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NEWSLETTER

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"SO ASK THE LORD WHO GIVES THIS HARVEST TO SEND WORKERS
TO HARVEST HIS CROPS."

In our Holy Church, we dedicate the month of June to prayer for Sacred Vocations. This prayer, commanded by Jesus in Matthew 9:38, is a necessary part of every Christian's routine of prayer and I call on you to act, to take up this cause in your personal prayer life.

In this cause of prayer, there are two requests. This first request is for the general gift of vocations, that many will be called. The second request is for responsiveness on the part of those called.

The Church has always been in need of men to step up and into the role of Deacon and Ministerial Priest. It is no secret that the Holy Spirit has inspired many to accept these roles, yet few respond. As the Church's National Vocations Director, I see the depth of our need for men to be called and for those called to listen, step forward, and take up the role God wants them in.

We could engage in a ton of calculating as to why the called do not respond. I have heard all the alleged causes: economic and

sociological. It is odd that the two greatest reasons are never really discussed: a lack of prayer and lack of faith.

It is not lost on us that just prior to the month of June we celebrated Trinity Sunday focused on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, then on the first Sunday in June the celebration of Corpus Christi focused on the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. Being a Christian requires faith in these things. We believe those things by faith. So this is a test, will those called live fully faithfully? Will we proceed in faith-filled prayer as Jesus asked? Will those called respond in faith as the Holy Spirit asks? Will we trust God?

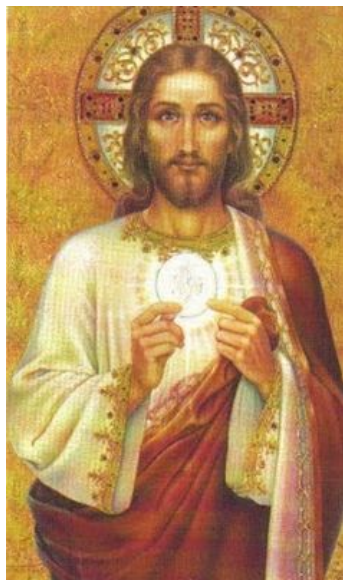
The Letter to the Hebrews, Chapter 11 puts it very well in its first verse: *"If people believe God, then they know they have the things they hope to get. It is the proof of things we do not see."* God does answer.

Let us then buoy up our faith. Believe in God and pray each day this month and the rest of the year for vocations. See what happens.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Master of the harvest, we humbly ask You to send more laborers into Your fields, for the work is indeed great. Grant more faithful priests and deacons to Your Polish National Catholic Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR



Please join us on June 11th, the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and on June 29th, the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles for a Eucharistic Holy Hour for vocations.

Spend time

before the Lord in the Holy Eucharist praying in faith for this much needed gift. What we will receive will be in proportion to our effort at prayer.

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 above 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, must they sacrifice again? Should the priest die, the widow is left with \$300 a month. What a shame!

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 20th 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.

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.

Another Vocations Prayer

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

Summertime events are on. Please participate in these in-person and virtual events:

- **Men's Retreat:** with a theme from Ephesians 4:31-32 is "How To Move On." The retreat is being held in person and virtually from

June 17th to 19th. 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 4th Annual National YMS of R Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/6we9wu6p>.

- **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.

- **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 or vice chairman Paul Kazinetz III at 570- 604-2692 or via email at pkaz75@aol.com

- Also on tap, our **Annual Parish Picnic** in August. Stay tuned for more info.

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 Carrington,
Frances LaGreca, Amber Laporte-Smith, Ryder Prusky
8 Jenna DonVito, Sabrina Brook
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 Lat!

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 which due to the weather was held in church and at home virtually You did it right!

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

To all who faithfully attended May Marian devotions.

To Adam Konicki who assists at the altar each week with grace.

To Liz Battaglia and Mike Emanuele for your beautiful music which praises and honors God.

To all who helped on May 22nd with moving most things out of our worship space advance of our painting and renovation project: Pete, Liz, Mike, Larry, Donna, Geoff, Paul, Adam, and Darryl.

