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REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS, HOW HE HIMSELF SAID, 'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.'

Summer is here and it is time for all kinds of great activities: swimming, visits to parks, camping, trips away, grilling, and tending to flowers and vegetable plants.

Did you ever get in one of those situations where that summer activity gets slightly curtailed because you forgot something? You have the charcoal but forgot the matches. You want to dig out the soil around those plants but can't find your gardening shovel, oh - and you forgot the sunscreen.

In those types of situations we often run across a good samaritan, a neighbor, friend, the person on the towel next to you at the shore, even just a passer-by who notices the situation (and frustration) and offers to help. Take my matches, borrow my shovel, here's some sunscreen...

St. Paul was addressing the Elders of the Church in Ephesus. He was planning his leaving for Jerusalem and the persecutions that lay ahead (See Acts 20 starting at verse 17). He tells them the things they will face and implores them to be strong. He gives thanks for those

who saw to his needs saying Jesus' words: *'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*

Faith is somewhat like our summer adventures. We all start from a place of borrowing. We borrow from and imitate our families and community. As we progress in our lives our faith becomes our own, becomes solid, we own it and take responsibility for it. We are ready for action and are living faithfully day-to-day.

Occasionally though we need help, we've forgotten something or left something behind. We need to borrow from friends, mentors, family, the passer-by. We need help filling in the gaps in our journey toward Jesus.

The key here, as Paul told the Elders, is to: *be alert*. We must not live on a faith that is merely borrowed or imitated, it must be our own. We need to invest the time to grow in it. We continually prepare ourselves and are *alert* for gaps. Let us be open to receiving help and also be willing to lend help, and be blessed.

Fr. Jim Away

Fr. Jim will be Chaplain at this year's Kurs Encampment. He will be away from July 1st through July 9th. He will also be away at the Youth Convocation from July 18th through 22nd. If there is an extreme emergency during this period, please call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-453-2258.

MEN'S RETREAT THANK YOU



The YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat concluded June 18th. It was a joy to be together with the men of the Church in prayer, adoration, and learning. This year's focus was on devotion and fellowship (Acts

2:42). The dedication to prayerful devotion before the Holy Eucharist was so deeply moving and powerful and in it we found our interconnected fellowship in Jesus.

I express my heartfelt thanks to all who participated and to Prime Bishop Anthony, Bishop Bernard, Bishop John, Fr. Jason, the retreat master, the Central Committee of the YMSofR, and to all my brothers for doing this work. The doors of grace were indeed opened for us.

Summertime Events

We welcome all to great summer events including:

- **Kurs 2022** with the spiritual theme is "Trust in Jesus" from Philippians 4:6-7 and the camp theme of "Trust and Confidence" will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 2nd through 9th (8 days).



- **Youth Convocation (CONVO)**
The National Youth Convocation: Convo 2022 "Live, Laugh, Love with God" to be held July 18th through 22nd at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. Youth must be at-least 12 years old to participate in Convo and must be fully vaccinated (University requirement). The parish pays the full cost for participation including air travel. We must act quickly to ensure no additional sign-up charges. Fr. Jim has the forms.

•Our Annual Parish Community Picnic

will be held on the parish grounds on Sunday, August 21st starting at 11:15am. Invite friends and

family. Bring a dish to share.

- **YMSofR Golf Outing** The YMSofR Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 3rd at the Briarwood Golf Course, 2737 W. Edgerton Rd., Broadview Heights, OH 44045.

Talk to Fr. Jim if you have any questions or need assistance.

Plans for the XXVI Holy Synod of the PNCC and a GRAND CELEBRATION

The XXVI Holy Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church will be held October 19th through 21st in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Your elected lay representative is Joan Caska.

The Synod will be followed by a celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the Organization of the Polish National Catholic Church with Holy Mass at St. Stanislaus Cathedral followed by a banquet on October 22nd.

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.

- *Our Father...*
 - *Hail Mary...*
 - *Glory be...*
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There Is Nothing Ordinary About Singing

On Saturday, August 13th, a summer music workshop entitled There Is Nothing Ordinary About Singing the Ordinaries, will be conducted by the Music Commission of our Diocese. It will take place here at our Cathedral in Scranton from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on that day.

The workshop will focus on providing instruction and resources for singing the Ordinaries of the Mass (e.g., Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei), something we already do in our parish - and this gives us an opportunity to help others.

Participants will learn to sing appropriate Mass settings, learn about where to find resources for them, and be instructed about how to implement the sung settings with their congregations and choirs.

Participants will find it very helpful to bring their personal computers/devices to the workshop in order to have a hands-on experience in accessing resources.

This workshop is intended for all church musicians including organists, choir and music directors, choir members, and clergy.

Please let Fr. Jim know if you would like to attend.

