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# **NEWSLETTER**

## **JULY/ AUGUST 2021**

MAY OUR SONS IN THEIR YOUTH BE LIKE PLANTS FULL GROWN, OUR DAUGHTERS LIKE CORNER PILLARS CUT FOR THE STRUCTURE OF A PALACE.

As this newsletter is being written we are preparing for summer youth events throughout our Church.

Our church has always had a focus on the success of our children. Scripture tells us to take the time and to make the effort to instruct our children in the knowledge of the Lord such that our work in building the kingdom might continue to its success.

In Psalm 144 we find David writing after his taking the throne. Even though victorious, it did not mean problems were over.

In this psalm, David acknowledges triumph and thankfulness brought about by the great goodness of God. We must acknowledge that we have no victory apart from Him.

David then prays for God's help against current enemies. We must be ever watchful and turn to God for His constant protection. David then rejoices because he acknowledges God's assurance of victory. We must not be people of fear, but rather of trust in victory.

David then prays for the prosperity

of his own kingdom and celebrates in the youth coming up in faith. So we must work for the future of the Kingdom and for our children's faith.

God's blessings works wonders for us. So too for our children if we take the time and raise them in the Church. Yes, we can certainly do more, be more present, show our children even greater faithfulness and consistency. Let us give that gift to them first and foremost. It lasts.

David prays as we should; that our sons be like strong, well rooted, young trees, which promise leadership toward great things.

David prays that daughters be as corner stones, polished as a palace. Daughters unite us as corner stones join walls together. They do the work of knitting us together in our actions for God, in being leaders toward the kingdom of God.

When we develop young men and women in holiness we will have joy in them and winners for God. Supported in their knowledge of the Lord we can be assured our children will achieve victory for the kingdom.

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## Fr. Jim Away

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Fr. Jim will be Chaplain at this year's Kurs Encampment. He will be away from July 3rd through July 10th. If there is an extreme emergency during this period, please call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-453-2258.

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## MEN'S RETREAT THANK YOU

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The YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat concluded June 19th. We had good representation from our parish, and it was a joy to be together with the men of the Church in prayer, adoration, and learning. I express my heartfelt thanks to all who did participate and to Prime Bishop Anthony, Fr. Jason, the retreat master, the Central Committee of the YMSofR, and to all my brothers for doing this work. The doors of grace were indeed opened for us.

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## Summertime Events

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We welcome all to attend these great summer events including:

- **Kurs 2021** with the spiritual theme from John 10:10 "*I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full,*" and the camp theme of "Christmas in July" will be held in-person at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from



July 3rd through 10th (8 days). If you have not done so, please register at <https://tinyurl.com/48t5b6rd>. Please remember, the parish pays all fees, so when registering do not pay.

- **United Choirs Convention and Workshop:** The United Choirs of the PNCC will be holding its 35th National Convention and 27th Music Workshop on Wednesday, August 3rd through Friday, August 5th at Holy Cross Parish in Hamtramck, MI. The deadline for registration is June 1st. You can attend virtually by Zoom or in person.
- **Our Annual Parish Community Picnic** will be held on the parish grounds on Sunday, August 22rd. On this occasion we will also take a parish family portrait. Bring a dish to share.
- **YMSofR Golf Outing** will be held on Saturday, September 4th at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, 140 Sandy Banks Rd. Carbondale, PA. The Retreat Center can be booked for Friday and Saturday night of the golf tournament. Any Golf Tournament questions Please contact chairman Andrew Shumlas, Esq. at 570-947-7229 or via email [ashumlas12@gmail.com](mailto:ashumlas12@gmail.com) or vice chairman Paul Kazinetz III at 570- 604-2692 or via email at [pkaz75@aol.com](mailto:pkaz75@aol.com)

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

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## Plans for our Diocesan Synod

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The next Holy Synod of the Central Diocese will be held November 12th and 13th in Rome, New York. Your elected lay representative is Renee Konicki. Please implore the help of the Holy Spirit as we approach this event:

*Come Holy Spirit, enkindle the hearts of Thy faithful with the fire of Thy love!*

*Come, Father almighty! Open our minds to see Your way, believe in Your word, and know You.*

*Come, Lord Jesus Savior! Open our lips to speak Your truth, proclaim the word, and praise You.*

*Come, O Holy Spirit! Open our hearts to feel Your life, to act on the word, and love You.*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit, prepare us for Your blessing; guide our Synod, and bless Your Holy Polish National Catholic Church that we may do Your will, for You are one God living and true, now and forever. Amen.*

- *Our Father...*
- *Hail Mary...*
- *Glory be...*

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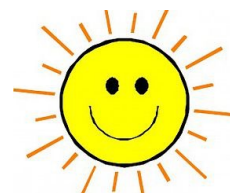
## Happy Summer

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We wish all of our young people and all the youth of our neighborhood a joyful and blessed summer season.

As we reflect on the successes and challenges of this past school year, may we see them as opportunities for growth.

Let us pray especially that our Lord watch over and protect our young people and children this summer.



*Almighty and Eternal God, Father most kind, Who in Thy plan of Salvation of mankind did resolve, that one generation shall follow another in fulfilling the tasks of temporal life, and prepares wisely and good everything in the universe; keep in Thy tender care the youth of our Church, individually and collectively, that our youth may always understand those things which are in harmony with Thy holy Will and bring true happiness; - and that service to Thee in our youth is the only assurance of tranquility in the sunset of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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## Holy Mass for Healing

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Our next monthly Holy Mass for healing accompanied by anointing will be held Monday, July 19th and Monday, August 16th at 6:15pm. Join us and invite others.

Note that August 16th is also the translated Solemnity of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary, so bring your fresh flowers, fruits, vegetables, and herbs to church to be blessed.

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### **With Thanks**

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To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love and charity on behalf of our parish.

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

To Adam, Liz, and Mike for their service each Sunday.

To all who attended our Eucharistic Holy Hours for vocations and prayed for vocations throughout June. Keep it up!

To the men of the parish who attended the YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat.

To all who are working so diligently in anticipation of our 100th Anniversary/Centennial Celebration.

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

God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać! Thank you!!!

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### **Our Church and A Prayer For Our Country**

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Independence Day held a special place in the hearts of the founding generation of our Church. So often the church looks for a religiously

significant occasion on which to perform her special rites. Our organizers, however, saw the promises and opportunities of this nation as blessings from God and determined to specifically celebrate this day. In honor of the 245th birthday of our country:

*We thank Thee, Lord, for America, our home. We bless Thee for the liberty, the opportunity, and the abundance we share. But above all we praise Thee for the traditions which have made our country great, and for patriots who have laid the foundations through faith, courage, and self-sacrifice. Teach us in our own day the meaning of citizenship, and help us to be faithful stewards of the responsibility which Thou entrusted to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*



A Prayer for our Country from A Book of Devotions and Prayers According to the Use of the Polish National Catholic Church.

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### **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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#### July Birthdays

- 2 Gayle Clas
- 3 Genevieve Binkowski, Jaime Bylina, John Clas, Kimberly Maliszewski, Richard Okonsky Jr.
- 4 Ken Brown
- 7 Eva Kubinska
- 8 Michael Ruchalski

12 Stanley Podkulski  
16 Lawrence Panfil Jr.  
19 Jason Lennon  
22 Matthew Zebrowski  
26 Alexander Oravsky  
27 Sebesany Rios, Kathleen  
Maliszewski  
28 Mel Prusky  
29 Kevin Prusky  
29 Ronald O'Connor

#### July Anniversaries

14 Chad & Amber Smith  
20 Edward & Claudia Bertasso  
27 Zachary Prusky & Kristen Smith

#### August Birthdays

1 Wendy Williams  
5 Christine D'Amico  
7 Karen Cimmino  
8 Taylor Garrison  
10 Matthew Hines, Renee Konicki,  
Joanne Bauer  
12 Ginny Dinsmore  
14 Stephanie Konicki-Ferguson  
15 Roger Jarosz  
18 Carson Hobson  
19 Joanne Hernick  
25 Alyssa DePaula Carlson  
29 Megan DonVito, Tyme LaPorte  
Smith  
30 Gabriella Martineau  
31 Teresa Mazzone

Wishing you all many years! Sto  
Lat!

