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NEWSLETTER

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FOR IN HIM THE WHOLE FULLNESS OF DEITY DWELLS BODILY,

Our celebration of the Christmas, the coming of God among us, His incarnate Being in our midst, is so important it must be celebrated for more than a few days. This season marks God's chosen moment in which the story of salvation takes a major step forward. So, we must celebrate and set to ongoing work.

The story of salvation is a continuous saga. It began with creation, God called us into being so we might belong to Him. The world rejected that call and turned away from God by sin.

God would not give up! Salvation is not a once and done offer, and God would not rest until we were His as we hear in our Eucharistic Prayer based on the Canon of St. Basil the Great: *"You did not abandon us to the power of death... You came to our help... Again and again You called us into covenant with You... You taught us to hope for salvation... In the fullness of time You sent Your only Son to be our Savior."*

Jesus' incarnation is the moment we were drawn permanently close to God in our humble humanity. God

took what was broken and deformed and made it holy and beautiful by His unity in human flesh. Flesh that was cursed and apart from God now became one with God.

St. Paul is saying something really amazing in Colossians 2:9. He summarizes in ten words the whole mystery of faith - that Jesus is God among us in our flesh. That changes everything. It makes us all capable of being washed free of the worldly choice of sin and one with God, heirs to heaven.

All flesh was hallowed in Jesus, each person's dignity certain. All flesh is given the opportunity to be one with Him if we choose so in faith.

Furthermore, Jesus, before His crucifixion, provided for the permanent presence in His flesh and blood which is for His faithful to this very day: *Take, eat and drink. This is My body. This is My blood.* The totality of Christ is ours for the taking. In it are closer to His divinity and strengthened for our work.

We are in the story of salvation and we have work to do in our evangelism until His return. So, open the door, invite, He awaits.

100TH ANNIVERSARY THANK YOU!!!

In 2021 we celebrated our 100th Anniversary as a parish. Thank you to



all who participated in the many occasions of special

liturgical worship, spiritual growth, as well as in all our social events, We thank Alyssa DePaula-Carlson for her great leadership, Joe Kaczynski for leadership on the Anniversary Raffle, and all who made such a big difference for so many.

Being a Eucharistic People

DISCIPLESHIP

2022 PNCC



Our Holy Church has dedicated 2022 as a year of discipleship particularly focused on **Being a Eucharistic People**.

This year calls us to deep reflection on that most sacred moment where we encounter the Divine as we receive our Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion.

Holy Scripture for January: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Reflection: Receiving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist is a sacred and important moment for which we should be prepared. This is not something to take lightly as we are receiving Jesus to strengthen us on our earthly journey in the way that God has planned for our salvation. We must prepare to meet Jesus by fasting, prayer and participation in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass.

Fasting is an ancient religious tradition, helping one focus on the needs of the soul over the needs of the body; the need for Christ over the needs of self. As Jesus said during His own forty-day fast, "Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God." Fasting before communion helps us properly prepare for the solemn and reverent receiving of His sacred Body and Blood. Fasting before Communion is not primarily an act of Penance, but one of homage to our Lord.

The faithful are required to fast for two hours before receiving Holy Communion. This means eating no food of any kind (except when necessary with medication) and drinking nothing except water. Exceptions to this fast are when someone has a medical condition that requires eating or drinking, when someone has diabetes, when a woman is pregnant, when the Eucharist is taken to someone who is sick, homebound or dying. This

does not discourage the pious practice of fasting from midnight.

Action Items: Remember to fast and offer the Prayer before Holy Communion prior to beginning of Holy Mass and then remember to offer the prayer after Holy Communion from the prayer book.

Also consider a few minutes reading page 8 of the Mass Book prior to the beginning of Holy Mass.

When approaching the priest for Holy Communion make sure to do so reverently.

Prayers: From our 2010 PNCC Prayer Book (see Father Jim if you would like a copy).

