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FOR WHATEVER IS BORN OF GOD OVERCOMES THE WORLD; AND THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMES THE WORLD, OUR FAITH.

One of the key questions at this year's Central Diocesan Clergy Retreat was about the import of our faith in Jesus. Does believing in and following Jesus matter one bit beyond the couple of hours we spend at church each week?

This is an important question for us, both as clergy and as the entirety of God's people. We should be doing this self check each day - and I highly recommend it.

Another consideration offered by our retreat leader, Bishop Richard Lipka, is does our faith matter to anyone else. He put it very realistically: Does Governor so-and-so or President so-and-so ever pause one minute during their decision making process to consider what God says, what Scripture speaks, or what the people of God proclaim? Of course not.

We find ourselves faced with a world that wants us to give up hope, to just surrender. God says differently.

A couple of practical examples.

One person I met this summer explained the many challenges they are facing - health, financial, and

most importantly whether God really cares. Does my faith make any difference in my life? Is there reason for hope? As we spoke they reflected on all the people who are helping (generally people of faith) and how thankful they are. My response: You answered your own question. Those around you are sent by God, are a portion of the hope God offers. Yes, you have reason for hope.

A young person I encountered commented on how hopeless the world is, how it is a place where the loneliness of hopelessness predominates. That young person encountered people of faith and was transformed - both to faith in Jesus and to an attitude of hope.

Believing in and following Jesus matters greatly. It is transformative in individual lives and in the world. We offer something the world cannot offer - hope that is more powerful than anything we may face.

We have been born of God Who overcame for us. We have victory and overcome hopelessness in Him. Praise Him and share the hope.

Labor Day at Good Shepherd Cemetery



*Whatever
your task,
work heartily,
as serving the
Lord and not
men,
knowing that*

*from the Lord you will receive the
inheritance as your reward; you are
serving the Lord Christ. —*

Colossians 3:23-24

Come join us at Noon on Labor Day, September 5th for a Holy Mass offered for the intention of all workers, organized labor, and worker justice. The Holy Mass will be celebrated at Good Shepherd Cemetery, 192 Truax Road, Amsterdam, NY weather permitting. Otherwise, Holy Mass will be at church.

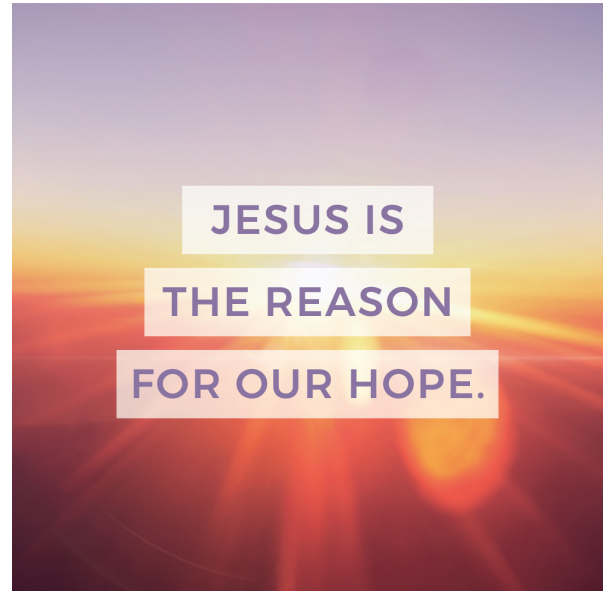
Labor Day comes out of a long history of workers organizing to secure their rights, safety, and dignity. Our Holy Church stood strong with workers. We did so with the coal miners and steel workers of Pennsylvania, the grain millers and meat packers of Buffalo, and the auto workers of Detroit.

In our community and throughout our nation and world, workers continue to struggle for fair pay, time off, safety on the job, access to healthcare and education, and the right to organize.

As workers and worker advocates,

people of faith have been and continue to be an important part of the movement for worker justice. Come out and join us.

Back to Church



Back to Church Sunday is coming up on Sunday, September 18th. Join us for Holy Mass at 10am or Noon.

Everyone is indeed welcome in God's House. Take time first to pray that God will bless our church with many who seek to know, love, and serve Him, then invite someone to join you.

This year's Back to Church Sunday theme is "**HOPE HAPPENS HERE.**"

In our daily lives we are often confronted by **uncertainty and instability**. That barrage can lead us to **discouragement**; there is nothing I can do to make it better.

Jesus has a different answer and His people have been proclaiming it

for over 2,000 years - **We have a reason for hope.** God's plan and love for us are forever and overcome all the world throws at us. **He makes us strong together and together we overcome.** That is why together, the Church is the place where hope happens, where it is realized.

Hope is in the Church, in Her people. **So let us share our hope with those we know who need the church as much as we do.**

Coffee Hour Goes On



Usually, this little article is entitled "Coffee Hour is Back," but thanks to Joe and Andrea we were able to continue with a mini-coffee hour throughout the summer. Thank you so

much! Please continue to join in this shared time following 10am Holy Mass. Please join in by signing up to host/cover a week's needs. It is a ministry of love we can all do. It does not have to be fancy or extraordinary, just something offered in love.

