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# NEWSLETTER

## MARCH

# 2024

IF I AM LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW ALL MEN TO MYSELF.

In the second version of the Stations of the Cross, at the Eleventh Station: Jesus is nailed to the Cross, we pray: *'if we ever saw this for what it truly is - a compelling demonstration of how far You would go to prove Your love for us - then we...'*

*Then we* would what? There are many answers to that.

We might break down in sorrow over our sinfulness, our betrayals and failures in living up to Jesus' gospel way. We might reform of those things. We might enter into contemplation - reflecting on the great mystery of Christ Jesus, trying to grasp the great love that propelled Him to suffer and die for us. We might rejoice in our redemption, acknowledging that Jesus' sacrifice has freed us from sin and eternal death. We might be more thankful and faithful in our daily lives.

None of these is a bad thing to do and all have value. Indeed, each of these and other faithful practices should be central in our life, not just an occasional or Lenten thing.

It is not just in the nailing to the Cross that we are reminded of all the compelling things Jesus did for us. A quick survey: He was bound that we might become free. He was crowned with thorns that we might be crowned with eternal life. He fell that we might rise. He was stripped that we might become clothed in glory. He died that we might live. He was buried to show us that the grave is not the end. In these many ways Jesus' love is proved in its fullness. The question remains, what is the one necessary response.

In our Eleventh Station prayer we go on to say: *'then we would be so moved and touched that we would eagerly give You our love in response.'*

Jesus seeks a love response from us. *Then we* must declare in every moment of our eternal Easter lives, I will love as Jesus loved.

Jesus says that He will draw all to Himself from His being lifted up on the Cross. If we see the Cross as what it truly is - the full-on intensity of God's love for us, *then we* will live the love response Jesus seeks.

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## Our Lenten Journey Toward Holy Week

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We began our Lenten journey on February 14th, Ash Wednesday, and are now, as of March 3rd, three weeks into Lent.

Join in increased prayer each Friday as we gather to observe the sacred tradition of Stations of the Cross at 3pm. Every Sunday we gather for Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm. These observances help us better understand the loving devotion Jesus had for us. Walk with Him in these devotions so that we may rejoice with Him at Easter.

Lent is time devoted to repentance, a turning away from the ways, events, and situations that are harmful to us.

Let us live Lent mindfully with prayer (Sunday and daily Holy Mass, Stations, Lamentations, private prayer, bible reading, our Seniorate Lenten retreat on March 16th), sacrifice (fasting -

no meat on Wednesdays and Fridays), penance (recollection of and turning away from sinful behaviors), and charity (Lenten giving).

We ask you to participate in our annual directed giving campaign (see below) as an act of charity and almsgiving to offer up food and other things needful for those in our local community.

Passiontide begins March 17th and Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 24th.

Please be attentive to our schedule and join us. There is truly no greater experience than to allow our brokenness to be filled by Jesus.

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### **Directed Giving for Lent:**

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3rd Week  
(March 3),  
DINNER IS  
SERVED:  
Canned Beef  
Stew,

Canned Pork and Beans, Instant Potatoes/Stuffing Mix, Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti or other Pasta, Canned Spaghetti Sauce.

4th Week (March 10), SCHOOL NEEDS: Pencils and Pens, Folders and Notebooks, Crayons, Tape and Elmer's Glue.

Passion Week (March 17), BABY

MAKES THREE: Disposable Diapers, Baby Wipes, Liquid Formula, Jars of Baby Food.

Holy Week (March 24), SPECIAL NEEDS DIET: Low Sodium Soups, Canned Fruit in Juice (not in syrup), Canned Tuna in Water, Low Sodium Crackers, Organic Applesauce.

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## Seniorate Lenten Retreat

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Our Seniorate Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 16th at Holy Cross Parish, 3690 Armstrong Rd., Syracuse /

Lakeland starting at 10am.

The retreat will include a Penitential Service, Children's Confession, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Lunch, and a very brief Seniorate meeting.

Please let Father Jim know if you are attending (everyone is strongly encouraged to attend) so proper preparations of food and materials may be made.

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## THEN JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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We so look forward to seeing you for Holy Week as we join together in fellowship to pray, sacrifice, fast, increase our

charity, and forgive.



March 24th is Palm Sunday marking the start of Holy Week.

