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NEWSLETTER

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BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO TRUSTS IN THE LORD, WHOSE HOPE IS
THE LORD.

The text above is from Jeremiah 17:7, the Old Testament reading at the start of Pre-Lent. The next verse goes onto say about the one who hopes and trusts in the Lord: *They are like a tree planted beside the waters that stretches out its roots to the stream: It does not fear heat when it comes, its leaves stay green; In the year of drought it shows no distress, but still produces fruit.*

As you will read herein, the Pre-Lenten season of Septuagesima is one of preparation. So the question, Preparation for what?

We could say that Pre-Lent is preparation for a better 40 day Lenten journey. That we might make time and schedule our fasting, prayer, giving - that is certainly true. We could mark the time off on the calendar as days until Easter: 70, 60, 50 - that is true as well. Notice how both of these thoughts on preparation are time-constrained. I must set time to do these timely things according to the time on the calendar.

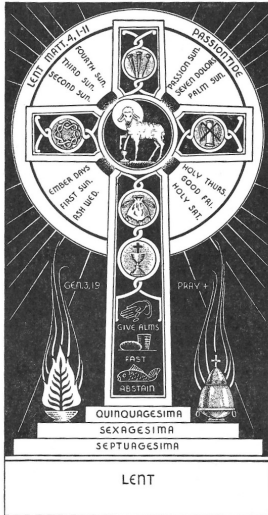
However it might be better if we did not consider our preparation or even our lives as time constrained, as limited.

We have, through our baptism, been added to the great cloud of witnesses - disciples of Christ - who already reside in His eternal Kingdom. We are no longer time-bound. Rather we are freed to be as Jeremiah states.

Then, let us prepare to be fully engaged as a people who trust in the Lord - having a real and active faith that Jesus does as He promised to do. We are to have full-time hope in Him - and that trust and hope leads to a courage when speaking about Jesus to others.

If we focus on trust and hope and who we are in the Kingdom we turn out (bloom) like that tree. We are planted in Christ Jesus Who nourishes us. We do not fear the negatives, the "heat," for Jesus has us safely in His care. We remain alive in Him, so prepare to bear fruit full-time by timeless lives that draw others unto Jesus.

THE PRE-LENTEN SEASON



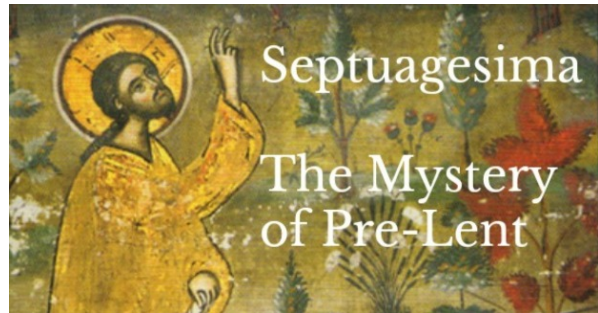
The pre-Lenten season begins February 13th. The Pre-Lenten Season of Septuagesima is a period of preparation before the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. Septuagesima includes three

Sundays,

Septuagesima Sunday (70 days to Easter), Sexagesima Sunday (60 days to Easter), and Quinquagesima Sunday (50 days to Easter). We are called to make a special point of self-examination, of considering the things we need to repent of and clean out.

FEBRUARY 2022 - PNCC PRE LENTEN SPIRITUAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

Reflection and Action Item: Use "The Season of Pre-Lent: A Time of Preparation for Polish National Catholics" booklet beginning on Septuagesima Sunday – February 13th. Make this a spiritually uplifting time to properly prepare for the upcoming Lenten journey. Booklets will be available in church or you



can download it here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1n38S9L-xVwkUrnFoQEIf88iBSYkmcD0m/view?fbclid=IwAR00fDQix4kXsPgTu90zXksj4ogDB2QDIrTA1DqYJgoIOxqMkWgSprNFKo>. Note: If you download at home to print, please print on both sides using the "flip on short edge" setting.

