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**NEWSLETTER**

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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

We have a God of unconditional love. In John 3:16 quoted above we recall that verse which many of us memorized early in life, or at least we recognize it from sporting events. It may be the greatest verse in the Bible! It tells us about a God who loves us unconditionally.

You see, our great God loves us so much, that He was willing to send His only begotten Son to die for us so that our sins be washed away. He gave His all to destroy the barrier that separates us from Him and each other. He loves us so much that He showed us what was to come, that thing we celebrate every Easter, the resurrection of the dead – when we will all appear as Jesus did – in glorified bodies.

We also recall that God loves us so much that He did not create any complicated rules, or hoops to jump through, to get to Him. He only asks one thing – faith: To believe in the Lord Jesus by confessing our sins and making Him the Lord of our lives. Then living in His Kingdom community.

We make things complex in this world because it is difficult to grasp the full meaning of what it is to love unconditionally. We place conditions on love. We read in realities in our relationships that are not really present. We need to stop that.

The little word 'so' in John 3:16 means that God loves us mightily! He loves us with an unconditional love that is not based upon circumstances, wants, or as part of any deal. God's love is not based upon what we do, what we can do, or what we have done in our life. He only desires that we actively love as He does.

Perhaps in a very special and unique way we connect with that aspect of God during the month of May for we reflect on the unconditional way in which Mary offered herself to God's service and the way our mothers gave of themselves unconditionally for us.

God's mighty unconditional love is what we must both cherish and give; love without reason or excuse. So let us love in God's way.

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## Holy Week and Easter Joy

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This year's Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday were such a joy!

The church was beautifully filled with its people, enrolled in the Kingdom of God, and we shared in Jesus Who has saved us.

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## Good Shepherd Sunday

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On Sunday, May 8th we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass that day will be offered for all

parishioners of Good Shepherd parish in Amsterdam, living and deceased as well as in memory of Fr. Śp. Zbigniew Pastuszek.

Good Shepherd Sunday is always an opportunity to celebrate, rejoice, and remember our Lord as the Good Shepherd Who looks after us and rescues us when we are in trouble. As we leave church each week we pass under the portrait of the Good Shepherd and know that He is ever ready to bring us back again.

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## Mother's Day

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Sunday, May 8th is also Mother's Day. Holy Mass is also offered for all of our living and deceased moms, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers,

and all the special women in our lives. We can buy gifts - but all that will pass. Our prayer for them at Holy Mass will never be erased and will persist eternally.

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## May Marian Devotions

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We will offer sung Marian Devotions throughout May on Wednesdays following Holy Mass at Noon. Please join us for Holy Mass and these devotions.

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## The Angelus?

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Did you know that church bells ring in a special way at noon? The noon

Angelus bell is rung to remind us of our call to pray the Angelus.



The Angelus is a devotion commemorating the Incarnation of Jesus. The devotion is the recitation of three verses and responses

from the Bible and praying the Hail Mary in between.

During most seasons of the year the Angelus goes as follows:

*℣. The Angel of the LORD declared unto Mary  
℟. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.*

*Hail Mary...*

*℣. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.  
℟. Be it done unto me according to thy word.*

*Hail Mary...*

*℣. And the Word was made flesh.  
℟. And dwelt among us.*

*Hail Mary...*

*℣. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Amen.*

During the Easter Season, these words are replaced by Queen of Heaven

*℣. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.  
℟. The Son you merited to bear,*

*alleluia,*

*℣. Has risen as he said, alleluia.  
℟. Pray to God for us, alleluia.*

*℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.  
℟. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*

*Let us pray: O God, who have been pleased to gladden the world by the Resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may receive the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

In offering these prayers we bind ourselves closely with Mary asking that she intercede for us.

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## Solemnity of the Ascension

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The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension on the 40th day after Easter as is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

Jesus' Ascension is our assurance that we too will rise and live in heaven eternally with Him in our glorified bodies. Holy Mass will be held on Thursday, May 26th at Noon in celebration of the Solemnity.

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## Men's Spiritual Retreat

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The men of the United YMSoFR would like to formally invite you to the YMSoFR Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat, to be held from Wednesday, June 15th

through Saturday, June 18th at historic Spojnia Farm in Waymart, PA. This retreat is aimed at us men, and is open to all, parishioners, non-parishioners, any man seeking time dedicated to the Lord.