We reach the high point of the year's joy on

Easter Sunday, March 31st, with our Solemn Resurrection Holy Mass at 8am and a second Holy Mass at 10am.

See the detailed Holy Week and Easter schedule further on in this Newsletter.

Walk with Jesus in the days so as to rejoice with Him in the eternal celebration of His resurrection.

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## Easter Wishes

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***My dearest family in Christ,***

*On behalf of my family, I extend to you*



*every blessing for this Easter and throughout the Easter season.*

*May the resurrected Christ continue to reign in our hearts and in our lives as we follow Him and adhere to a faith*

*both ancient and new. We recognize,*

*even among our trials, His wonderful gifts; most especially the joy we have in Him.*

*You have blessed me abundantly and I love you and thank God for your mighty witness. I am overjoyed to share with you once again the awesome celebration of the resurrected Christ.*

***Drodzy Bracia i Siostry,***

*Jezus zmartwychwstając śmierć pokonał, a cudu tego dla nas - ludzi dokonał, abyśmy z czasowego życia ziemskiego mogli przejść do boskiego życia wiecznego.*

*Niech Zmartwychwstanie Pańskie, które niesie duchowe odrodzenie, napęłni wszystkich spokojem i wiarą, oraz da siłę w pokonywaniu trudności i pozwoli z ufnością patrzeć w przyszłość...*

*Radosnych i błogosławionych Świąt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego spędzonych w gronie najbliższych życzy.*

*ks. Jakub i rodziny*

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## **Our Annual Financial Meeting - March 4th**

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Our annual financial meeting will be held on Sunday, March 4th in person and virtually via

Zoom. Please attend and help decide on our financial future.

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## **The Basket Social 2024**

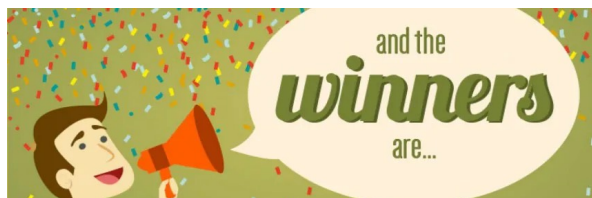
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There is a sign-up sheet for baskets in the church and in the hall. Free baskets are available if you need them. This year's Basket Social (along with GREATEST BESTEST Polish Food) will be held on Sunday, April 21st at the spacious and beautiful South Schenectady Firehouse, 6 Old Mariaville Road, Schenectady.

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## **Outrageous Valentine's Raffle Winners!!!**

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Congratulations to all who have won in our Outrageous Valentine's Raffle. Thank you to those who re-donated their winnings as a special blessing. We set a record this year in terms of raffle participants and money raised for youth participation in parish, diocesan, and National Church events.

The winners are: Linda Fortin, Elizabeth Weglinski, Michele Zawistowski, Lauren DeBlois, Carol

Kupiec (2x), Renee Konicki, Adella Spohr, Eileen Kupiec, Robert Chelkowski (2x), James Jacobs, Gary Weglinski (2x), Tatum Liberio, Linda Kaska, Gary Tatlock (Valentine's Day), Victoria Konicki, Bishop Bernard, Dan Fortin, Blake Horton, Marie Mencogsen, Dottie Morrison, Joan Charnews, Bennett Gandron, Tom McGarry, Doris Schoonmaker, Fr. Jim, Dawn Tatlock.

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**Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję, Āčiū, Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie!**

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To all who attended our annual meeting.  
To all who ran for office and were elected.  
You honor the sacrifice of our ancestors who

built this democratic model of Church and keep their hope alive by your participation.

Thank you for your Souper Bowl Sunday generosity. \$200 (the largest yearly amount ever) was collected and donated locally.

Thank you to our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia and Mike Emanuele for his musical stylings.

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

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#### HARMONIA CHOIR

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Our parish has a very rich and

nationally recognized choral history. If you would like to join the Harmonia Choir, please do. See Fr. Jim or Liz Battaglia with any questions.