Prayer Before Holy Mass: *My dear God and loving Father, I thank You for making it possible for me to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, during which I will be united with my Lord Jesus Christ. May Jesus fill me with His holy grace when I open my heart to Him in sincere prayer. May the sacraments I will receive, the prayers that I will say and the hymns that I will sing bring me closer to Jesus and help me to be more like Him in all that I say and do. May the Holy Communion that I will receive give me strength, so that I may share faith, hope and love with the people I will meet. Amen.*

Prayer After Holy Mass: *I am grateful to You, Lord, that I was able to come to church and participate in the Holy Sacrifice of Mass. I thank You for receiving*

Your gracious pardon, Your instruction and teaching through Your Word, and Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion. May Your sacraments continue to strengthen and help me to be faithful to You and Your Church. Help me to face all the challenges of life on my journey to Your heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Annual Meeting & Parish Offices

Our annual congregational meeting



is planned for Sunday, February 6th along with the election of a new Parish Committee.

We will also offer the ability to participate virtually via Zoom.

While this past year continued to present unique challenges, it has also proven to be wonderful and positive, especially in our celebration of the parish's centenary and the refurbishment of our worship space. There is a great future ahead of us.

As we prepare to meet, pray for God's continued care and grace for all who serve or intend to serve in positions of leadership. We really need you to disciple in this.

THIS IS IMPORTANT: If you, or someone you know, wishes to serve, please write down your or their name along with the office (Chair, Co-Chair, Treasurer,

Financial Secretary, Secretary, Trustee) you/they would like to run for and drop them in the collection basket in an envelope marked nominations.

Anyone may attend the annual meeting to share in the information provided, but please note that only paid parish members may cast a vote or run for office.

Membership and Dues

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**KEEP
CALM
AND
PAY YOUR
DUES**

Membership requires the payment of annual dues which support the larger Church and our Diocese. Certain benefits of the parish,

including burial in our cemeteries, are reserved to members.

Dues are \$125 per year for each adult member regardless of age.

Pay your dues with joy and thank God that we have our Church.

If anyone faces such severe financial difficulties that \$2.40 per person per week is unaffordable, please see Fr. Jim privately.

Envelopes and Tax Statements

God bless you for your generosity and support of our parish in 2021. Because of you and your sacrifice we have been greatly blessed. Donation envelopes for 2022 are available in the back of the church. Please take a packet home and avail

yourself of these envelopes in the coming year. Doing so allows the parish to provide you with a statement for accounting and income tax purposes.

Annual statements for income tax purposes will also be available this month.

SOUPERBOWL OF CARING

"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."



Over the past 20 years our parish has raised \$2,400 as part of the SouperBowl of Caring effort. This year's collection will be

held on February 6th. The soup pot is out. Please continue your generosity in this worthy effort which helps Schenectady Community Ministries in feeding the hungry.

Thank YOU for Your Food and Clothing Offerings

*Thank
You*

Thank you to all who donated so generously. 289 pounds of food was delivered to Schenectady Community Ministries. Branch 56 of the

YMSofR took part in the National YMSofR clothing drive. This event involves all branches of the Church's YMSofR's in a friendly competition for good. We collected 1,073 items (thank you to Larry, Donna, Jeff, Lauren, Paul, Kyle, and other Branch members who sorted, counted, and bagged items) which were donated to Bethesda House of Schenectady, City Mission of Schenectady, Noah's Attic @ Christ Episcopal Church in Ballston Spa, and Young Parents United, Schenectady.

We are making a difference locally.

The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

Make February 2022 – the month of love – a month to win in more ways than one!

This effort supports the youth of our parish particularly in their attendance at Kurs and CONVO - two great events our youth will attend this summer.



We need your support to give our young people a great beginning in 2022. As God

has told us, starting our children off right in the knowledge of the Lord will cause them to bear much good fruit in their lives.