Christmas Vigil Raffle

We have 100 tickets available for our Christmas Vigil Raffle, Each ticket is \$50. If all tickets are sold,

the winner will receive a Grand Prize of \$2,500. Otherwise, proceeds will be split with the 50/50 style.

Annual Christmas Vigil Raffle			
GRAND PRIZE UP TO \$2,500*			
<small>*Based upon sale of 100 tickets. Otherwise proceeds split 50/50*</small>			
<small>Drawing on December 11, 2022 WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE</small>			
No. 001	No. 001	NAME:	_____
		ADDRESS:	_____
		PHONE:	_____
		EMAIL:	_____

The winner will be drawn at our annual Christmas Vigil Dinner on Sunday, December 11th. See Joe Kaczyński to get your tickets.

Summer Events Report

Men's Retreat: The annual Men's Retreat was simply awesome. Held in person, we were able to spend time together in deep prayer, learning, and reflection, offering our efforts for building up the Church. Shared time before the Most Blessed Sacrament and the Explanation Holy Mass. Make plans to attend next year, June 14th through 17th.



Kurs 2022: Our youth: Erickaa, Paul, David, and Traviss along with Fr. Jim had a great time at Kurs Camp. We tested our ability to trust in Jesus in various challenging and fun ways. Our theme was 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.*

Convo 2022: None of our youth were able to attend, but Fr. Jim did accompany two Central Diocese youth to Convo at Valparaiso University in Indiana with the theme:



Live, Laugh, Love with God. Convo was well-presented and all the youth attending built some great relationships that will last a lifetime – always so important.

Many thanks to Fr. Sr. John Kowalczyk (National PNCC Youth Chaplain) and his team, who produced a quality week of worship, study, and enjoyment for the youth of our church.

ANS Women's Retreat: A short two day retreat was held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and

Recreation Center focused on the Blessed Sacrament. The retreat was led by Deacon Jim Ploskonka from the Western Diocese.

God bless our faithful!!!! On to Kurs, the Men's Retreat, and the Women's Retreat in 2023! Stay tuned for information about Convo 2024.

XXVI Holy Synod Please PRAY!

The upcoming Holy Synod is the fullest expression of our Church's ecclesial democracy. Our voice and vote will be represented by Fr. Jim and Joan Caska, your elected representative.

The XXVI Holy Synod of the Polish National Catholic Church will take place at the Scranton Hilton in Scranton, Pennsylvania from Wednesday, October 19th through Friday, October 21st. On Saturday, October 22nd, we will gather to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the Organization of our Holy Church.

This Synod is key because we have one bishop retiring who needs to be replaced. A successor must be chosen. We had planned to elect two candidates to be bishop, but all who were nominated have sadly declined. Nominations for bishop, as usual, will also be taken from the floor. **WE NEED PRAYER TO REMEDY THIS URGENT SITUATION.** Pray that worthy, holy, and humble men, loyal to God

and His Holy Church, step up.

The Holy Synod will also work to build on what was accomplished at the past two Synods. At those Synods we developed and continued a general plan of action in five areas of focus: 1) Growth and Membership, 2) Increase Spirituality, 3) Lifelong Learning, 4) Sacred Vocations and 5) Community Involvement and Presence.

At each Synod the membership of National Commissions is set for the following four year period. These names come from volunteer Synod delegates. Although it is often only Synod delegates who become members of these Commissions, this is not required. Anyone who is interested in working to help the Church on a Synodal Commission may submit their name. Those submissions will be evaluated by the Prime Bishop and then presentation will be made to the General Synod. The list of National Commissions is: 1) Constitution, 2) Mission and Evangelism, 3) Budget and Finance, 4) School of Christian Living, 5) Liturgy, 6) Church Doctrine, 7) Clergy Salary and Benefits, 8) History and Archives and 9) Sacred Vocations.

Please consider if your talents may help the Church in serving on one of these Commissions. You may contact the Office of the Prime Bishop at 1006 Pittston Ave, Scranton, PA 18505 in writing should you wish to volunteer.

Please pray for the Holy Synod, for

the bishops and all the clergy, and for all lay delegates. There is much

important work that needs to be done as we chart a way forward to continue to build up the Kingdom of God with our Polish National Catholic Church. Pray the following each day through



October 21st:

Let us pray: ***O Holy Spirit, as the moments of Holy Synod approach, inspire and enlighten our bishops, clergy and delegates. As You descended upon our Lord Jesus Christ at the moment of His baptism, descend once again upon His body, the Church. In the preparations that will take place and in the proceedings that will occur, let all gathered in Holy Synod, listen to Him Who is our Lord. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the same Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.***

Music Scholarships



National United Choirs (NUC) Music Scholarships were announced at Convo. No one from the parish applied this past year. We hope

that will change going forward.

Any adult or child who is taking paid musical instruction or music classes at college should apply. This applies to all instruments including voice. Youth between the ages of 8 and 10 can receive an incentive award just by applying.

