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# NEWSLETTER

## JUNE

# 2023

"LET NOT YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. BELIEVE IN GOD; BELIEVE ALSO IN ME."

On May 28th we celebrated Pentecost, the 50th day after the Resurrection and also entered the Octave of Pentecost - a continuation of our celebration for eight days.

Celebrations are wonderful, but if we live only in the moment of the celebration we fail to reap the benefit of what they are meant to teach us.

Pentecost teaches us that the resurrection was only the beginning. As Jesus ascended He asked His disciples to await the Holy Spirit. With the gift of the Spirit they set to work carrying the freedom from sin purchased on the Holy Cross, the promise of eternal life in the resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, and the gospel way of life taught by Jesus, to the whole world. They taught us about our salvation and hope and instructed us to walk in Jesus' footsteps, following His teaching, eschewing the ways of the world.

In June we pause to reflect on the great mysteries of God, the Holy Trinity, Jesus' Body and Blood given to us, and His powerful Word which

our Church holds particular devotion to. In the midst of the month we encounter the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Now, I would caution, devotion to the Sacred Heart does not offer an easy ticket to heaven. It is not about performing certain devotions because repetition gives some promised benefit, but what it does do is connect us to all Jesus held for us and teaches us to have His heart.

As we proceed through the month of June let us focus on what is in our hearts. As we delve in, we will find love for the people in our lives, perhaps our parents, grandparents, siblings, other relatives. Perhaps it is a spouse and child. Maybe it is a very good friend. It may be someone passed on or still with us. Someone far off or close by.

In examining what is in our hearts consider how alike our hearts are to Jesus'. In the Eucharist we receive Him. Have we been transformed by Him so that our heart is in Him and like His? This will set before us the work we have to do in growing into Christ Jesus' image and way.

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## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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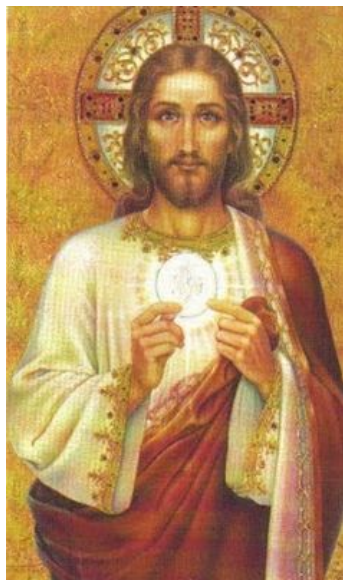
***Heavenly Father, Master of the harvest, we humbly ask You to send more laborers into Your fields, for the work is indeed great. Grant more faithful priests and deacons to Your Polish National Catholic Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

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## EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

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Please join us on Thursday, 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.

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## Vocations - Good News

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I have been so blessed. Over the past five years, as Chair of the Churchwide Sacred Vocations Commission, I have been meeting

with a group of 20 men discerning their call to the Holy Priesthood. During the last week of May and first week of June I taught at the Savonarola Theological Seminary. We hope to have two new students in residence in the Fall 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.

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## Clergy Pension – Donate and Pray

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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 lose 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!

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## NEEDED: STRONG, DETERMINED, BRAVE, AND FAITHFUL MEN

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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.

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## Father's Day

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On June 18th 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.*

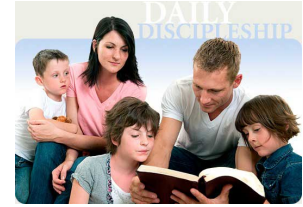
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## Summertime Events

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

- **Men's Retreat:** with the theme "Christ the Same" taken from Hebrews 13:8: *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever!* will be held June 14th through 17th at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. 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 6th Annual National YMS of R Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3au49ytc>.

- **Kurs 2023** with the theme Kurs 2.0, Level Up Your Faith will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 1st through 8th (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.
- **August 9 - 11: National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop**, Dupont, PA. View the National United Choirs Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/nucpncc> or God's Field for registration information.
- Also on tap, our **Annual Parish Picnic** on August 20th. Stay tuned for more info.
- **YMSofR Golf Outing** will be held August 26 - 27 at the Briarwood Golf Course, 2737 W. Edgerton

Rd., Broadview Heights, OH 44045.

