Maundy Thursday, Holy Mass, Reposition and Stripping of the Altars, broadcast at 7pm.
- April 2: Good Friday, Church opens for private prayer at noon. Reflection of the Seven Last words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations broadcast at 3pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb broadcast at 7pm..
- April 3: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises broadcast at 10am.
- April 4: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter Proclamation and Procession and Solemn Holy Mass broadcast at 8am. Second Holy Mass at 10am.
- April 5-10: Bright Week
- April 11: Low Sunday Holy Masses.
- April 18: 3rd Sunday of Easter Holy Masses. Parish Committee Meets.
- April 19: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm.
- April 25: Good Shepherd Sunday Holy Masses.
- April 26: Feast – St. Mark the

Evangelist (translated). Meeting of the PNCC Bishops

- April 27-28: Meeting of the Supreme Council.
- April 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman. Centennial Holy Mass at 7pm.
- May 1: Feast - Ss. Philip & James, Apostles.
- May 2: Fifth Sunday of Easter Holy Masses.
- May 3: Solemnity - Finding of the Holy Cross. Also, Polish Constitution Day.

Thank You Mark Leszczynski

We wish to thank Mark Leszczynski of Leszczynski and DeLegge Funeral Homes for donating a set of beautiful liturgical items recovered from the former St. Mary's R.C. Church. Our parish received two sets of candelabras, a processional cross, and a missal stand. We appreciate Mark's generosity.

April 2021 Discipleship Example - Mother Teresa

During the month of April, we focus on Mother Teresa a faithful disciple of our Lord who lived her life in a beautiful way showing unconditional love.

Holy Scriptures: Matthew Chapter 25

Reflection and Action Item:

Mother Teresa lived her life challenging and inviting others to do

something beautiful for God. There is so much going on in our lives that takes us in so many directions many times focusing on things that matter the least, but the example of Mother Teresa's life and efforts call us not to lose sight of what matters the most. She lived performing small acts of kindness with great love for all people – especially the poor and marginalized. Her lifestyle has made her one of the most beloved women in history and an icon of goodness. In following her great example living each day doing acts of kindness with love we can become more faithful disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Perform at least three acts of kindness to help people who are homeless or support a cause that will support them. This can be done with either your time, talent or treasure. Let this help us to see Jesus in those who are less fortunate than we.

YMSofR President's Message

I noted that the parish has access to deliveries of fresh food. Is that something our YMSofR branch can sponsor? Can we participate or assist in the deliveries?

I have been trying to think of service projects our branch can support.

One idea is supporting a Habitat for Humanity build. I noticed there is a branch in Schenectady.

You don't necessarily need to be very handy to participate, they will assign you to whatever you can lend a hand with.

I would like to see if we can support some service projects each year. I am not looking to dedicate a lot of of our valuable time, but maybe a few projects a year.

Any other thoughts or ideas?

Maybe we can do a Zoom call some time to discuss, or meet up after Holy Mass some time. Please let me know your thoughts.

Paul Zawistowski

Stay Tuned

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.

Happy 100th Anniversary



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

We are very blessed to have people in the parish with lived memories of the parish's early life. One of those is Paul

Zawistowski whose dad is Theodore Zawistowski, a highly regarded historian and author.

The "Who's Who in Polish America" 1st Edition 1996-1997 notes him as the author of The Polish National Catholic Church: An Acceptable Alternative, chapter in Poles in America Bicentennial Essays, 1978; Badania nad przyczynami powstania Polskiego Narodowego Kościoła Katolickiego w USA, chapter in Zbior Materialow, II Kongres Uczonych Polskiego Pochodzenia, 1984; Polish National Catholic Church, chapter in Dictionary of American Immigration History, 1990; General Psychology Study Guide, 1990; editor, Inter-Clergy Paper, 1961-62; The Works and Writings of Bishop Franciszek Hodur, 1984; Hodur, A Compilation of Selected Translations, A Revised and Enlarged Second Edition, 1990; numerous articles and reviews in professional journals, e.g., in: Polish National Catholic Church Studies, Perspectives, and Polka, A Woman's Journal.

His biography notes prestigious memberships in professional societies and numerous honors.

Theodore is the son of Very Rev. Joseph L. Zawistowski and Carrie (Drejarski). Fr. Senior Joseph was pastor of Holy Name of Jesus. Theodore recounts:

When my father arrived in Schenectady, there was a large debt on the church and the bank that had the mortgage was threatening to foreclose. He received the call, if I

recall, about the time he arrived. The priest's residence was a rented second floor apartment on Crane St.

Within a year or so, the parish was able to purchase a house at 1011 Lakeview Avenue some walking distance away on a tree-filled street across from the YMCA Park. Very nice with wood-paneled dining room, built-in cabinets, fireplace, big front porch, and flower containers under the front windows above the porch roof.






Things had improved although a big debt remained. We walked one long block on Chrisler Avenue and one short block to the church.

While we lived on Crane I attended Hamilton Elementary School, in kindergarten or first grade. From Lakeview, I walked to Pleasant Valley Elementary School a few blocks away. Severina attended Theodore Roosevelt Jr. High and then Mount Pleasant High School from which she graduated.

It was WWII and my mother was very active in the Red Cross.

Stay tuned for more to come.

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				 1 155th Anniversary of the Birth of Bishop Francis Hodur. Maundy Thursday, Holy Mass, Reposition, Stripping of the Altars at 7pm.	 2 Good Friday, Church opens at noon. Reflection on the Seven Last Words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations broadcast at 3pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 7pm.	 3 Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises at 10am.
4 Solemnity of the Resurrection – Proclamation of the Resurrection, Procession, Solemn Holy Mass at 8am. 2nd Holy Mass at 10am.	5 Bright Week	6 Bright Week	7 Bright Week	8 Bright Week	9 Bright Week Together in Faith and love Zoom Meeting, 7pm.	10 Bright Week
11 Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.	12	13	14	15	16 Together in Faith and love Zoom Meeting, 7pm.	17 Diocesan Council Meets
18 3rd Sunday of Easter – Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Parish Committee Meeting.	19 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm.	20	21	22	23 Together in Faith and love Zoom Meeting, 7pm.	24
25 Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.	26 Feast – St. Mark the Evangelist (translated)	27 Meeting of the Supreme Council.	28 Meeting of the Supreme Council.	29	30 Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman. Holy Mass at 7pm.	

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