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WHOEVER SAYS HE ABIDES IN HIM OUGHT TO WALK IN THE
SAME WAY IN WHICH HE WALKED.

Abide is a great word. It is a word with depth to it. We might think of similar words like remain or stay, but abide, that's deeper.

St. John writes about the meaning of abide in that deeper sense. It is not about just hanging out. Having invited folks to come over we might even invite them to stay or remain, but rarely do we ask people to abide with us - to stay forever

You see, stay and remain are time constrained words. Abide implies permanence, to persist, continue, and last. In abiding we go on without ending. To abide means we are in a stable and fixed state of relationship. In the phrase "abide in Me," (John 15:4) which is May 2nd's gospel, Jesus asks us, His followers, to stay constant in our relationship with Him, to live with Him in His gospel way forever.

To abide, to stay forever in relationship with Jesus, is at the heart of the Christian journey. Our abiding with Him means we are incorporated into His Body and that we have accepted the responsibility

of living out the gospel walk.

We have received the gospel, God's very word. Receipt of the gospel means more than just having a bible on the shelf, for if we have come to Christ by faith and have given Him our lives, then He has invited us to abide - in all that word means and implies.

In this month of May, as Spring blooms about us, it is opportune to ask ourselves - where do I abide? Do I walk in Christ's gospel way?

Those who abide are changed outwardly and inwardly. The daily cares of the world continue, but impact us far less. In the Church of Hebrews and in Acts, people lost everything, homes, possessions, freedom - yet they counted it as nothing because they did not abide in the world. They knew where their home was, where the promise was. So they lived as citizens of heaven and as people freed from anything that might have constrained them, particularly the cares of the world.

Let us who abide in Jesus then walk His way, free in His promise forever.

The Great Centennial Raffle



Not many people have been going to casinos under Covid-19 restrictions, but let's say we could. What are the odds of winning on one of those colorful and flashy slot machines? The odds of winning are around 1 in 49.8 million. Ouch! Well, for our centennial year we are offering you a 1 in 100 chance of winning \$5,000! Hey, that's pretty good!

Our Golden Anniversary 50/50 Raffle with a single Grand Prize of \$5,000 based upon sale limited to 100 tickets is now underway. Tickets are available immediately. Please send or drop off a check for \$100 to the parish, Attention: Joe Kaczynski. If less than 100 tickets are sold, proceeds will be split 50/50. We will draw a winner at our Centennial Banquet on October 2nd. You do not need to be present to win.

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Holy Week and Easter Joy

This year's Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday were such a joy.

One year ago, there were four of us in church and 800 some friends and family online. This year we saw each other live and in-person along with 127 friends and family online. The spirit of resurrection was literally felt because of everyone's presence. That joy was further felt as we once again were able to receive Holy Communion.

We continue in our efforts to keep everyone safe by following appropriate cleaning and other CDC guidelines and through that wisdom we have seen regular weekly attendance increase to pre-COVID levels.

Return of Two Holy Masses on Sundays

We have resumed holding two Holy Masses on Sundays. High Holy Mass with music and choir is at 10am. Low Holy Mass is celebrated at Noon.

Good Shepherd Sunday



On Sunday, April 25th we celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass that day was offered for all parishioners of Good Shepherd parish in Amsterdam, living and deceased.

Good Shepherd Sunday was an opportunity to celebrate, rejoice, and remember. As we leave church each week we pass under the portrait of the Good Shepherd and know that He is watching over and caring for us. He stands ever ready to bring us home again, into His sheepfold.

Mother's Day



Please join us on Sunday, May 9th 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.

Special prayer for the Blessed Mother's intercession is offered at the end of all Sunday Holy Masses in May.

May Marian Devotions

We will offer sung Marian Devotions throughout May on Wednesdays at 7pm. Please join us.



The Angelus?

Did you know that church bells ring in a special way at noon? The noon Angelus bell is rung to remind us of our 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:

∇. The Angel of the LORD declared unto Mary

℞. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary...

∇. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.