Each ticket for the Outrageous Valentine's Raffle gives the purchaser a chance to win up to \$1,180. The Outrageous Valentine's

Raffle will include drawings for \$40 daily prizes and a \$100 daily prize on Valentine's Day. The raffle is drawn each day of the month, giving the ticket holder **28 chances to win!** Winning tickets are returned to the raffle bucket, making them eligible to win again and again.

We ask that you sell them and return them to the parish office by February 6th so that all tickets may be entered. Tickets cost only \$10 each. Feel free to contact Fr. Jim or Linda DePaula with any questions or to get more tickets if needed.

We thank you for your support and wish you good luck!

Epiphany Visitations - Kołęda - House Blessings

The Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated on Wednesday, January 6th.

If you would like your home blessed in the traditional Epiphany home blessing between January 6th and March 1st, please see Fr. Jim to make an appointment.

The Holy Name of Jesus

January 2nd marks the annual celebration of the Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus.

Our parish was established and dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. Join us on Sunday, January 2nd at for Holy Mass in celebration of our patronal

feast. Let us always honor and praise the Holy Name of Jesus in all we do – in our witness to His Holy Name and our mutual affection, fellowship, love, and charity.

**THANK YOU, MERCI,
DZIĘKUJE, ĄČIŰ, GRACIAS,
MAHALO, GRAZIE!**

There is so much to be thankful for. To all who joined in to decorate the parish so beautifully for Christmas.

To all who attended Holy Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Thank you to Liz, Mike, Christina, and Victoria for your beautiful music unto the Baby Jesus.

Thank you Liz for your representation in ministry, bringing in the Baby Jesus.

Thank you to our altar servers for being present and assisting and to Adam Konicki for his faithful service throughout the year.



To those who have worked so tirelessly over the past year: our parish officers and committee members, our jurors, nomination committee

members, members of the ANS, YMSofR, and choir, Mrs. Liz Battaglia, Mike Emanuele, Christina Supinski, and Victoria Konicki for service in music, our altar servers, lectors, and Kyle and Alyssa who cared for the maintenance and

upkeep of the parish facilities as well as Pete for taking on special repair and installation projects. To Kyle for his special work in refurbishing the altar metalware. To Alyssa for all her work on the Centennial and on the Easter Basket project.

To all who gave of their time and treasure to build up the ministry and community of our parish, Seniorate, and the wider Church.

A special thank you to our youth and their parents/grandparents for your dedication and hard work and participation in virtual Kurs.

May God bless and reward you for all you have offered and done!

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

1 John Linscott
3 Logan Slezak
4 Zach Bixler, Zachary Prusky, Courtney Carroll
5 Derrick D'Amico
8 Alex D'Amico, Lawrence Panfil, Christine DeCocco
11 Cyndie Williams
14 Karen DeMidio
18 Darian Topolski
22 Catherine Martucci
23 Christina Naumowicz, Laurie Lee Woodworth
25 Richard Okonsky, Adam Konicki
26 Cadence Smith
27 Eric Kaminski
29 Judi Horton

Wishing you all many years!

Daily Holy Mass

Daily Holy Mass is held each weekday, Monday through Friday at noon.

Each day's Holy Mass is for a special intention. Monday's intention is for the youth of our parish and church. Tuesday's intention is for vocations and those in discernment.

Wednesday's intention is for great fruit from our parish's evangelistic efforts. Thursday's intention is for any parishioner with particular needs and all those on our parish prayer list. Friday's intention is for our benefactors living and deceased.

Please stay tuned to the weekly bulletin in case there is a schedule change on certain days of the year. Please join in as you are able.

Holy Mass for Pet Parents and Their Pets

We are considering a regular Holy Mass for pet parents and their pets. If you are interested, please let Fr. Jim know. We will work on building a consensus as to the best day for this event and its frequency.

Planning Ahead

Sunday Holy Masses at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted. Daily Holy Mass at Noon Monday through Friday.