This year's retreat theme is: **Devotion and Fellowship** based on Acts 2:42 – *"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*

In-Person attendance is \$125 for three nights or \$100 for two nights. The fee includes all meals, beverages, and snacks; Retreat materials and printouts; and a Retreat gift bag.

Meet the speakers and get information as well as sign-up at <https://sites.google.com/view/ymsofrmensretreat/home>.

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## MEMORIAL DAY HOLY MASS

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The Holy Church joins the nation in the solemn remembrance of Memorial Day.

**We will gather for Holy Mass at our parish cemetery on Monday, May 30th at 10am.**

In doing so we pray for all of those who have died in combat defending our nation - those who gave their lives for all of us.

If you can come out, please bring lawn chairs and perhaps an umbrella for shade.

If the weather is inclement, we will gather at the parish church.

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## Milestones to Celebrate:

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### Birthdays

- 1 Kimberly DonVito, Roni Bylina, Mary Tate
- 2 Eileen Kupiec
- 6 Erikka Carroll
- 9 Melissa Morrison
- 12 James DeMidio
- 16 Loryn DonVito
- 19 Brenda Boyland
- 22 Cameron Goehrig
- 24 Angie Bray
- 25 Karoline Trela, Jack Hamilton
- 26 Karen Maliszewski
- 27 Jayson Caden
- 28 Marianne Węglinski

### Anniversaries

22 Kenneth & Jennifer Brown  
25 Fr. Jim & Renee Konicki  
Wishing you all many years!

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## Kurs 2022

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Kurs 2022 will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 2nd through 9th (8 days).

This year's theme is Trust in Jesus and is based on Philippians 4:6-7

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Kurs is open to youth ages 8 to 18. **The parish pays the full cost for attendance.**

We strongly encourage you to sign your children and young people up as soon as possible. Registration is online at <https://www.kurscamp.org/>.

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## Convo 2022

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Convo 2022 is being hosted by the Western Diocese and will be held at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana from July 18th through 22nd.

The Convo theme is Live, Laugh, Love with God.

Convo is open to young people ages 11 to 21. **The parish pays the full cost for attendance.**

In keeping with University policies, all attendees must be vaccinated, so please plan accordingly.

As soon as sign-up details are known, we will provide them.

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## Other Summer Activities

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- **Our annual Summer Picnic**, usually the third Sunday of August. We will let you know as plans are finalized.
- **The United Y.M.S. of R. 8th Annual Golf Outing** will be held September 3rd at the Briarwood Golf Course in Broadview Heights, Ohio.



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## God bless you!

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*Gracias*  
*MERCI*  
*ARIGATO*  
*thank you*

Thank you so much to all who are living their Christian commitment and are participating in Holy Mass each week and who continue to invite others, spreading the word.

To Adam, Erickaa, and Traviss for their service at the Altar.

To Liz Battaglia and Mike Emanuele for sharing your musical talents.

To EVERYONE who made the 18th **Basket Social** a tremendous success by donating so generously, by your work in food preparation and serving, for setting up and moving, cleanup and return, for staffing the event, and a special thanks to Donna for her leadership.

To everyone who chipped in and worked so hard throughout Holy Week in serving, cleaning, preparing the altars, playing, singing, and just being there for Jesus.

To Alyssa and her team for a wonderful **Easter Basket project**. These baskets were not only physically beautiful, but spiritually uplifting and a real light in people's lives. Just seeing the faces of those who received them was enough to know that this project brought meaning beyond words.

To Mike Emanuel for clean up around the church and care for our grounds.

To Joe Kaczynski for your wonderful work at our cemeteries.

To all of you - you are a blessing and a treasure. Thank you!!!

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## Planning For:

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Remember - Holy Mass is every Sunday at 10am and Noon and every weekday at Noon.

- May 1: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass 10am and Noon. Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.
- May 2nd: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Polish Constitution Day. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 4: Holy Mass at Noon followed by May Devotions.
- May 5, 6: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 8: Good Shepherd Sunday and Mother's Day. Holy Mass 10am with May Crowning and Noon.
- May 9: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 10: Commemoration – Bl. Joseph Padewski, Martyr (71st Anniversary of Martyrdom).

Ecumenical Prayer service at 8:30am. Holy Mass at Noon.

