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"BUT SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE ADDED TO YOU."

I have a box. For those who get to church early enough or stay late enough, for the past two years you have seen me walking in and out of church with an old broken down box. The box is my briefcase of sorts.

My family often comments: Why don't you get rid of that old box and just get a briefcase? I don't say much. I like my box.

This month's scripture, taken from Matthew 6:33 reminds us of priorities - what comes first, what is most important: *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.*

The box is a reminder to me of what we are celebrating this year, and in a special way how we will begin the month of October.

One-hundred years ago people in Schenectady packed bags and boxes. They did not have much. They tread on foot to the corner of Raymond and Van Vranken to build a new church. This would be a church providing them the freedom to *seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.*

Not long before this momentous event in 1921, these very same people packed boxes and bags and trunks to emigrate to the United States. They sought a better life and the opportunity to add good things to their lives - the dream of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

What is worthy of not just celebration, but also emulation, is that these founders did not separate or compartmentalize seeking the kingdom, righteousness, and a better life. They saw them as God's way-of-life. They listened to what St. James pointed out: *Every good gift and every perfect present comes from heaven; it comes down from God* (James 1:17).

As we celebrate the centennial of our wonderful parish, as we reflect on the good gifts we have received, let us remember those bags, boxes, and trunks. Let us recall that the search for truth and the achievement of victory took work and struggle. Most importantly, may we too live seeking what is important first, *and all these things will be added to us.*

OUR Grand Celebration



We are so looking forward to this grandly beautiful event made possible by YOU! This is indeed OUR grand celebration. The weekend of our grand centennial celebration, October 1st through 3rd, is quickly approaching.

The schedule will be as follows:

- Friday, October 1st. Solemn Vespers at 7pm.
- Saturday, October 2nd. High Holy Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by His Grace, Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky with homily by Rt. Rev. Bernard J. Nowicki at 2pm followed by our centennial banquet at the Edison Club starting at 4pm.
- Sunday, October 3rd. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time celebrated by Rev. James Konicki with homily by His Grace, Most Rev. Anthony A. Mikovsky at 10am followed by coffee hour.

Please return your R.S.V.P. quickly so appropriate banquet accommodation may be made.

Back to Church



Back to Church Sunday is coming up on Sunday, September 19th. Join us for Holy Mass at 10am or Noon.

Everyone is indeed welcome in God's House. Take time first to pray that God will bless our church with many who seek to know, love, and serve Him, then invite someone to join you.

This year's Back to Church Sunday theme is "**HOPE IS HERE.**"

We may feel like we have to face life **alone**, even in the midst of relationships. People long for connection, a place to **belong, find encouragement, healing, and help**. Church is the place to find **real connection, community, and friendship**, not just on Sunday's, but for our whole life. That is why Jesus created the Church - to **connect us** to Him and each other.

Hope is in the Church. So share the hope with those we know who need Church as much as we do.

Coffee Hour Is Back



Coffee Hour is back starting on Brotherly Love Sunday, September 12th.

Come join us for this shared time following 10am Holy Mass. All proper and recommended protocols will be

followed to ensure everyone's safety.

Special Upcoming Events

September 6, Labor Day Holy Mass at 10am.

September 11, 20th Anniversary of 9/11/2001. Vespers Prayer Service at Noon.

September 12th, Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon plus Coffee Hour.

September 19th, Back to Church Sunday – HOPE IS HERE. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.

Healing Holy Masses Continue

We hold a monthly healing Holy Mass. Check out our schedule in

your weekly bulletin. The next is scheduled for Monday, September 20th at 6:15pm.

Summer Events Report

Men's Retreat: The annual Men's retreat was simply awesome. Held in person and virtually, we were able to spend time together in prayer, learning, and reflection, offering our efforts for the upbuilding of the Church.

Kurs 2021: Our youth, Erickaa, Paul, and Manu along with Fr. Jim had a great time at Kurs Camp. We celebrated Christmas in July and focused on a theme based on John 10:10 "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"

Convo 2021: No Convo was held this year due to issues with the venue.

God bless our faithful!!!!!! On to Kurs, CONVO, and the Men's Retreat in 2022!