- Jan. 1: Solemnity of the Circumcision: Holy Mass at Noon.
- Jan. 2: Solemnity: Holy Name – our Parish Feast – normal Sunday schedule.
- Jan. 3 - 5: Daily Holy Mass
- Jan. 6: Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord: Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense at Noon.
- Jan. 7: Daily Holy Mass.
- Jan. 9: Solemnity - Baptism of the Lord: normal Sunday schedule.
- Jan. 10 - 13: Daily Holy Mass.
- Jan. 14:- No Daily Holy Mass. Fr. Jim in Scranton.
- Jan. 15: Funeral Holy Mass for Prime Bishop Emeritus śp. John at 10am in Scranton.
- Jan. 16: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - normal Sunday schedule.
- Jan. 17 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Parish Committee Meeting at 9:30am. Daily Holy Mass.
- Jan. 18: Feast –St. Peter's Chair in Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins. Daily Holy Mass.
- Jan. 19 - 21: Daily Holy Mass.
- Jan. 23: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary

Time - normal Sunday schedule.

- Jan. 24: Daily Holy Mass.
- Jan. 25: Feast - Conversion of St. Paul. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends. Daily Holy Mass.
- Jan. 26 - 28: Daily Holy Mass.
- Jan. 30: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time and Music Scholarship Sunday - normal Sunday schedule.
- Feb. 2: Solemnity of the Presentation - Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Candles.

Music Scholarship Sunday



Sunday, January 30th is Music Scholarship Sunday. Our parish has been blessed with great musicians and aspiring musicians. Scholarships are

available to both youth and adults. 2022 scholarship applications will be available soon. God bless those who add musical beauty to the worship of God.

Prime Bishop Emeritus Ś+P John

We received late word of the passing unto eternal life of. Most Rev. śp John F. Swantek, the fifth Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church, on Friday morning, January 7th.

We give thanks to Almighty God for his years of ministry as a Priest within the Eastern Diocese, Bishop of the Buffalo-Pittsburgh Diocese and Prime Bishop of the Polish

National Catholic Church from 1986 to 2002. In these roles he has touched the lives of countless members of the Church.

Prime Bishop śp. John was a regular reader of this newsletter and encouraged the work of our parish. He found great joy in all we do, and also taught me a lot by challenging me to think differently.

Prime Bishop Emeritus śp. John will lie in state at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cathedral in Scranton beginning on Friday, January 14 where Requiem Vespers will be held at 7pm. The Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, January 15th at 10am.

Happy 2022!

On behalf of Fr. Jim, his family, and our parish Committee we wish you all the best for 2022!

The BASKET SOCIAL is BACK!

The annual **Basket Social** is back and we cannot wait! The Social will be held on Sunday, April 24th at the South Schenectady Fire House, 6 Old Mariaville Rd, Schenectady. This beautiful and very large venue will comfortably accommodate all our guests.

Please consider donating one or more baskets for the raffle that supports our parish. Polish Food will be available too. Stay tuned.

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Solemnity of the Circumcision, Holy Mass, Noon.
2 Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus – Parish Feast, Holy Mass, 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski	3 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	4 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	5 Solemnity of the Epiphany - Holy Mass with blessing of chalk, charcoal, and incense, Noon	6 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	7 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	8
9 Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	10 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	11 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	12 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	13 Octave of the Epiphany. Daily Holy Mass at Noon	14 NO Daily Holy Mass.	15 Funeral Holy Mass for Prime Bishop Emeritus sp. John Swantek in Scranton.
16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski	17 Martin Luther King Day. Parish Committee Meeting at 9:30am. Daily Holy Mass at Noon	18 St. Peter's Chair at Antioch. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Begins. Daily Holy Mass at Noon	19 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	20 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	21 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	22
23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	24 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	25 Conversion of St. Paul Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Ends. Daily Holy Mass at Noon	26 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	27 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	28 Daily Holy Mass at Noon	29
30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	31 Daily Holy Mass at Noon					

EVENTS

Starting Jan. 7th:

Blessing of Homes Begins – See or Call Fr. Jim.

February Upcoming

Feb. 2nd – Solemnity of the Presentation. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Candles.

All of February - Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

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