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**NEWSLETTER**  
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"ANXIETY WEIGHS DOWN THE HEART, BUT A KIND WORD  
CHEERS IT UP."

**T**he text above is from Proverbs 12:25. The proverbs of King Solomon begin by stating their purpose: *for gaining wisdom and instruction; understanding words of insight; receiving instruction in prudent behavior, doing what is right, just, and fair; giving prudence to those who are simple, knowledge and discretion to the young— let the wise listen and add to their learning, and let the discerning get guidance — The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

We all need this kind of learning and insight, especially when confronted by the anxieties of our time. When we look at the world and all its conflict, or perhaps even in our own hearts, how can we possibly be cheerful. Well, Proverbs tells us - by *a kind word.*

Spring is well underway, Summer around the corner - yet what surrounds us can still choke the air with anxieties.

As this is leap year, we will soon be (and already are in) the midst of political conflict, bickering, election

noise, and nastiness on all sides. As such, I ask you to realize the anxiety that rises in us and offer a solution that will work for our own hearts. It is God's advice.

With anxiety's heaviness, kindness is a powerful counter-balance. This is more than just a feel-good sentiment. It's a call to action, reminding us of the profound impact we can have on ourselves and others. We have the opportunity to be light-bearers, to offer kind words that uplift, cheer, and heal.

As we extend kindness, we ourselves often experience a lightness too. Kindness multiplies, spreading light to both the giver and the receiver. Then, as this year goes on, let's take this Proverb to heart. Let's seek those moments to speak a kind word. We never know the impact a single word of kindness can have - it might just be the very thing that lightens someone's load.

Lord, In a world filled with so much anxiety, help me to be a source of light, using my voice to uplift and cheer the hearts around me, just as You do for me every day.

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## Holy Week and Easter Joy

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This year's Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday (March 31st) were a complete joy!

The church was beautifully filled with its people, committed to our Lord and His work, and we shared in Him Who has saved us.

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## 20th Annual Basket Social Celebration

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The 20th Basket Social is now in the books. Due to your support and hard work we raised a substantial sum of money which

will greatly support our ministry and work, over \$8,200. **THANK YOU!!!**

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## Good Shepherd Sunday

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On Sunday, April 21st we celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday.

Good Shepherd Sunday is always an opportunity to celebrate, rejoice,

and remember our Lord as the Good Shepherd Who looks after us and rescues us when we are in trouble. As we leave church each week we pass under the portrait of the Good Shepherd and know that He is ever ready to bring us back again.

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## Mother's Day

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Sunday, May 12th is Mother's Day. Holy Mass is also offered for all of our living and deceased moms, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers, and all the special women in our lives. We can buy gifts - but all that will pass. Our prayer for them at Holy Mass will never be erased and will persist eternally.

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## May Marian Devotions

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We will offer sung Marian Devotions throughout May on Wednesdays after Holy Mass at Noon (except May 22nd). Please join us.

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## Solemnity of the Ascension

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The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension on the 40th day after Easter as is recorded in the Acts of the Apostles.

Jesus' Ascension is our assurance that we too will rise

and live in heaven eternally with Him in our glorified bodies. Holy Mass will be held on Thursday, May 9th at Noon in celebration of the Solemnity.

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## Men's Spiritual Retreat

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The men of the United YMSofR would like to formally invite you to the YMSofR Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat, to be held from Wednesday, June 12th through Saturday, June 15th at Spojnia Farm in Waymart, PA. This retreat is aimed at us men, and is open to all, parishioners, non-parishioners, any man seeking time with the Lord.

This year's retreat theme is: **Iron Sharpens Iron** based on Proverbs 27:17.

The registration costs are covered by the Central Diocese. Attendees receive all meals, beverages, and snacks; Retreat materials and printouts; and excursions and a Retreat gift bag. Meet the speakers and get information as well as sign-

up at <https://sites.google.com/view/ymsofrmensretreat/home>. Please turn registration forms in to Fr. Jim.

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## MEMORIAL DAY HOLY MASS

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The Holy Church joins the nation in the solemn remembrance of Memorial Day.

**We will gather for Holy Mass at our parish cemetery on Monday, May 27th at 10am.**

In doing so we pray for all of those who have died in combat defending our nation - those who gave their lives for all of us.

If you can come out, please bring

lawn chairs and perhaps an umbrella for shade.



If the weather is inclement, we will gather at

the parish church.

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## Milestones to Celebrate:

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### Birthdays

- 1 Roni Bylina, Mary Tate, Joan Caska
- 2 Eileen Kupiec
- 6 Erikka Carroll
- 9 Melissa Morrison
- 12 James DeMidio
- 19 Brenda Boyland
- 22 Cameron Goehrig
- 24 Angie Bray
- 25 Karoline Trela, Jack Hamilton

26 Karen Maliszewski  
27 Jayson Caden  
28 Marianne Węglinski

### Anniversaries

22 Kenneth & Jennifer Brown  
25 Fr. Jim & Renee Konicki

Wishing you all many years!

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## **INDEPENDENCE DAY FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION — BE THERE —**

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We invite all to join us at Spójnia Farm and the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center for a day of worship, fellowship and enjoyment on July 4th.

That day we honor the 95th anniversary of the blessing and dedication of the Spójnia Farm property by Bishop Francis Hodur on July 4th in 1929. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Prime Bishop Mikovsky at 11am followed by the blessing and dedication of the major renovation of the Great Hall/Pavilion.

