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MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE IN BELIEVING, SO THAT BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT YOU MAY ABOUND IN HOPE.

I have been thinking about joy, about that state of life where one is at ease no matter what, where one is confident and secure so we might be positive no matter what. No matter what...

This year's celebration of Easter was perfectly joyful for me. This was a year where I seemed to connect really well with what the apostles and disciples must have felt when they encountered the risen Lord.

In June we transition out of the Easter Season into Pentecost, the Solemnities of the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi, and at the very end of the month into Ordinary Time carried forward by celebrating Word of God Sunday. Further joy for sure and we revel in the wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit and God's total giving for us. But...

It has also been a weird time for me. I suppose part of it has been my allergies. For some reason my black car is always yellow by the next morning. The pollen seems the worst it has ever been. This has me feeling tired, run down. Then too, our children are getting older and are transitioning in their lives, moving to the next stage which is a happiness, but at the same time a change which is not always easy emotionally. I suppose the worst thing - I'm turning sixty this year!

Here's where the Word of God and the action of the Holy Spirit steps in.

We have a God of hope - which was confirmed on Easter - where even death no longer holds sway. Hope actually does spring eternal.

With hope eternal, the Holy Spirit in us as a people, we can take hold of joy, we can have peace no matter what we face.

It comes down to this: Do we place our all in the state of life where one is at ease no matter what, where one is confident and secure so we might be positive no matter what. No matter what... or do we dwell in the But what about...

If we dwell in the 'but if only' things we face we will never find the truth of joy that is our faith. So be filled with hope and joy and believing which overcomes all things.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Master of the harvest, we humbly ask You to send more laborers into Your fields, for the work is indeed great. Grant more faithful priests and deacons to Your Polish National Catholic Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR



Please join us on Wednesday, June 29th, the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles for a Eucharistic Holy Hour for vocations following Holy Mass at Noon. Spend time before the Lord in

the Holy Eucharist praying in faith for this much needed gift. What we will receive will be in proportion to our effort at prayer.

Vocations - Good News

I have been so blessed. Over the past year or more, as Chair of the Churchwide Sacred Vocations Commission, I have been meeting with a group of men discerning their call to the Holy Priesthood. On Sunday, June 12th, following noon Holy Mass, I will be headed to Scranton to begin new student orientation at the Savonarola Theological Seminary. We will have one new student in residence and we pray to be joined by more soon after.

Our prayer is working - God's promise to hear us and respond is always true. Please continue to pray.

Clergy Pension – Donate and Pray



Did you know that retired priests receive a pension from the Church? On Father's Day, we are asked to make donations toward that pension fund. They are so very needed.

Why pray – because, frankly, the picture above says it all - pennies. Our pension plan is so poor that our retired clergy often end up impoverished. A retired priest and his spouse receive a total of \$600 per month. They loose their housing and all the other benefits they had as active clergy and must venture out to live on that meager amount. They sacrificed their lives for their flock, must they sacrifice again? Should the priest die, the widow is left with \$300 a month. A shame!

NEEDED: STRONG, DETERMINED, BRAVE, AND FAITHFUL MEN

Our Holy Church sets the month of June aside and encourages the faithful to pray for the clergy of our Holy Church and for an increase of vocations. That prayer starts in family, both by words of prayer and the prayer of encouragement. Families are the seed of vocations and our work is so needed.

This month we also remember those who spent their lives serving God and His people, being now retired and in need of our financial support.

Men who respond to Jesus' call are strong, determined, brave, and faithful. Are you ready to respond to God's call? Now is the time to respond to His revelation. Take action.

To respond, please talk to Fr. Jim who is the National Vocation Committee Chair or contact the Savonarola Theological Seminary of the Polish National Catholic Church, 1031 Cedar Ave, Scranton, PA 18505. School, (570) 961-9288, Office, (570) 343-0100.

Father's Day

On June 19th we honor all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, spiritual fathers, and those special men in our lives that exemplify the strength and dedication of fatherhood in our lives.

Within the family community, the



man is called upon to live his gift and role as husband and father. We can look to the example of sacrificial love exemplified by St. Joseph and if we see these traits in the men around us we know that they are working with God.

Let us pray for God's blessing on our faithful fathers - those who are with us and for the eternal rest of those who have merited eternal life.