Prayer for the Guidance of the Holy Spirit: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of Your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Your love! Grant, O merciful Father, that your Divine Spirit may enlighten, inflame and purify me; that He may penetrate me with His heavenly dew and make me fruitful in good works. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who with You, in the unity of the same Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

...LENT IS LATE



Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2nd. Holy Mass with the blessing and distribution of

ashes will take place at Noon and 7pm that day. Please join us.

Prayer of St. Gregory Nazianzus - A Prayer in Preparation for Lent

May God preserve me from being rich while they are indigent, from enjoying robust health if I do not try to cure their diseases, from eating good food, clothing myself well, and resting in my home if I do not share with them a piece of my bread and give them, in the measure of my abilities, part of my clothes and if I do not welcome them into my home. Amen.

Our Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be held on Sunday, February 6th. Holy Mass is at 10am ONLY. Please make an effort to attend if you can. Instructions for attending via Zoom will be sent by E-mail to those requesting such access. Please keep that information confidential.

Annual Financial Meeting - March 6th

Our annual financial meeting will be held on Sunday, March 6th following Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Please attend and help

decide on our financial matters.

The Outrageous Valentine's Raffle



February 2022 – the month of love. Thank you to all who purchased and donated tickets for our Outrageous Valentine's Raffle.

Your generosity and love on behalf of our youth was over-the-top amazing!!!!!!

Your generosity and support helps our young people attend the annual KURS summer encampment and CONVO.

We wish you the best of luck this month. We will send winners their checks right away and announce all the winners in March's newsletter.

Souper Bowl Sunday



For the 21st year in a row, our parish is participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring. Through the Souper Bowl of

Caring we are providing food help

for those in need in our local community. We ask for your support and deeply appreciate your generosity!

Your monetary donations in church on Super Bowl Sunday – February 6th - will support the work of Schenectady Community Ministries.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. — Matthew 25:35

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

2 Christine Spooner, Jean Martin
5 Suzanne Heins
9 Christine Caden
11 Bob Shufelt, Justice Smith, Joseph Ruchalski
12 Kristen Smith-Prusky
16 Celina Maliszewski
18 Paul Podkulski
20 Kelly Supinski, Lisa Kaminski
21 Casey Carroll
25 Mike Emanuele
28 Patrick Clas

Wedding Anniversaries

17 Tom & Kelly Supinski
26 Michael & Kimberly DonVito

Wishing you all many years!

Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję, Āčiū, Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie!

To all who assisted in the taking down of our Christmas decorations.

To our wonderful altar servers, our

organist and choir director Liz Battaglia and Mike Emanuele.

To the families who have welcomed me to their home for Epiphany visitations/ Kolęda. Your hospitality and graciousness are greatly appreciated. You are a blessing.

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

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

Epiphany Visitations - Kolęda - House Blessings

Fr. Jim is available to come to your homes for the traditional Epiphany home blessing. Please see him to make an appointment.

Blessing appointments are available through March 1st (prior to Ash Wednesday).

To prepare your home for the blessing please have the blessed chalk and incense available as well as your blessed candle (gromnica).

Planning For —

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

- Feb. 2: Solemnity of the



Presentation. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Candles/ Gromnica.

- Feb. 3: Commemoration – St. Blaise of Sebastea, Bishop and Martyr. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Throats.
- Feb. 6: 5 Sth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy mass at 10am ONLY. Breakfast, Annual Meeting, and Elections.
- Feb. 13: Septuagesima Sunday.
- Feb. 14: Commemoration - St. Valentine. Holy Mass at Noon.
- Feb. 16: 69th Anniversary of the death of Prime Bishop Ś+P Francis Hodur. Holy Mass at Noon.
- Feb. 20: Sexagesimal Sunday.
- Feb. 24: Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon.
- Feb. 27: Quinquagesima Sunday.
- Mar. 1: Last Day for Home Blessings.
- Mar. 2: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at Noon and 7pm.
- March 4: Commemoration of St. Casimir. Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.