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#### Milestones to Celebrate:

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##### Birthdays

9 Marianna Zemken  
13 Christopher Maliszewski  
14 Paul Zebrowski Sr., Deborah Kusek  
16 Steven James  
18 Justyne Rios  
19 Justin Smith, Stanley Podkulski, Danielle DeMidio  
21 Susie Spooner, Gary Podbielski, Matthew Zembrzusi  
23 Erin Pross  
24 Amber Houser  
26 Elizabeth Battaglia, Nylyse Rios, Sarah Limmer  
27 Skyler Dee  
28 Frances Pawlowski  
30 Susan Malinowski

Wishing you all many years!

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#### Planning For:

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

Daily Holy Mass is

held Tuesday through Friday at Noon unless otherwise noted.

Following Tuesday Holy Mass we celebrate the Chaplet to the Infant of Prague / Koronka do Praskiego Dzieczątka Jezus.

- Mar. 1: Commemoration of St. David of Wales. Holy Mass at

Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.

- Mar. 3: 3rd Sunday in Lent. Annual Budget Meeting follows Holy Mass at 10am **ONLY**. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- Mar. 5 - 7: Holy Mass at Noon.
- Mar. 8: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- Mar. 9: Women's Empowerment Meeting at 10am. Diaconal Ordination of Cleric Sean Dodd at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton at 10am.
- Mar. 10: Solemnity, Institution of the PNCC. Daylight Savings Time Begins. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- Mar. 12 - 15: Holy Mass at Noon.
- Mar. 15: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- Mar. 17: Passion Sunday. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- Mar 18: Parish Committee Meets at 6pm
- Mar 19: Solemnity - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass at Noon.
- Mar. 20 - 22: Holy Mass at Noon.
- Mar. 22: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- Mar 24: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am with Blessing and Distribution of Palms. Holy Mass at noon. Bitter Lamentations /

Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.

- Mar 25: Holy Monday.
- Mar 26: No Daily Holy Mass. Clergy Conference and Holy Mass of Chrism at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton.
- Mar 27: Spy Wednesday. Holy Mass at Noon. Private Confessions until 2pm.
- Mar 28: Maundy Thursday, Reception of Oils, Holy Mass, Procession, Reposition and Stripping of the Altars at 7pm.
- Mar 29: Good Friday, Church opens for private prayer at noon. Reflection of the Seven Last words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations at 2pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 3pm.
- Mar 30: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises at 10am. Basket Blessings and Private Devotion until 2pm.
- Mar 31: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter Proclamation and Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Second Holy Mass at 10am.

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## Great 2024 Events - Plan to BE THERE

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Please join in on these great Spring and Summer 2024 events.

- May 24 - 26: 77th PNCC / YMS of R Bowling Tournament in Parma, OH. More details, contact Art Golembeski Jr., President YMS of R



Bowlers at  
[arthurgolembeski@gmail.com](mailto:arthurgolembeski@gmail.com).

- June 12 - 15: Men's Retreat, Waymart, PA.
- July 4 - 13: Kurs, Waymart, PA.
- July 22 - 26: Convo at Mercyhurst University, Erie, PA.
- Annual Golf Tournament - date and location TBD.

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## Scholarships and Stipends

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**PNCC Stipends:** Now is the time to start submitting college stipend applications to the Education and Youth Commission of the PNCC. The deadline for submission is May 15th (please note all applications must be postmarked by this date).

Applications can be found in the February issue of God's Field at [https://pncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/feb\\_2024\\_gods\\_field\\_online.pdf](https://pncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/feb_2024_gods_field_online.pdf).

If there are any questions or concerns, please see Fr. Jim.

**National United Choirs Music Scholarship:** Applications for the NUC Music Scholarship are currently available on the website, [www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com](http://www.nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com). The deadline for applying is May 1st. If there are any questions please see Fr. Jim or contact the scholarship administrator at [nucscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:nucscholarship@gmail.com).

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## CarePortal

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We continue to supply much needed

items that help families stay together, strong, and safe. Please take and fill out a CarePortal sheet and bring it in. The items you identify that you would like to donate will be picked up when they are needed (you do not need to move or transport anything).

To date we have met 36 requests for help, have served 146 children, and have made an economic impact of \$52,172.

We could also use more volunteers to help. See Paul Zawistowski.

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## Women's Empowerment Meetings

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These meetings are held every 2nd Saturday of the month and go from 10am till about noon. This group serves women who have faced various ordeals in their lives. If you know someone who just needs to talk, ask them to attend a meeting. Better yet, take them.