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#### **Planning For:**

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**Holy Masses on Sundays are at  
10am and Noon unless  
otherwise noted.**

- July 2: Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M.

- July 3: Annual Independence Day Holy Mass at Picnic at Spójnia Farm, Waymart, PA starting at 11am.
- July 3-10: Kurs Encampment, Waymart, PA.
- July 4: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Independence Day. Service of Worship and Holy Communion **at 10am ONLY**
- July 6: Commemoration of John Hus, Priest and Martyr
- July 11: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 18: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 19: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- July 25: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 26: Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle (translated). Also, Commemoration of Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V.M.
- August 1: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen.
- August 3-5: National United Choirs 35th National Convention and 27th Music Workshop.
- August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord.
- August 8: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 15: 20th Sunday in

Ordinary Time.

- August 16: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. (translated). Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm with Blessing of flowers, herbs, fruits, and vegetables. Parish Committee Meets.
- August 22: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle.
- August 27: Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa.
- August 29: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 30: Solemnity - Beheading of St. John the Baptist (translated).
- September 4: YMSofR Golf Outing at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, 140 Sandy Banks Rd. Carbondale, PA.
- September 5: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- September 7: Labor Day. Holy Mass at 10am.

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### **Whose Water Are you Carrying?**

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Quoting the outgoing president of the Southern Baptist Convention: *"Anytime the Church gets in bed with politics, the Church gets pregnant, and the offspring does not look like our Father in heaven."*

We often think, Well, Church should not be involved in politics, that's for us or for me. We forget that we are Ecclesia, the Church. The word

Church means its people.

Remember that politics is about following individuals whose agenda might not reflect the Gospel. Politics, if we join in, has us carrying other people's water.



As Ecclesia we must check ourselves and ask: Whose water am I carrying? Whose agenda am I pushing? Is it Jesus'?

The spreading of hatred whether in-person or online, putting forth hurt and accusation makes Christians absolute hypocrites, and the world sees it. Promote Christ, the Church, and reflect the Father.

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## **Painting/ Refurbishment Update**

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Artech Church Renovation completed their work and the parish church looks



magnificent! Their crew was so kind, respectful and really keyed in on more than just doing a job - but rather on beautifying God's house through their efforts.



The work was completed on Tuesday, June 22nd. Based on the advice of Artech, we will return to worship in the church space on July 18th. This will allow the new polyurethane to set completely.

Over the next several weeks, we will be returning items to the church, but slowly, and only after they have been washed and readied.

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## Centennial Update

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Remember to promote sales of our Centennial Raffle Tickets please.

**Everyone who has or will buy a raffle ticket gets a free ticket to our Centennial Gala (a \$40 value).**

The 100th Anniversary memory book committee is looking for your questionnaires. Please send in ASAP. We appreciate your help in making our commemorative book special!

**Pencil in October 1st to 3rd for our Grand Celebration.**

- We will hold Solemn Vespers the evening of October 1st.
- Holy Mass with the Prime Bishop as celebrant and our Bishop Ordinary as the Homilist will take place the afternoon of October 2nd followed by a banquet at the Edison Club.
- Holy Mass on Sunday, October 3rd



will be at 10am.

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## STAY TUNED

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Other events in the works, but not yet formalized include:

- Virtual Convo, Summer 2021
- Bowling Tourney, May/June 2022. Let's get a team together (or two).

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## Faithlessness

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The Cambridge English Dictionary defines faithlessness as: *The quality of not being loyal or able to be trusted.*

When I entered the Holy Polish National Catholic Church I was most impressed by the faithfulness and knowledge of its people. If I made a mistake, people corrected it. It was not done in an unkind manner, but rather in charity. I needed to be educated. I recognized that and had the humility to admit it.