Scout Sunday

On Sunday, February 6th Scouting celebrates Scout Sunday, Interfaith. This is a special interfaith day set aside by the Scouting movement for all Scouts to reflect on their



acknowledgement of duty to God in the Scout Oath or Promise and the 12th point of Scout Law - *A Scout is Reverent.*

We invite all Scouts both youth and adult members to wear their Scout uniforms. We will acknowledge the Scouts in uniform and also ask any former Leaders or Scouts who are present to stand and to be recognized. Scouts attending in uniform will receive badges.

We also offer a reminder to all Scouts of the religious awards of the Polish National Catholic Church that can be earned. Fr. Jim and the National Scout Chaplain, Fr. Adam, can assist Scouts in requesting award requirements.

Financial Security?

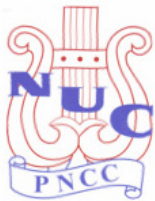


The PNUA and Spójnia Credit Union offer great tools for financial management. If you are considering getting your

financial house in order in 2022 contact the PNUA and SCU or see Fr. Jim. Our Branch of the PNU has been reactivated. Remember too that PNUA policies make great gifts for newlyweds and newborns. Call the PNUA office at 1-800-724- 6352 or again please see Fr. Jim.

Music Scholarship Applications

A special collection was accepted on January 30th to benefit the National United Choir's Music Scholarship Fund. These scholarships are available to any parishioner of our denomination who is studying



music. This is with the hope that as these musicians continue to advance they will share their musical talent with the church. If any parishioner is studying

music, consider applying for a scholarship. Applications and information are available through Cathy Bilinski at nucscholarship@gmail.com or online at <http://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com>.

To date, the Church has provided 1,119 scholarships totaling \$340,835.

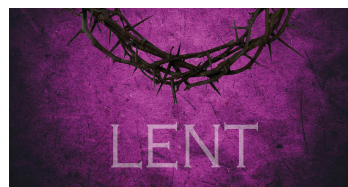
2022 Scholarship applications must be submitted no later than May 1, 2022. See Fr. Jim for assistance in applying.

Prayer for St. Valentine's Day

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." — John 13:34-35

Most Gracious Heavenly Father, You gave Saint Valentine the courage to witness to the gospel of Christ, even to the point of giving his life for it. Help us to endure all suffering for love of you, and to seek you with all our hearts; for you alone are the source of life and love. Grant that we may have the courage and love to be strong witnesses of your truth to our friends and family and to the whole world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lenten Devotions



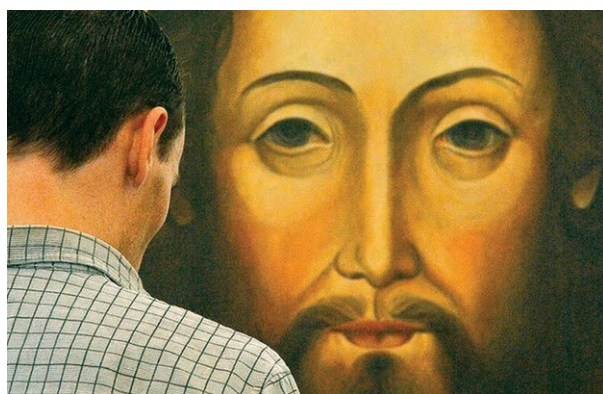
We are adding to our Lenten Devotional practices. We

encourage all parishioners to take part in at least one of these additional weekly devotions and so

deepen engagement with our Lord and Savior in prayer.

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent at 3pm. **Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale** will be held each Sunday at 3pm.

LORD HAVE MERCY



Something to keep in mind when we say Lord have mercy / Christ have mercy, Kyrie Eleison / Chryste Eleison, during our liturgies.

The word 'mercy' in English is the translation of the Greek word 'eleos.' This word has the same root as the old Greek word for oil, or more precisely, olive oil; which was poured onto wounds and gently massaged in, thus comforting, soothing, and making the injured part whole again.

The Hebrew word which is also translated as 'eleos' and 'mercy' is 'hesed,' which means steadfast love.

The Greek words for 'Lord have mercy' are 'Kyrie Eleison' meaning: **Lord, comfort me, soothe me, take away my pain, make me whole, show me Your steadfast**

love.