Music Scholarship Winners



Congratulations to Victoria Konicki who received a National United Choirs (NUC) Music Scholarships this year. The awards were announced at the NUC Convention and workshop I

Hamtramck, MI which was held from

August 3rd through 5th.

Information on the scholarship program can be obtained by visiting the NUC website:

nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

1 Paul Zawistowski
3 Cindy Houser, Blake Horton, Chris Zostant, Eric Esner
4 Alicja Chrobok
12 Robbie Heins
14 Callie Lennon
15 Beverly Limmer
16 JoAnne Houser
24 Lynn Maliszewski
26 Donna Panfil, Nicholas DeMidio, Chad Smith
28 Angela Jorczak

Anniversaries

4 Jason & Christine Lennon, Thomas & Kathleen Caulfield
21 Timothy & Christine DeCocco
Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

Holy Mass on Labor Day - Celebrate the Sacredness of Work

Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you are serving the Lord Christ. — Colossians 3:23-24

Come join us at 10am on Labor Day,

September 6th for a Holy Mass offered for the intention of all workers, organized labor, and worker justice.



Labor Day comes out of a long history of workers organizing to secure their rights, safety, and dignity.

Our Holy Church stood strong with workers. We did so with the coal miners and steel workers of Pennsylvania, the grain millers and meat packers of Buffalo, and the auto workers of Detroit.

In our community and throughout our nation and world, workers continue to struggle for fair pay, time off, safety on the job, access to healthcare and education, and the right to organize.

As workers and worker advocates, people of faith, have been and continue to be an important part of the movement for worker justice.

YMSofR Builds



The Young Men's Society of the Resurrection calls its members to engage in service projects each year.

On Saturday, August 30th, YMSofR President Paul Zawistowski along with Fr. Jim, Pete, Adam, and Jeff volunteered at a

Habitat for Humanity site in Schenectady.

The team worked to hang insulation in the ceiling rafters and to caulk all of the wood joints along the outer walls.



Habitat posted the following on its Facebook page: *A huge thanks to our fine friends over at The Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church*

in Schenectady who spent last Saturday building with us. They insulated all the ceilings in the course of a day. Besides being great insulators, Father Jim is a first rate sweeper too. Productive AND tidy. What more could you ask for?

Thank you Paul and YMSofR members for your hard work and wonderful service.

September 11th 20 Years Ago



Twenty years ago we came together as a community in prayer. Prayer strengthened us, unified us, and comforted us in

the midst of tragedy, fear, and the unknown. Join us on 9/11 at noon for a prayer service in commemoration on this 20th anniversary of September 11, 2001.

Return of Daily Holy Mass



While every parish should have daily Holy Mass for the benefit of the faithful, it has been some time since daily Mass was offered in our

parish.

Daily Holy Mass first and foremost honors God with the worship He is due. It provides an opportunity for the faithful to encounter Jesus is the best way possible. It provides an opportunity to carry our intentions before the Throne of Grace.

Fr. Jim expects to begin daily Holy Mass in November at noon each day (excepting Saturdays). Stay tuned to your weekly bulletin for updates.

Extraordinary Gifts



We have been so blessed by some really extraordinary gifts.

A good number of people have donated significant amounts toward the parish painting and refinishing project. Thus far \$5,000 has been donated.

We received an anonymous donation of vestments for our centennial celebration. A full High Mass set including chasuble, dalmatic, tunic, cope, humeral veil, and chalice veil which is valued at nearly \$1,000.

O'Connor's Church Goods donated a new Holy Name liturgical banner. This banner and the pole as well as other necessary hardware is valued at \$1,400.

Regular donations and weekly offerings, as well as entries into our centennial raffle are similarly generous.

God bless everyone!

The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Volunteer Opportunity

The P.N.C.C. Archives, located at the National Church Center of the P.N.C.C., 1006 Pittston Avenue in Scranton, PA, desperately needs your help. The quantity of items needed to be catalogued before being archived in the vault is growing faster than can be done by one person. It is a job requiring data entry into an Excel file.

At present, Joseph Seliga, Chair of the P.N.C.C. History and Archives Commission, travels from New Jersey to Scranton once per month to work for a week at the Archives.