A Fathers' Day Prayer: God our Father, In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summertime Events

Summertime events are on. Please participate in these in-person events:

• Men's Retreat: with a theme from Acts 2:42: "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." The retreat is being held in person from June 15th to 18th. As your pastor, I highly recommend and encourage all men of the parish to participate in this event. Great graces have been obtained by those who have taken part in the past. Let us come before the Lord in petition as the men of the Holy Church in "Devotion and Fellowship." The parish will pay all registration fees. Please register quickly. To register for the 5th Annual National YMS of R Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat please visit: https://tinyurl.com/3au49ytc.

- Kurs 2022 with the spiritual theme 'Trust in Jesus.' This theme 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, will be held inperson at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 2nd through 9th (8 days). If you have not done so, please register at https:// www.kurscamp.org. Please remember, the parish pays all fees, so when registering do not pay.
- **CONVO 2022**: The upcoming 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. We must act quickly, before June 30th to ensure no additional sign-up charges. Fr. Jim has the forms.

- YMSofR Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, September 3rd at the Briarwood Golf Course, 2737 W. Edgerton Rd., Broadview Heights, OH 44045.
- Also on tap, our Annual Parish Picnic in August. Stay tuned for more info.

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

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

- Christine Griessler, Cody Houser
 Caleb Johnson, Marc Wienclawski
 Peter Battagllia, Linda Carringi, Frances LaGreca, Amber Laporte-Smith, Ryder Prusky
 Jenna DonVito, Sabrina Brook
 Claudia Bertasso
 Michael Houser
 Timothy Olsen, Mikaela Hoefer
 Amber Oravsky
 Edward Bertasso
 Seth Garrison
 Nicholas Badovinac
 Anniversaries
 Peter & Elizabeth Battaglia
- 22 Peter & Elizabeth Battay
- 22 Larry & Donna Panfil
- 28 Philip & Angela Jorczak

Wishing you all many years!

With Thanks

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

To all who prayed with us this past Memorial Day at the parish cemetery. You did it right!

To the members of our Parish Committee for their hard work and sacrifice.

To Mike, Larry, Pete, Geoff, Kevin and his team for their work in cleaning up the arborvitae shrubs at the cemetery.

To all who faithfully attended May Marian devotions.

To Adam and Traviss who assist at the altar with grace.

To Liz Battaglia and Mike Emanuele for your beautiful music which praises and honors God.

To every parishioner, visitor, and member -- you are a blessing and a treasure. God bless you and reward you! Thank you!!!

Christmas Vigil Raffle

This year we are offering you a 1 in 100 chance of winning \$2,500! Hey, that's pretty good! Our Christmas Vigil 50/50 Raffle with a single Grand Prize of \$2,500 based upon sale limited to 100 tickets will be underway soon. See Joe Kaczynski, Fr. Jim, or any Parish Committee member to get signed up. We will draw a winner at our Christmas Vigil Dinner on December 11th. You do not need to be present to win. Please promote this to friends and family.



June 2022 Discipleship Focus – The Solemnity of Corpus Christi

During the month of June, we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ. We also celebrate Sacred Vocations Month across our Holy Church and this coming weekend June 4th and 5th is Clergy Appreciation Weekend!

Scripture: John 1:1-14; John 6:35-53; John 15:1-8; Matthew 26:18-20, 26-29

Reflection: On Thursday after the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, the Catholic Churches around the world celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Precious Body and Blood of Christ.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is a religious manifestation and confession of Christian and Catholic faith. By the presence and active participation in the liturgy Catholics publicly profess their faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This is a time when Catholics show their love for Christ by honoring Him in a public way and show their love for their neighbors by bringing the Lord and Savior closer to them.



On that day, after celebrating the Eucharist the faithful go in a solemn procession with the Blessed Sacrament to four altars.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi has been solemnly celebrated in parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church since her organization. It was adapted from Western Catholic tradition and is strongly connected with our faith in the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The procession associated with the feast day may be performed on the feast day itself, the Sunday within the Octave, or any day throughout the Octave. The Sequence within the Mass is said for the Octave of this Solemnity.

Action Item: Attend the Parish or Seniorate Corpus Christi Mass and Procession giving thanks and praise to God for His precious gift of the presence of our Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

Planning For:

Holy Mass on Sundays is at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted.

- June 1: Sacred Vocations Month Begins.
- June 5 Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- June 6: Pentecost Monday, Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 7: Pentecost Tuesday, Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 8: Pentecost Wednesday, Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 9: Pentecost Thursday, Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 10: Pentecost Friday, Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 11: Women's Group Meets.
- June 12: Trinity Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- June 13 14: Seminary Orientation. Fr. Jim away. No Noon Holy Masses.
- June 15 18: YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat. No Noon Holy Masses.
- June 16: Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at the Retreat Center.
- June 19: Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 10am with Procession. Holy Mass at Noon. Father's Day. Juneteenth.
- June 20: Holy Mass in the Octave

at Noon. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.