- May 11: Holy Mass at Noon followed by May Devotions.
- May 12, 13: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 15: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass 10am and Noon.
- May 16: Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee meets at 6pm.
- May 17: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 18: Holy Mass at Noon followed by May Devotions.
- May 19: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 20: Commemoration: St. Bernadine of Sienna, Confessor. Holy Mass at Noon. National YMS of R Bowling Tournament in Buffalo, NY.
- May 22: 6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass 10am and Noon.
- May 23: Commemoration: Bl. Jerome Savonarola, Martyr. Holy Mass at Noon. Veterans Memorial Day Service at Veterans Park (corner of Chrisler and VanVelsen)
- May 24: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 25: Holy Mass at Noon followed by May Devotions.
- May 26: Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 27: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 29: 7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- May 30: Memorial Day - Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am.

- May 31: Holy Mass at Noon.

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## **May 2022 Discipleship Example - Devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament**

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During the month of May we honor the Theotokos (The Mother of God – The Blessed Virgin Mary). We do this in part through the Liturgical Worship of the Church, one para-liturgical service we celebrate is May Devotions. The Litany to the Blessed Virgin Mary with the Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

**Holy Scriptures:** John 6 (Bread of Life Discourse); Luke 1:36; John 1:14

### **Reflection:**

The Blessed Virgin Mary gave her consent to God through the Archangel Gabriel: *"Behold I am the servant of the Lord, be it done unto me according to your word."* Then, *"The word became flesh and dwelt among us."* Mary's yes to God resulted in receiving Jesus into her heart, mind, body and soul and we receive Jesus in our hearts, minds, bodies and souls by receiving Holy Communion and adoring His presence in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

From the PNCC Prayer Book (p. 113-114):

Make our dear Lord in the Blessed Sacrament your constant thought; remember that He is your friend; tell Him all your sorrows; go often in

the week, if only for a few minutes, to relieve your mind in trouble, and you will find that the hardest trials will seem to pass away in a moment. Go to Him always, you will wonder at the fullness of the comfort and support which you will receive, and at the clearness of the answers that will come in time of doubt. Place your cares into the hands of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and they will become light, very light. Jesus, my God, I adore You, here present in the Sacrament of Your love.

Divine Redeemer, Who in Your infinite goodness has been pleased to give Your precious Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist, I adore You with the most profound respect. I thank You for all the favors You have bestowed upon me, especially for the institution of this Most Holy Sacrament. As You are the source of every blessing, bestow Your benediction upon me, my relatives and friends. Bless my Church, bishops, priests, deacons and all those for whom I pray (especially ...). Let Your blessing flow abundantly and may it be felt in the souls of those who cannot come here to receive it. May the weak and tempted feel its power wherever they may be. Let all feel its influence, moving them to come to You. O Lord, grant me a strong love of You, a hatred of sin, a greater respect of grace, and great zeal for your honor and glory and for my sanctification and salvation. Amen.

**Action Item:** Offer this reflection from our PNCC Prayer Book weekly during this month giving reverence and respect to the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

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## Basket Social Success

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The 18th Basket Social is now in the books. Due to your support and hard work we raised over \$8,000. **THANK YOU!!!**

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## OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE

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**We have numerous opportunities to give of ourselves in unconditional ways. Please seriously consider putting in the work necessary to serve our community, those most in need. Let us in this way imitate the love of our God.**

**Jesus in speaking of the greatest commandment spoke of only one thing: Love. Love of God and love of neighbor. These two loves are equal and inseparable and we cannot claim to be Christian unless we treat them so (cf. 1 John 4:20-21). See Fr. Jim or Alyssa.**



# May

# 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>3rd Sunday of Easter Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.</p> <p>Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Feast (translated) – Ss. Philip &amp; James, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Holy Mass at Noon.</p> <p>Polish Constitution Day</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon followed by May Devotions.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Good Shepherd Sunday. Mother's Day. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. May Crowning. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Commemoration of Bl. Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr (71st Anniversary).</p> <p>Ecumenical Prayer at 8:30am.</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon followed by May Devotions.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p> <p>Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon followed by May Devotions.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Commemoration of St. Bernadine of Siena. Holy Mass at Noon.</p> <p>YMSofR Bowling Tournament.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>YMSofR Bowling Tournament.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola. Holy Mass at Noon.</p> <p>Veteran's Memorial Day Service at 6pm.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon followed by May Devotions.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Memorial Day. Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am else at church.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Holy Mass at Noon.</p>				

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