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

Hail Mary...

∇. And the Word was made flesh.

℟. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

℣. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

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

Amen.

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

℣. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

℟. The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,

℣. Has risen as he said, alleluia.

℟. Pray to God for us, alleluia.

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

℟. 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.

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.

Jesus' Ascension is our assurance that we too will rise and live in heaven eternally with Him in our glorified bodies. Holy Mass will be held on Thursday, May 13th at 7pm in celebration of the Solemnity.



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 17-19 at historic Spojnia Farm in Waymart, PA. This retreat is aimed at us men, and is open to all.

This year's retreat theme is : **How To Move On** based on Ephesians 4:31-32 – "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

In-Person attendance is \$100. This fee includes: A 3 Day, 2 Night stay at the retreat center; All meals, beverages, and snacks; Retreat materials and printouts; and a Retreat gift bag.

Virtual attendance is \$20. This fee includes: Access to retreat sessions via Zoom web conferencing; Access

to Google Drive folders containing all retreat materials.

Meet the speakers and get information as well as sign-up at <https://sites.google.com/view/ymsofrmensretreat/home>.

Holy Mass for Healing

Our next monthly Holy Mass for healing will be Monday, May 17th at 6:15pm. Join us in praying for Jesus' miraculous healing of the earth.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLY MASS



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 31st 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.

While gathering at the cemetery, we must still 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 gather at the parish church.

Summer Events

Planning is underway for numerous summer events including:

- **Kurs 2021** will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 3rd through 10th (8 days).
- **The 35th General Convention of the National United Choirs and the 27th Music Workshop, Concert, and Auction** with the theme "Prepare Ye Your Voice For The Lord" will be held at Holy Cross Parish in Hamtramck, MI from August 4th through 6th. Please see Fr. Jim if you wish to attend.
- The United Y.M.S. of R. **7th Annual Golf Outing** will be held September 4th. Stay tuned for additional information.

See or call Fr. Jim to 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!

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

Gracias
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thank you

Thank you so much to all who are living their Christian commitment and are participating in Holy Mass in-person and virtually each week and who continue to invite others, spreading the word.

To Adam and Victoria Konicki and Liz Battaglia and all who chipped in and worked so hard throughout Holy Week in serving, cleaning, preparing the altars, playing, singing, and just being there for Jesus.

To Alyssa and her team for a wonderful **Easter Basket project**. These baskets were not only physically beautiful, but spiritually uplifting and a real light in people's lives. Just seeing the faces of those who received them was enough to know that this project brought meaning beyond words.

To Mike Emanuel who worked to clean up around the church and care

for our grounds.

To Joe Kaczynski for your wonderful work at our cemeteries.

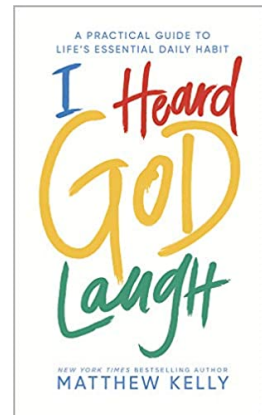
To all of you - you are a blessing and a treasure. Thank you!!!

National Mission & Evangelism Workshop

Thanks to those members of our parish who attended the National Mission and Evangelism Workshop held from April 30th through May 1st virtually.

The theme this year was "Discovering the P.N.C.C." Copes of the presentations will later be available online. Reports from attendees indicated great inspiration and energy from the workshops.

We were able to obtain copes of "[I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit](#)" by Matthew Kelly. The book-notes tell us: "Most of us are trying to put together the jigsaw puzzle we call life without a very important piece. Over time this becomes incredibly frustrating. In this extraordinary book, Matthew Kelly powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul. From there, with his classic style of practical wisdom, he teaches us how



to remedy this problem.”

These will be available to everyone in the parish.

Planning For:

Remember - Holy Mass is every Sunday at 10am and Noon.