To date, 1,124 scholarships totaling \$346,535 have been awarded.

Information on the scholarship program can be obtained by visiting the NUC website:

nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

1 Paul Zawistowski
3 Cindy Houser, Blake Horton, Chris Zostant, Eric Esner
4 Alicja Chrobok
12 Robbie Heins
14 Callie Lennon
15 Beverly Limmer
24 Lynn Maliszewski
26 Donna Panfil, Nicholas DeMidio, Chad Smith
28 Angela Jorczak

Anniversaries

4 Jason & Christine Lennon, Thomas & Kathleen Caulfield
21 Timothy & Christine DeCocco; Kyle & Alyssa Carlson.

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

YMSofR Tree Service

The Young Men's Society of the

Resurrection led by Paul Zawistowski has been working on removing the two large pines in front of the church. Doing so will brighten the church, protect the foundation and brick work, and prevent damage should these large trees fall in a storm. Those trees will be replaced by appropriately sized pines. **THANK YOU Paul.**

We also plan to have three large trees in the Rectory's backyard removed for similar reasons. Those will be professionally removed.

September 11th 21 Years Ago

Twenty-one years ago we came together as a community in prayer.



Prayer strengthened us, unified us, and comforted us in the midst of tragedy, fear, and the unknown.

This year the anniversary falls on the Solemnity of Brotherly Love. We will offer special petitions in remembrance of this day.

Daily Holy Mass

Daily Holy Mass first and foremost honors God with the worship He is due. It provides an opportunity for the faithful to encounter Jesus in the best way possible. It provides an opportunity to carry our intentions before the Throne of Grace.

We hold daily Holy Mass Monday



through Friday at Noon. Always check Facebook in case some contingency causes a change on a particular day.

The following are the weekly course of intentions: Monday - for youth; Tuesday - for vocations; Wednesday - for blessings on our evangelistic efforts; Thursday - for all parishioners and their needs; Friday - for benefactors living and deceased.

With Thanks

We have been so blessed by some really extraordinary gifts so far this year. We are blessed by the generosity of all of you, our benefactors.

We are grateful 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 our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia. To Mike Emanuele for his talents.

To Andrea for her work in cleaning our church.

To Joe and Andrea for looking after our kitchen needs.

To Mike Emanuele and Joe Kaczynski for their work on the grounds and cemeteries.

For all who worked on trimming at the cemetery on several occasions this summer.

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

God bless and reward you!!!

Planning For:

Holy Mass each Sunday at 10am and Noon unless noted otherwise, daily at Noon - special weekday celebrations noted below. Tuesday's after Holy Mass - Novena to the Infant of Prague in Polish.

- September 4: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- September 5: Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon at Good Shepherd Cemetery.
- September 6: Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm.
- September 8: Solemnity – Nativity of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at Noon.
- September 11: **Solemnity of Brotherly Love.**
- September 14: Solemnity, Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Holy Mass at Noon.
- September 15: Solemnity, Holy Mother of Sorrows. Holy Mass at Noon.
- September 18: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Back to Church Sunday (Invite Someone).**
- September 21: Feast - St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist. Holy Mass at Noon.

- September 26: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time/Spójnia Sunday.
- September 29: Feast - St. Michael the Archangel.
- September 30: Commemoration of St. Jerome.

TO DO LIST



Take time this week and in the months to come to invite at least one person a week to join you at Holy Mass, whether in person or

virtually. Please do not be disappointed if the answer you receive is "no". Keep on sharing your faith through actions and words. We shall grow as a Parish Family one person and one family at a time.

Remember you cannot be told yes, unless you send the invitation.

September 2022 Discipleship – The Eucharist in the Declaration of Scranton

During the month of September as we continue our focus of Being Eucharistic People – we take some time to reflect on the important teaching of Church on the Holy Eucharist as found in paragraph 6 of the Declaration of Scranton.

Scripture: Acts 2:46-47

Reflection: The Declaration of Scranton formulated and accepted

by the P.N.C.C. Bishops on April 28, 2008 and later accepted by the Clergy Conference and the General Synod, helps guide the Church in its relationships with other Christian bodies. The document has allowed

us to enter into fruitful and real ecclesial relations with the Nordic Catholic Church in Scandinavia and the rest of Europe. The largest and most



vital paragraph of this document speaks to our faith in the Holy Eucharist and the celebration of Mass, which must be a part of any agreement that we have between Churches.

Action Item – Read the Eucharistic (6th) paragraph of the Declaration of Scranton (see shorturl.at/bhLN7) as well as the Scripture quotes cited. Spend some time at Holy Mass reflecting on what actually occurs when we gather to worship God and receive His Son in Holy Communion

Zapraszamy wszystkich Polaków



Koronka do Praskiego Dzieciątka Jezus w Waszych intencjach w każdy wtorek o godz. 12:30 po południu.

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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EVENTS

October Upcoming

- 2nd: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Blessing of Pets
- 9th: Solemnity of the Christian Family.

- Rosary on Wednesdays in October.

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