God Bless the Mockbee Family

On June 21st Fr. Jim left for Northern Kentucky to meet with Zach and Rebekah Mockbee and their two beautiful children, Ellie and William.

The family provided for Fr. Jim so beautifully. Young Ellie planned Father's eating itinerary which included all sorts of local favorites including Cincinnati Chili and LaRosa's Pizza.



The overriding purpose of the trip was the baptism of William on June 23rd, the Octave of Corpus Christi

Thankfully, the family was able to secure Hopeful Lutheran Church in Florence, Kentucky for Holy Mass and the baptism. Hopeful Lutheran is the oldest Lutheran church west of the Alleghenies established in 1806. We used the old sanctuary which is stunningly beautiful and classic.

Welcome William to the family of faith through regeneration and to our parish family.

What's Fr. Jim Reading

Thankfully, our Diocese has extended funding, not only for enlivening but also for clergy continuing education. Fr. Jim is exploring several options for broadening his horizons educationally. If you have suggestions for where improvement or further development may be needed, please feel free to share those with him.

Some recent books Father has covered:

Spirit of Fire: The Life and Vision of Pierre Teilhard De Chardin by Ursula King. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin—renowned French Jesuit theologian, mystic, and scientist—helped bring Christian theology into creative dialogue with modern science and explored profound dimensions of the human condition. Interesting parallels to Bishop Hodur's approach toward the development of the human person and society.

Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis. Mere Christianity is C.S. Lewis' forceful and accessible doctrine of Christian belief. First heard as informal radio broadcasts and then

published as three separate books, The Case for Christianity, Christian Behavior, and Beyond Personality, Mere Christianity brings together what Lewis sees as the fundamental truths of the religion. Interesting to listen to the Audible version. It is like hearing Lewis himself.

On The Apostolic Tradition by Hippolytus (Author), John Behr (Editor), Alistair Stewart-Sykes (Introduction, Translator, Commentator). Apostolic Tradition, as this text is best known, was identified in the early years of the twentieth century as the work of Hippolytus, a Christian leader from third-century Rome. The text provides liturgical information of great antiquity, and as such has been massively influential on liturgical study and reform.

No Irrelevant Jesus: On Jesus and the Church Today by Gerhard Lohfink. Is Jesus relevant for today? If you think not, don't bother with this book. But if you think that Jesus might have something to say to today's world, which Jesus comes to mind? Is he "gentle Jesus, meek and mild," offering individual salvation but with no message for a suffering world? Is he to be remembered as a Zealot fighting for a hopeless cause or as an outstanding rabbi? Was he a

prophet in the long series of Israel's prophets or a religious founder like Muhammad or Gautama? Or was Jesus unique, a man utterly consumed by zeal for the reign of God, by the "fierce urgency of now?"

Happy Summer

We wish all of our young people and all the youth of our neighborhood a joyful and blessed summer season.

As we reflect on the successes and challenges of this past school year, may we see them as opportunities for growth.

Let us pray especially that our Lord watch over and protect our young people and children this summer.

Almighty and Eternal God, Father most kind, Who in Thy plan of Salvation of mankind did resolve, that one generation shall follow another in fulfilling the tasks of temporal life, and prepares wisely and good everything in the universe; keep in Thy tender care the youth of our Church, individually and collectively, that our youth may always understand those things which are in harmony with Thy holy Will and bring true happiness; - and



that service to Thee in our youth is the only assurance of tranquility in the sunset of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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, Liz, and Mike for their service each Sunday.

To all who attended our Eucharistic Holy Hours for vocations and prayed for vocations throughout June. Keep it up!



To the men of the parish who attended the YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat.

To all who are working so diligently in anticipation of our 100th Anniversary/Centennial Celebration.

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

God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać! Thank you!!!

Our Church and A Prayer For Our Country

Independence Day held a special place in the hearts of the founding generation of our Church. So often the church looks for a religiously

significant occasion on which to perform her special rites. Our organizers, however, saw the promises and opportunities of this nation as blessings from God and determined to specifically celebrate this day. In honor of the 245th birthday of our country:

We thank Thee, Lord, for America, our home. We bless Thee for the liberty, the opportunity, and the abundance we share. But above all we praise Thee for the traditions which have made our country great, and for patriots who have laid the foundations through faith, courage, and self-sacrifice. Teach us in our own day the meaning of citizenship, and help us to be faithful stewards of the responsibility which Thou entrusted to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for our Country from A Book of Devotions and Prayers According to the Use of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Milestones to Celebrate:

July Birthdays

2 Gayle Clas
3 Jaime Bylina, John Clas, Kimberly Maliszewski, Richard Okonsky Jr.
4 Ken Brown
7 Eva Kubinska
8 Michael Ruchalski
12 Stanley Podkulski
16 Lawrence Panfil Jr.
19 Jason Lennon
22 Matthew Zebrowski
26 Alexander Oravsky
27 Sebesany Rios, Kathleen Maliszewski
28 Mel Prusky

29 Kevin Prusky
29 Ronald O'Connor

July Anniversaries

14 Chad & Amber Smith
20 Edward & Claudia Bertasso
27 Zachary Prusky & Kristen Smith

August Birthdays

1 Wendy Williams
5 Christine D'Amico
7 Karen Cimmino
8 Taylor Garrison
10 Matthew Hines, Renee Konicki, Joanne Bauer
12 Ginny Dinsmore
14 Stephanie Konicki-Ferguson
15 Roger Jarosz
18 Carson Hobson
19 Joanne Hernick
25 Alyssa DePaula Carlson
29 Megan DonVito, Tyme LaPorte Smith
30 Gabriella Martineau
31 Teresa Mazzone

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

Planning For:

Holy Masses on Sundays are at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted.

- July 2: Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M. Annual Independence Day Holy Mass & Picnic at Spójnia Farm, Waymart, PA starting at 11am.
- July 2 - 9: Kurs Encampment, Waymart, PA.
- July 3: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at 10am ONLY**

No Daily Holy Masses July 4 - 8

- July 6: Commemoration of John Hus, Priest and Martyr
- July 10: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 11 - 15 Daily Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 17: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 18 - 22: Youth Convocation at Valparaiso University.
- July 24: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 25: Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 26: Commemoration of Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 27 - 29: Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 31: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 1 - 2: Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen. Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 4 - 5: Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord. Funeral Holy Mass for Alice Houser at B.V.M. of Częstochowa parish at Noon.
- August 7: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 8 - 12: No Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 13: Music Commission Workshop, Scranton.
- August 14: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of flowers, herbs, fruits, and vegetables.
- August 16 - 19: Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 21: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. **One Holy Mass at 10am. Parish Picnic follows.**
- August 22 - 23: Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 25: Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 26: Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa. Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 28: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Youth Sunday.
- August 29: Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 30: Solemnity - Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Holy Mass at Noon.
- August 31: Holy Mass at Noon.
- September 3: YMSofR Golf Outing. Parma, OH.
- September 4: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- September 5: **Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon at Good Shepherd Cemetery.**

July & August

2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8					July 1	2 Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M. Kurs begins. Holy Mass and Picnic, Waymart, PA at 11am.
3 14th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY . Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Kurs Camp	4 Independence Day. Kurs Camp	5 Kurs Camp	6 Commemoration – John Hus, Priest & Martyr Kurs Camp	7 Kurs Camp	8 Kurs Camp	9 Kurs Camp
10 15th Sunday in OT. 10am Lector Lauren DeBlois.	11 Holy Mass at Noon.	12 Holy Mass at Noon.	13 Holy Mass at Noon.	14 Holy Mass at Noon.	15 Holy Mass at Noon.	16
17 16th Sunday in OT. 10am Lector Larry Panfil.	18 CONVO	19 CONVO	20 CONVO	21 CONVO	22 CONVO	23
24 17th Sunday in OT. 10am. Lector Joe Kaczynski.	25 Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon.	26 Commemoration Ss. Joachim & Ann, Holy Mass at Noon.	27 Holy Mass at Noon.	28 Holy Mass at Noon.	29 Holy Mass at Noon.	30
31 18th Sunday in OT. 10am Lector Lauren DeBlois.	August 1 Holy Mass at Noon.	2 Holy Mass at Noon.	3 Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen. Holy Mass at Noon.	4 Holy Mass at Noon.	5 Holy Mass at Noon.	6 Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord. Funeral – Alice Houser @ BVMC.
7 19th Sunday in OT. 10am Lector Larry Panfil.	8	9	10	11	12	13 Music Commission Workshop, Scranton.
14 20th Sunday in OT. 10am Lector Joe Kaczynski.	15 Solemnity – Dormition. Holy Mass at Noon.	16 Holy Mass at Noon.	17 Holy Mass at Noon.	18 Holy Mass at Noon.	19 Holy Mass at Noon.	20
21 21st Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY . Lector Lauren DeBlois. Parish Picnic.	22 Holy Mass at Noon.	23 Holy Mass at Noon.	24 Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon.	25 Holy Mass at Noon.	26 Solemnity - Our Lady of Częstochowa. Holy Mass at Noon.	27
28 22nd Sunday in OT/Youth Sunday. 10am Lector Larry Panfil.	29 Holy Mass at Noon.	30 Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist	31 Holy Mass at Noon.			

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

Holy Mass on Labor Day, September 5th, at Noon at Good Shepherd Cemetery (weather permitting).

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