- May 1: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles.
- May 2: 5th Sunday of Easter. May Crowning. Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.
- May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Polish Constitution Day.
- May 5: May Devotions at 7pm.
- May 9: Sixth Sunday of Easter. Mother’s Day.
- May 10: Commemoration – Bl. Joseph Padewski, Martyr (69th Anniversary of Martyrdom).
- May 12: May Devotions at 7pm.
- May 13: Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at 7pm.
- May 16: Seventh Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- May 17: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meets.
- May 19: May Devotions at 7pm.
- May 23: Pentecost Sunday. Also Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola.
- May 26: May Devotions at 7pm.
- May 30: Trinity Sunday.
- May 31: Memorial Day - Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather

permitting) at 10am.

Together in Faith & Love Zoom every Thursday at 7pm.

May 2021 Discipleship Example - Bl. Joseph Padewski



During the month of May, we focus on Bishop Padewski a martyr of our Holy Church. We remember him and all those who have lost their life for their faith in

our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Holy Scriptures: 1 Peter 4:12-19; Luke 9:23-26

Reflection and Action Item:

Bishop Joseph Padewski was consecrated a bishop in 1936. His efforts not only rebuilt the PNCC diocese of Poland, but fostered its growth. This growth was abruptly halted with the Nazi invasion of Poland, which began World War Two. During this period the missionary diocese in Poland once again saw the destruction of its churches and the imprisonment, torture and murder of its clergy. Fully three-fourths of the diocese was destroyed. Padewski was himself imprisoned and tortured. He was later released as an American prisoner of war, for a German general officer. He was sent back to

America where he once again assumed the role of a parish pastor.

Following WWII, Bishop Padewski returned to Poland and worked to rebuild our diocese in Poland. He gained legal status for the church in 1946. A little while later, in the midst of his efforts, the communist government undertook active persecution of the Christian Church. Bishop Padewski was taken by the authorities, imprisoned, tortured and ultimately murdered. The oral account of his death was given church authorities by a cleaning woman who witnessed the torture Bishop Padewski endured. He died on May 10, 1951. At the age of 57, he became the first bishop-martyr of the Polish National Catholic Church. He was buried in Warsaw, Poland.

Almighty God, this month we remember the life of the first martyred bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church, Joseph Padewski. He dedicated himself to the building up and restoring of our Catholic Church for the people of Poland. May the example of his life and death inspire us to share the same message to people of all nations, proclaiming Your Gospel and so extending Your kingdom here on earth.

Offer a Prayer for Bishop Padewski and all Martyrs who have given their life for the faith. Support a person who is being persecuted for living out their faith either with your time, talent or treasure.

WE ARE PAINTING (can you help?)



During our annual meeting and annual financial meeting a decision was taken up to paint and restore the interior of the church, the pews, and the

hardwood floor. This is an effort of faith and a pledge to the future. This work will cost in excess of \$48,900. The work will be carried out by Artech Church Restoration. We have already received some generous pledges toward this project. If you are able, we would appreciate any additional offering you might make.

Fire Destroys One of Our Parishes

On Monday, April 19th, a quick spreading fire destroyed Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Minneapolis, MN. Thankfully no one was injured as parishioners ran to the church, entered it, fought the flames and attempted to save its treasures.

Please pray for the pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Fr. John Kutek, and all of the parishioners and first responders who battled the blaze.

If you would like to donate to Sacred Heart, a Go Fund Me site has been established. Search "Help Sacred Heart Rebuild Our Church" in Google.

May

2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles. Holy Mass at 2pm.
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
5th Sunday of Easter Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. May Crowning. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.	Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross Polish Constitution Day		May Marian Devotions at 7pm.	Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Mother's Day.	Commemoration of Bl. Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr (69th Anniversary).		May Marian Devotions at 7pm.	Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at 7pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.	Holy Mass for Healing broadcast at 6:15pm Parish Committee Meets at 7:30pm.		May Marian Devotions at 7pm.	Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola.			May Marian Devotions at 7pm.	Together in Faith and Love Zoom Meeting at 7pm.		
30	31					
Trinity Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.	Memorial Day. Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am.					

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