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## God's Field / Rola Boża

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Did you know you can access all issues of God's Field online at <https://pncc.org/godsfield/>. There are also copies in the parish hall. Subscriptions are available for \$50 per subscription year (March through February). Send a check to the God's Field, 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA 18505-4109.

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## **The Lent and Easter Poetry of Rev. Walter Hyszko**

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### **LENT**

*With solemn humility—their heads they  
bow*

*Knowing that repentance of their sins is  
now!*

*The altars are purpled for redemption:  
All sinners must pray with soul—there is  
no exemptions!*

*“Dust Thou art”, remember these words  
each lenten day —  
With bitter sorrow, for your sins, you must  
pray,  
As the lamentations—Way of the Cross  
are said —  
Knowing you must face God—as did  
your beloved dead!*

*Again Our Savior must bear His Cross  
Must again His Sacrifice, on the Hill, be a  
loss?*

*To greed, selfish aims, the greatest of  
sins—horror of Hate!  
Yet, with His bleeding heart of love, He  
instills our souls with Faith.*

*He dies for us again—to build the true  
meaning of Love!  
He dies for us to give Faith ... to send  
blessings from above,  
To lift our hearts, our souls to God’s Only  
Begotten Son  
Always striving to fulfill, in His Father’s  
Name, a task well done!*

*On Calvary Hill—He will utter—Holy  
words of pain:  
“I so love you— —I will die for you again  
and again!”*

### **RESURRECTION**

*All horror of death ... its fear ... its pain  
Have ceased— —Christ Resurrected lives  
again.*

*Easter Morn awakens new joy . . . new  
birth,  
Easter Lilies with grace perfume the  
earth.*

*The bells proclaim new hope this sacred  
hour ...*

*Alleluia—with tremendous power  
Echoes—that only Christ shall be our joy,  
Who live in Him ... no death shall e’er  
destroy.*

*Unto Him Ye multitudes sing His Praise*

*...*

*Unto the skies your hearts forever raise;  
May your voices one ... lift this Sacred  
Cry;*

*“GLORY TO RESURRECTED CHRIST  
ON HIGH.”*

### **EASTER**

*The rugged cross—the bitter horrors it  
withstood;  
On its crest, so stained with the Saviour’s  
blood—  
A small bird warbled—sang alleluia to His  
Name  
As Resurrection dawn burst forth with  
golden flame!*

*The scent of lilies—diamond fresh with  
early dew  
Majestically raised petals of pearl to a sky  
of blue!  
Holy women came with spices—saw a  
tombstone rolled away —  
Saw an angel in white ... with awe began  
to pray!*

*Decorated altars-new fashions of dress—  
flowers in special array!*

*Church bells, with acclaim, accenting  
Easter Day!*





*On the hill, His cross of sacrifice remains  
the same!*

*Easter Dawn—a world in tumultuous sin  
—scarcely hears His Name.*



# March

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					St. David of Wales. Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm	
3	4	5	 6	7	 8	9
2nd Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil. Annual Financial Meeting. Bitter Lamentations, 3pm.	St. Casimir	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Stations of the Cross at 3pm.	Women's Meeting. 10am. Diaconal Ordination. St. Stanislaus Cathedral at 10am.
Day Light Savings 10	11	12	 13	14	 15	16
<b>Solemnity of the Institution.</b> Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Bitter Lamentations, 3pm.		Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.	Seniorate Lenten Retreat at Holy Cross Parish, Syracuse at 10am.
17	18	19	 20	21	 22	23
Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Bitter Lamentations, 3pm.	Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.	Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm	
24	25	26	 27	 28	 29	 30
Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Bitter Lamentations, 3pm.	Holy Monday	Holy Tuesday. Clergy Conference. Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton).	Spy Wednesday Holy Mass at noon Private Confessions until 2pm.	Maundy Thursday, Reception of Holy Oils, Holy Mass, Procession, Stripping of the Altars, 7pm.	Good Friday, Church opens at noon. Last Words - 1pm. Bitter Lamentations - 2pm, Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb - 3pm.	Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Easter Baskets, 10am. Easter Basket blessings until 2pm.
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Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter, Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Holy Mass at 10am. Repast follows.						

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