We are saying so very much when we pray. Saying 'Lord have mercy' does not refer so much to justice or acquittal but is our request to the infinite loving kindness of our God and His compassion for each of us.

Things Churches Need to Say

By Frederick W. Schmidt

"Welcome!"

A welcome is not just something offered at the front door. It's a smile. It's warmth. It's ease with the stranger. It's not something that the visitor hears. It is something that the visitor senses. Welcome is a state of mind that embraces newcomers. The visitor concludes, "I could belong here."

"You can find God here."

The worship should suggest the presence of the transcendent God. Not the remote, prime mover-God who winds up the world and exits stage right. Not a God who is the ghost in the machine. Not a cosmic buddy. What people need to know is that the Holy is here, present and tangible.

"What do you feel God is calling you to do?"

Too many people who enter churches hear some say, "We are glad you are here. These are the gaps in our 'org chart.' Which job would you like to do?" What people need to hear instead is the open-ended question, "What do you feel God is calling you to do?" That question will make life in the church elastic, changing, ever shifting. Ministries will come and go. But the work that the church does will be integrally related to the lives of those who join us.

“How can we help you make that calling possible?”

The church of the future will be led by people with the instincts of a spiritual director. Leaders will need to be alive to the movement of God’s Spirit in the lives of those who attend their churches and they will want to know, “How can we help?”

“The spiritual and religious dots connect in this place.”

Too much of what we do as church is about church as an end in itself. Some of that is unavoidable. Planning, budgeting, and reporting are all things that life in “the real world” requires. But they often loom too large. People who enter our churches need to know how the church’s sacraments and worship enhances the spiritual life.

“You have gifts and we are incomplete without them.”

The church is not a collection of Lone Rangers. It is the Body of Christ. There are contributions that each of us can make but there are other contributions that we can only be made when we work together. The message of the New Testament is not “you have a gift, but so do I.” The message is “you have a gift and we are incomplete without it.”

Basket Social Around the Corner

It is time to get ready for our annual basket social - April 24th. We really need your help to make this year’s Social a success. Can you donate a basket, or two, or three? They don’t have to be

huge - anything will do. Through your love and charity we are able to touch the lives of others and maintain a vibrant faith community. Need ideas - check out Pinterest: <http://pinterest.com/cm1953/basket-party-ideas/>.

Free Screenings & Care

The Cancer Services Program of Fulton, Montgomery and Schenectady counties provides free breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screenings to uninsured/underinsured women over 40 and men over 45. Call 518-770-6816 for more information or to enroll for services. There is also a free clinic covering all basic medical care every Friday from 9 till 11 am in the SiCM Community Hub, 837 Albany St., Schenectady.

College Stipends

Now is the time to start gathering all the necessary paperwork needed to complete the stipend application for the academic year 2021/2022. This is for any student who is a member of the PNU in good standing and is currently enrolled in a college or university for the Fall of 2021 and Spring of 2022. A timeline and application can be found on the website of the PNU under the Education and Youth Commission information. The deadline to submit the stipend application is April 15th, 2022.

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Daily Holy Mass at Noon.	2 Solemnity of the Presentation, Holy Mass at Noon with blessing of candles.	3 Commemoration of St. Blaise. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of Throats.	4 Daily Holy Mass at Noon.	5
6 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Scout Sunday. SouperBowl Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil. ANNUAL MEETING follows in person and via Zoom.	7 Daily Holy Mass at Noon.	8 Daily Holy Mass at Noon.	9 Daily Holy Mass at Noon.	10 Daily Holy Mass at Noon.	11 Daily Holy Mass at Noon.	12
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27 Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski	28 Daily Holy Mass at Noon.					

EVENTS

All of February - Outrageous Valentine's Raffle

March Upcoming

Mar. 1st: Final Day for Epiphany Home Blessings.
 Mar. 2nd: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass at Noon and 7pm.
 Mar. 6th: 1st Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Annual Financial Meeting.
 Mar. 13th – Solemnity, Institution of the PNCC.

Stations of the Cross on Lenten Fridays at 3pm.

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