- ...and in the Fall the **YMS of R Convention**, October 20-22, Divine Providence Parish in Norwich, CT.

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

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### **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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#### Birthdays

1 Christine Griessler, Cody Houser  
5 Caleb Johnson, Marc Wienclawski  
6 Peter Battaglia, Linda Carringi, Frances LaGreca, Amber Laporte-Smith, Ryder Prusky  
8 Sabrina Brook  
11 Claudia Bertasso  
15 Michael Houser  
16 Timothy Olsen, Mikaela Hoefer  
19 Amber Oravsky  
22 Edward Bertasso  
24 Seth Garrison  
30 Nicholas Badovinac

#### Anniversaries

22 Peter & Elizabeth Battaglia  
22 Larry & Donna Panfil  
28 Philip & Angela Jorczak

Wishing you all many years!

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### **With Thanks**

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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 all who faithfully attended May Marian devotions.

To Karina, Mari, and Traviss who assist at the altar with grace.

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

To Liz and Lauren for attending the ANS Convention.

To Joe for his care of the cemeteries and the parish grounds while Mike recovers from his injuries.

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

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## **C**hristmas **Vigil** **Raffle**

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

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, to get signed up. We will draw a

winner at our Christmas Vigil Dinner on December 10th. You do not need to be present to win. Please promote this to friends and family.

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## **June – The Solemnity of Corpus Christi**

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On June 8th we celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is a religious manifestation and confession of our Eucharistic 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.

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

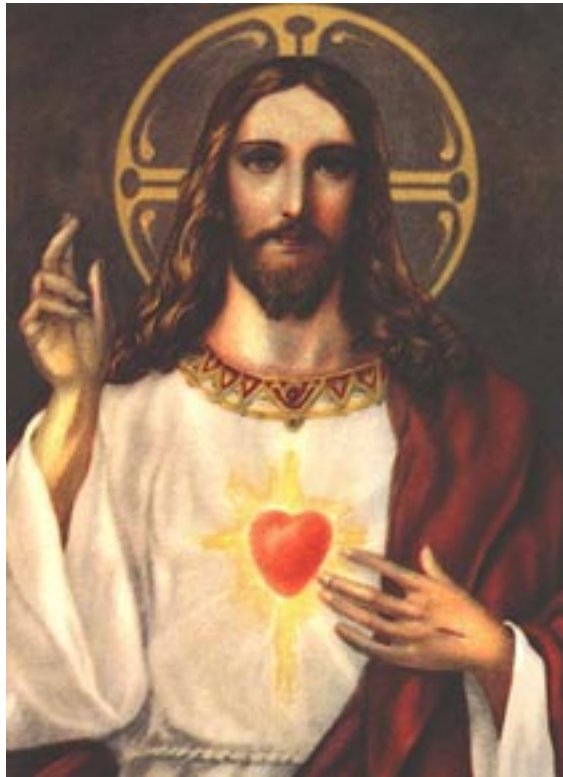


the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

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## Then: The Sacred Heart

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Christ's Sacred Heart of love is expressed most profoundly in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist. Jesus' giving of Himself, is celebrated joyously on Corpus Christi and in its Octave. At the end of the Octave we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Devotion to the Eucharist and to the Sacred Heart are as inseparable as devotion is to the mystery of Christ's human and Divine love. In the Sacred Host dwells the God-man, Jesus; in His Person pulses His

Heart of flesh through which we are loved with the perfection of His humanity, the fullness of His Godhead, one Person who not only loves but is Love.

Let us use the month of June to get acquainted or re-acquainted with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You'll be glad you did!

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful historical expression of the our piety for Christ. It calls us to conversion, love and gratitude, and dedication to Christ and His saving work.

There are two things that should meet in devotion to the Sacred Heart: Christ's Heart of flesh and Christ's love for us. True devotion to the Sacred Heart means devotion to the Divine Heart of Christ insofar as His Heart represents and recalls His love for us.

You can find a Litany to the Sacred Heart in your PNCC Prayerbook on page 123.

*Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy Most beloved Son, and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers Thee on behalf of sinners, and when they come to Thee imploring Thy mercy, graciously pardon them, in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.*

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## Planning For:

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Holy Mass on Sundays is at 10am

and Noon unless otherwise noted.  
Daily Holy Mass is at Noon.

- June 1: Sacred Vocations Month Begins. Thursday in the octave of Pentecost.
- June 2: Friday in the Octave of Pentecost.
- June 4: Trinity Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- June 5 - 7: Daily Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 8: Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 9: Friday in the Octave. Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 10: Women's Group Meets/ Graduation, 10am till Noon. **Pizza & Dame Night at 5pm.**
- June 11: Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 10am with Procession. Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 12 - 13: Within the Octave. Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 14 - 17: **YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat.** No Noon Holy Masses.
- June 16: Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- June 18: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Word of God Sunday. Father's Day. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- June 19: Holy Mass at Noon. Juneteenth. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.
- June 20 - 23: Holy Mass at Noon.

- June 24: Solemnity - St. John the Baptist.
- June 25: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- June 26 - 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 1 - 8: **KURS Encampment.**

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## Brochures

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The parish has a good supply of brochures for you to share with others (yes, there's still a bunch). 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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## CarePortal

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Do you have furniture that is no longer needful. There are many families who need such. There is a form at church you can fill out. Mark down what you have. Do not bring items to church (just the form). Give the form to Paul or Lauren. When a family needs an item we will arrange with you a time to pick up the items you have and will deliver them to families in need.

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## PNUA Transition

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You may have seen that the Polish National Union of America (PNUA) is transitioning via a proposed merger with the Polish National Alliance (PNA). You may recall from our parish history our use of the PNA Hall on Crane Street.

This merger will further strengthen the PNUA and will allow us to offer more insurance and annuity products in the future. Our Parish Branch 140 will transition to a Lodge of the PNA.

We will keep you further informed as information becomes available.

We encourage you to continue to obtain policies and annuities if you are interested.



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## SUPER Congrats

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Congratulations to Christina Supinski and Victoria Konicki on their graduations from college. Christina

is going on to study education at the College of St. Rose with the aim of being a teacher. Victoria is studying for a Doctorate in Physical Therapy at Russell Sage College.

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## Going Deep With Jesus

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# June

# 2023

## Sacred Vocations Month – Please Pray

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                              | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday  |
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|   |   |  |  | Pentecost Thursday<br>Teaching at Seminary   | Pentecost Friday<br>Teaching at Seminary<br>Bowling Tournament | Bowling Tournament  |
| <sup>4</sup>  | <sup>5</sup>  | <sup>6</sup>   | <sup>7</sup>                           | <sup>8</sup>   | <sup>9</sup>   | <sup>10</sup>   |
| Trinity Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.   | Holy Mass at Noon.  | Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.  | Holy Mass at Noon.                     | Solemnity of Corpus Christi<br>Holy Mass at Noon.  | Octave Holy Mass at Noon.                                      | Women's Group Meets at 10am.<br><b>Pizza and Game Night at 5pm.</b> |
| <sup>11</sup>   | <sup>12</sup>   | <sup>13</sup>  | <sup>14</sup>                          | <sup>15</sup>  | <sup>16</sup>  | <sup>17</sup>   |
| Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 10am with Procession and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.                    | Octave Holy Mass at Noon.   | Commemoration - St. Anthony of Padua. Octave Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague. | In the Octave. Men's Spiritual Retreat | Octave of Corpus Christi. Men's Spiritual Retreat  | Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus. Men's Spiritual Retreat     | Men's Spiritual Retreat   |
| <sup>18</sup>   | <sup>19</sup>   | <sup>20</sup>  | <sup>21</sup>                          | <sup>22</sup>  | <sup>23</sup>  | <sup>24</sup>   |
| 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Word of God Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.<br><b>Father's Day.</b> | <b>Juneteenth.</b><br>Holy Mass at Noon. Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm. | Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.  | Holy Mass at Noon.                     | Holy Mass at Noon.   | Holy Mass at Noon.   | Solemnity – St. John the Baptist.                                   |
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| 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.   | Holy Mass at Noon.  | Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.  | Holy Mass at Noon.                     | Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon with Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations. | Holy Mass at Noon.   |   |
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