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

Sacraments Galore - God Bless Them All

Sacraments were conferred with great joy throughout the month of May. Kallianne Catherine Zemken was baptized on Pentecost Sunday.



Baptism makes one a part of Christ's Church through regeneration - the rebirth Jesus spoke of in John 3:1-21. God bless Kallianne, her parents, godparents, sisters, and entire family richly.

Two beautiful couples: Nepo Nikiti and Mary Gin Nimwes and Nemson Nikiti and Anserleen Mallon. were sacramentally joined in Holy Matrimony in May.



In our Church, people are joined in marriage by the Church, and by the sacrament are provided the grace necessary for the mutual love that is an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. God bless them richly!

The Great Centennial Raffle

	Golden Anniversary 50/50 Raffle	GRAND PRIZE OF \$5,000!*			
	<small>*Based upon sale of 100 tickets, otherwise proceeds will be split 50/50</small>				
Drawing on 2 OCTOBER 2021		WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE			
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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. See Joe Kaczynski, Fr. Jim, or any Parish Committee

member to get signed up. We will draw a winner at our Centennial Banquet on October 2nd. You do not need to be present to win. Please promote this to friends and family.

REMINDERS

The painting and refinishing of the church interior begins June 7th. For the next three weeks we will meet in the parish hall for Holy Mass.

The 100th Anniversary memory book committee is looking for your questionnaires. We are starting to work on the book and would like all inputs in ASAP. They can be mailed back, or given to Larry, Paul, or Alyssa. We appreciate your help in making this commemorative book special!

Pencil in October 2nd for our Grand Centennial Celebration.

June 2021 Discipleship Example - Ruth and Naomi



During June on our Discipleship 2021 journey we focus on Ruth and Naomi.

Holy Scriptures: The Book of Ruth.

As a family, read together the short but profoundly beautiful Book of Ruth. It's only four chapters but is very rich. You could read it all in one sitting or divide it up as you like.

Reflection and Action Item: The story of Ruth and Naomi speaks to our hearts of the great dignity of family life and the call to be faithful to one another, come what may. This month reach out to a member of your own family with whom you have been out of touch for a while. Make that call you've been putting off for some reason or send a card with a note to catch them up on family happenings. This is a great chance for all of us to emulate the faithfulness of Ruth and Naomi!

100th Anniversary History



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

Our parish was an active and vital part of local, national, and international efforts during and immediately after World War II.

In the post-war period our pastor, Fr. Senior Joseph L. Zawistowski was very active in assisting in the recovery of Poland. He and Bishop Padewski (later martyred by

communist authorities in Poland) sailed from New York in February 1946 for an assessment of the situation on the ground in Poland. They returned some five months later. Fr. Senior Zawistowski went on a speaking tour to tell about the conditions he observed in Poland.

Other leading figures that went about the same time were the president of the Polish Women's Alliance (PWA) and a Polish general. Each was highly criticized in Polish-American circles for describing the terrible conditions that existed in Poland and for saying that the Soviet Army was going to remain in Poland for a long time. So-called Pol-Am leaders were demanding an uprising in Poland thinking it would throw the Red Army out of Poland, a ridiculously impossible feat. In Detroit, Pol-Am organizations hung Fr. Senior Zawistowski in effigy for his talks and articles; but some 1,500 people came to hear him. The PWA president lost her position. Others in the group were hounded for providing the same truthful information.

Even so, Fr. Senior Zawistowski's efforts and speeches raised significant aid money for Poland. It was the largest amount ever raised in the Church until the million dollar effort in the 1970s for the new Spojnia Home for the Aged in Waymart.

In our neighboring parish, Good Shepherd, Rev. Bolesław Sikorski was himself a survivor of the horrors of the war. Fr. Sikorski was

the nephew of Prime Bishop Leon Grochowski. He was born in Warsaw, Poland and graduated from Seminary in 1937. In 1939 he resigned his pastoral duties and enlisted as a Private in the Polish Army. He received a battlefield promotion to Lieutenant. He was later captured and held in both Russian and German concentration camps. He came to the United States in 1959. He served Good Shepherd from 1964 till his death in 1975.