However, additional assistance is needed. Surely there are people in the church who want to see the history of the P.N.C.C. preserved. Please consider donating some of your time to this worthy project. Please contact Joseph Seliga at seliga1@optonline.net if you can assist in any way.

With Thanks

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 for his service at the altar. To our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia. To Mike Emanuele for his talents.

To Alyssa and Kyle for all the work you do to maintain and sanitize our building.

To Alyssa for her leadership in centennial planning.

To Mike Emanuele and Joe Kaczynski for their work on the grounds and cemeteries.

To Pete, Larry, Jeff, Adam, Kyle, and Mike for their work on trimming at the cemetery on several occasions this summer.

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

God bless you and reward you!!!

Planning For:

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

- September 5: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- September 6: Labor Day. Holy Mass at 10am.
- September 8: Solemnity – Nativity of the B.V.M.
- September 11: 20th Anniversary of 9/11/2001. Prayer service at Noon.
- September 12: **Solemnity of Brotherly Love.** Coffee Hour resumes.
- September 14: Solemnity, Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
- September 15: Solemnity, Holy Mother of Sorrows.
- September 19: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Back to Church Sunday (Invite Someone).**
- September 20: Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting.
- September 21: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist.
- September 26: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday.
- September 29: Feast - St. Michael the Archangel.
- October 1: **Centennial Celebrations Begins.** Solemn Vespers to 7pm.
- October 2: High Holy Mass of Thanksgiving at 2pm. Reception

and Banquet at 4pm. Feast, Guardian Angels.

- October 3: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY.

TO DO LIST



Take time this week and in the months to come to invite at least one person a week to join you at Holy Mass, whether in

person or virtually. Please do not be disappointed if the answer you receive is "no". Keep on sharing your faith through actions and words. We shall grow as a Parish Family one person and one family at a time.

Remember you cannot be told yes, unless you send the invitation.

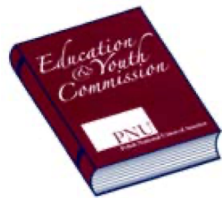
Diocesan Synod

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.

Education and Youth Commission Appeal



It is time for the annual PNU Education and Youth Commission appeal for your prayerful support of our stipend

program. This annual program benefits PNU college students. We ask you to prayerfully consider giving a gift that will be used, appreciated, and always remembered by our younger members going to college or schools of higher learning. Please make your charitable donation to the PNU Education and Youth Commission and send it to 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA 18505.

If you have questions about becoming a PNU member or getting a membership for your children, please see Fr. Jim.

Walk with God

By Chip Ingram

The first time anyone is recorded walking in the Bible, it's the Lord in the garden, spending time with our first parents. God made us for Himself, to share His presence. In fact, the entire story of the Bible is about God restoring His presence with us. Think burning bushes, tabernacles, temples, the incarnation of the Son, the indwelling of the Spirit, a millennial kingdom, a new heaven and new earth, a restored garden in a city where the nations will walk in the radiance of the glory of God!

Scripture also makes it clear that we cannot walk alone. Jesus walked with the disciples, Elijah walked with Elisha, Joshua walked with Moses, and Timothy walked with Paul.

Jesus walked everywhere with His disciples. During these walks, the Teacher poured into His students. They learned, laughed, and interacted as they trekked from place to place.

God's great goal is simply that we walk with Him—in the truth, in the light, at His pace, and toward the right destination.

Scripture tells us we'll become like whomever we walk with (Proverbs 13:20). Either we will walk with wise and godly people or with those who convince us that their ways and their values will deliver.

Let us then resolve to always walk with God and each other toward the right destination.

September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 September 6: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kavzynski.	6 Labor Day Holy Mass at 10am.	7	8 Solemnity – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9	10	11 20th Anniversary of 9/11/2001 Prayer Service at Noon.
12 Solemnity of Brotherly Love. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Coffee Hour Resumes	13	14 Solemnity – Exaltation of the Holy Cross.	15 Solemnity – Holy Mother of Sorrows	16	17	18
19 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Back to Church Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois	20 Healing Holy Mass at 6:15pm. Parish Committee Meeting	21 Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	22	23	24	25
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