- June 21 24: Fr. Jim in Kentucky to perform the Sacrament of Baptism. No Noon Holy Masses.
- June 24: Solemnity Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- June 25: Solemnity St. John the Baptist (translated).
- June 26: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Word of God Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- June 27: Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 28: Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 29: Feast Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon followed by Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations.
- June 30: Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 2-9: **KURS Encampment**, Waymart, PA.

Fr. Jim's Schedule

As you will note from the planning calendar above, Fr. Jim will be away from the parish from June 13th through the 18th for Seminary Orientation and the Men's Spiritual Retreat. He will also be away June 21st through 24th to travel to Kentucky for a parish baptism.

Brochures

The parish has a good supply of brochures for you to share with others. These are great tools for evangelism. Just hand them to friends and family. It is that simple. Let's not find them unused in the back of the parish basement ten years from now. It is up to you!

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Do you shop on Amazon? If you do, simply visit AmazonSmile at <u>https://</u> <u>smile.amazon.com</u> and chose Holy Name of Jesus PNCC as your charity. For every purchase, the parish will receive a small donation. It all helps.

CarePortal Meeting



We will hold a brief CarePortal meeting following 10am Holy Mass on June 5th. CarePortal allows us to provide for persons in need with their needs carefully evaluated by the Schenectady Department of Social Services. We need a coordinator and people to help deliver items we choose to provide.

New Women's Support Group

We are supporting a new women's group led by Evangelist Julia Banks. This groups provides support and resources to women who have faced various challenges in the past. The next meeting is June 11th from 10am until Noon. All women are welcome.

3 Memorable Ways to Show God's Sovereignty In A Changing World

These daily B.I.O. practices will remind us of God's sovereignty in our lives and in the world

1. B — Before God Daily

The pathway of God, in both the Old and New Testaments, is that individual people will say, "I will discipline my life and arrange it to come before God." For example, our goal in churches can't be to just pack a building for the sake of numbers. Rather, we disciple believers to live out a Romans 12 faith where followers are: Surrendered to God, Live separate from the world's values, Have a sober self-assessment, Love each other, Serve in love passionately, Supernaturally respond to evil with good

Whether the current climate is fractured or peaceful, Romans 12 provides clear instructions for believers: surrender to God, live separate from the world's values, love and serve others, and respond to evil with good.

2. I — In Community In the Presence of God

Romans 12 Christians who are professing God's sovereignty in a changing world get connected from the heart and get into community where they seek the wisdom of the Father together. In a healthy community the "real" version of us shows up, with our spiritual gifts and purpose-filled existence, living alongside brothers and sisters in the faith, much like the Acts 4 example. This is not to imply that community is easy and drama-free. On the contrary, it's a grace-filled opportunity to refine us and teach us to live out the Romans 12 principles.

3. 0 - On mission 24/7

Looking again at Acts 4, Peter and John weren't trying to figure out how Jesus could make their lives easier. They didn't pray, "Oh God, change the circumstances. Oh God, stop the persecution." How did they pray? "Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." (Acts 4:29-30)

They welcomed more events like the one that had taken place, that had gotten them arrested! They were on mission 24/7, fulfilling God's agenda for their lives — for His glory, not theirs. It wasn't about them and it's not about us. On the contrary, loving those we are unlike us gives us the unique opportunity to demonstrate a Love like no other.

June

Sacred Vocations Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Pentecost Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. and Noon.	Pentecost Monday Holy Mass at Noon.	Pentecost Tuesday Holy Mass at Noon.	Pentecost Wednesday Holy Mass at Noon.	Pentecost Thursday Holy Mass at Noon.	Pentecost Friday Holy Mass at Noon.	Feast - St. Barnabas
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Trinity Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski	Commemoration - St. Anthony of Padua Seminary Orientation	Seminary Orientation	Men's Spiritual Retreat	Solemnity of Corpus Christi Men's Spiritual Retreat	In the Octave. Men's Spiritual Retreat	In the Octave. Men's Spiritual Retreat
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 10am with Procession and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Father's Day and Juneteenth.	In the Octave. Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm.	In the Octave. Fr. Jim in Kentucky.	In the Octave. Fr. Jim in Kentucky.	Octave of Corpus Christi Fr. Jim in Kentucky.	Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus. Fr. Jim in Kentucky.	Solemnity – St. John the Baptist (translated).
26	27	28	29	30		
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