Coming from a Roman Catholic background, I did have a bunch of baggage that needed to be left behind. They consisted of methods of prayer, theologies, devotions, and outlooks that needed to be washed from my life. I took the time to do that, so I might live faithfully as a Polish National Catholic.

I actually hungered to know everything our Church had to offer, its approach and way of thinking, its prayer life. I found it to be richer, more devout, and much much more

Spirit filled.

As years have gone by, my understanding of Church has grown. I know that I am part of the self-same Church of the first centuries, one faithful to its Lord and Savior and without the affectations of other Churches in which people have placed themselves into the role of the Holy Spirit, where people do as they please because it is convenient. The Church has never been the place of convenience, or the Body of "Do as you please."

It is key that we as Church maintain our integrity, that we be who we are, not a mere copy of someone else, adopting others practices.

In Ezekiel 34, God has His prophet address and condemn shepherds who mislead and take advantage of their sheep. There, God promises the One Good Shepherd Who will lead His people in truth. It is Jesus that teaches us rightly and His successors, the Bishops of the Church, who teach faithfully. Yet, not all pastors follow. Some are deaf to their own error, others willful in doing what they please.

Those who see their ministry as a job, who are faithless were roundly condemned by Jesus as "*hired hands*." They leave the sheep prone to the wolf who will mislead and misdirect them, scattering them. (See John 10:12).



False pastors are not like the Owner of the sheep. The True Shepherd of the sheep cares for His flock and is responsible for their well-being. He loves His people with an everlasting love, but the false, faithless shepherd does whatever he pleases.

The shepherd who scatters the flock is not our friend or ally. He will not seek and save that which is lost. He will not help the wounded nor heal the broken-hearted. He will not teach or lead with integrity as Church. Rather he is his own Church with his own laws, interpreting to his own ends.

Since Jesus warned that there are hired hands who mislead the people, we must be on guard.

St. Jude warned that "*certain persons have crept in unnoticed who are marked out for this condemnation.*" (Jude 1:4) St. Peter also warned that, "*there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.*" (2 Peter 2:1)

Pray for the clergy of the Church. Pray that they be **faithful** leaders and not mere functionaries where their ministry on Sunday and other days is just a job. Correct falsehood in love. Bring the errant back to faithfulness. Pray!



# July & August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				July 1	2	3
					Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M.	Kurs begins. Holy Mass and Picnic, Waymart
4 14th Sunday in OT. Independence Day. Deacon Service at 10am <b>ONLY</b> . Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Kurs Camp	5 Kurs Camp	6 Commemoration – John Hus, Priest & Martyr Kurs Camp	7 Kurs Camp	8 Kurs Camp	9 Kurs Camp	10 Kurs Camp
11 15th Sunday in OT. 10am. Lector Larry Panfil.	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 16th Sunday in OT. 10am. Lector Lauren DeBlois.	19 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.	20	21	22	23	24
25 17th Sunday in OT. 10am. Lector Joe Kaczynski.	26 Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle (translated). Also: of Ss. Joachim & Ann,	27	28	29	30	31
August 1 18th Sunday in OT. Lector Larry Panfil.	2	3 Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen	4	5	6 Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord.	7
8 19th Sunday in OT. 10am. Lector Lauren DeBlois.	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 20th Sunday in OT. 10am. Lector Joe Kaczynski.	16 Solemnity – Dormition. Healing Holy Mass 6:15pm. Parish Committee at 7pm.	17	18	19	20	21
22 21st Sunday in OT. 10am. Lector Larry Panfil	23	24 Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle.	25	26	27 Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa.	28
29 22nd Sunday in OT/Youth Sunday. 10am. Lector Lauren DeBlois	30 Solemnity - Beheading of St. John the Baptist	31				

Holy Mass at 10am and Noon each Sunday unless otherwise noted.

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