In 1956, Rev. Roman P. Jasinski, a former chaplain of the Polish Army and member of the Polish Underground came to pastor Holy Name of Jesus.

Fr. Jasinski was active in the Polish Underground just after Germany invaded Poland. He was able to escape Poland before his arrest by the Gestapo, arriving in France where he enlisted in the Polish Army and was assigned Chaplain to the Second Polish Division in Brittany. He was captured at Dunkirk and interred as a POW. He escaped, made his way to Spain, where he was captured again, and this time placed in a concentration camp. He escaped once again, making his way to England. He arrived in the United States in 1943.

Immediately after his assignment as pastor, Fr. Jasinski and parishioners engaged in sponsoring the resettlement of Polish Refugees in Schenectady. On February 14, 1957, Fr. Jasinski and parish delegates Mr. Frank Wilk, Mr. Henry Banasiak,

Mrs. William Trier and Mrs. Ferdinand Ruchalski welcomed four refugees and one other person to Schenectady. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Tadeusz Wisniewski, Zygmund Rutecki, and Mr. and Mrs. Tadeusz Wołoszyn.

Planning For:

Holy Mass on Sundays is at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted.

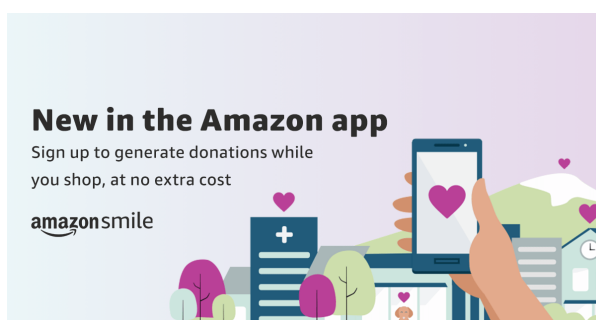
- June 1: Sacred Vocations Month Begins.
- June 3: Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 7pm.
- June 6: Sunday within the Octave.
- June 11: Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm.
- June 13: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- June 17 - 19: **YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat.**
- June 20: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Father's Day.
- June 21: Holy Mass for Healing at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.
- June 24: Solemnity - St. John the Baptist.
- June 27: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- June 29: Feast - Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm.
- July 2: Solemnity - Visitation of the B.V.M.

- July 3-10: **KURS Encampment**, Waymart, PA.

New Brochures

The parish has a good supply of shiny new brochures for you to share with others. These are great tools for evangelism. Just hand them to friends and family. It is that simple. Let's not find them unused in the back of the parish basement ten years from now. It is up to you!

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Do you shop on Amazon? If you do, simply visit AmazonSmile at <https://smile.amazon.com> and chose Holy Name of Jesus PNCC as your charity. For every purchase, the parish will receive a small donation. It all helps.

WE ARE PAINTING (can you help?)

We are painting and restoring the interior of the church, the pews, and the hardwood floor. This is an effort of faith and a pledge to the future. If you are able, we would appreciate any offering you might make.

June

2021

Sacred Vocations Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Requiem Holy Mass for Frances Wedrychowicz at gam.		Funeral Service for Michael Kaczynski at 1pm @ DeLegee
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Larry Panfil. and Noon.				Octave of Corpus Christi	Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm. Feast - St. Barnabas	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Lauren DeBlois and Noon. Commemoration - St. Anthony of Padua				Men's Spiritual Retreat	Men's Spiritual Retreat	Men's Spiritual Retreat
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Joe Kaczynski and Noon. Father's Day.	Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting at 7pm.			Solemnity – St. John the Baptist.		
27	28	29	30			
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am. Lector: Larry Panfil and Noon.		Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at 7pm.				

REMINDERS:

Kurs 2021 @ Waymart, PA – July 3rd through 10th

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