Members of the Spójnia, Inc. Board of Directors will be on hand to show all the wonderful updates for Spójnia Farm as well as our plans for years to come.

During the afternoon, the United Y.M.S. of R. will host a “Family Day Celebration” with prizes, games, activities and, of course, delicious food – Homemade potato pancakes, gołąbki, kluski, pierogi, kielbasa with sauerkraut and other picnic foods.

This day is also the opening of the United Y.M.S. of R. Kurs Encampment, so you will have the opportunity to encounter and

spend time with many youth from around the P.N.C.C.

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## **Kurs 2024**

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Kurs 2024 will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4th through 13th (10 days).

Kurs is open to youth ages 8 to 17. **The Diocese is paying the full cost for attendance.**

We strongly encourage you to sign your children and young people up as soon as possible. Registration is online at <https://www.kurscamp.org/>.

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## **Confirmation and First Communion Classes**

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Classes can start at any time. If any adult or youth would like to participate, please let Fr. Jim know.

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# Convo 2024

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Parents and Grandparents of youth ages 12 to 17, and Young Adults age 18 to 20, please remember to register for Convo 2024 being held July 22nd through 26th at Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pennsylvania. There is absolutely no cost to attend for the parish's youth and young adults.

Download and complete the registration forms and submit them through Fr. Jim. All information and registration forms are here: <https://www.convo2024.com>

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## God bless you!

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Thank you so much to all who are living their Christian commitment

and are participating in Holy Mass each week and who continue to invite others, spreading the word.

*Gracias*  
MERCI  
ARIGATO  
*thank you*

To Karina and Traviss for their service at the Altar.

To Liz Battaglia and Mike Emanuele for sharing your musical talents.

To EVERYONE who made the 20th **Basket Social** the enormous success it was by donating so generously by your work in food preparation and serving, for setting up and moving, cleanup and return, for staffing the event, and a special thanks to Donna for her leadership.

To Joe Kaczynski for your wonderful work at our cemeteries and parish grounds.

To Andrea Herman for her work (currently underway) on planting out the various beds around the parish.

To Mike Emanuele for taking care of the sidewalks throughout the winter and to Pete for his backup support.

To Pete for taking care of the lawn sprinklers and cemetery water turn-on.

To Paul for repairing the ceiling in the Choir Loft.

To Roni for arranging our attendance at Jesus Christ Superstar at Proctor's Theater.

To all of you - you are a blessing and a treasure. Thank you!!!

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## **Planning For:**

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Remember - Holy Mass is every Sunday at 10am and Noon and Tuesday through Friday at Noon. The Infant of Prague Chaplet in Polish follows Noon Holy Mass on Tuesdays. May Devotions follow Noon Holy Mass on Wednesdays.

- May 1: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions follow Holy Mass.
- May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Polish Constitution Day. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 5: 6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass 10am with baptism and Noon. Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.
- May 9th: Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 10: Commemoration – Bl. Joseph Padewski, Martyr (73rd Anniversary of Martyrdom). Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 11: Women’s Empowerment Group graduation at 10am.
- May 12: 7th Sunday of Easter and Mother’s Day. Holy Mass 10am with May Crowning and Noon.
- May 19: Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon..
- May 20: Parish Committee Meets at 6pm. Mont Pleasant Veterans Memorial Service at 6:30pm (corner of Chrisler and Van Velsen St.
- May 23: Commemoration: Bl.

Jerome Savonarola, Martyr. Holy Mass at Noon.

- May 26: Trinity Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- May 27: Memorial Day - Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am.
- May 30: Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at Noon.

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## **The Angelus?**

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Did you know that church bells ring in a special way at 9am, noon, and 6pm? The Angelus bell is rung to remind us of our call

to pray the Angelus.

The Angelus is a devotion commemorating the Incarnation of Jesus. The devotion is the recitation of three verses and responses from the Bible and praying the Hail Mary in between.

During most seasons of the year the Angelus goes as follows:

*℣. The Angel of the LORD declared unto Mary*

*℞. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.*

*Hail Mary...*

*℣. Behold the handmaid of the LORD.*

*℞. Be it done unto me according to thy word.*

*Hail Mary...*

*℣. And the Word was made flesh.*

*R. And dwelt among us.*

*Hail Mary...*

*V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.*

*R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

*Amen.*

During the Easter Season, these words are replaced by Queen of Heaven

*V. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.*

*R. The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,*

*V. Has risen as he said, alleluia.*

*R. Pray to God for us, alleluia.*

*V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.*

*R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.*

*Let us pray: O God, who have been pleased to gladden the world by the Resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we pray, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may receive the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

In offering these prayers we bind ourselves closely with Mary asking that she intercede for us.

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## Food Bank News

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We received some sad news. Mr. Delvern

Cooper who had been running occasional food bank opportunities and Toys for Tots distributions at the parish died unexpectedly on March 22nd. We grieve for his wife children, and entire family. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord!

There is still a great need for a food bank in Mont Pleasant. To that end Fr. Jim has been meeting with representatives from the Daily Bread Food Panty at St. Luke's on State Street, Sycamore Collaborative (formerly SiCM), the Northeast Regional Food Bank, the Schenectady City Council, and others to discuss making this possible at our location.

As you might imagine, resources get stretched thin, and no one organization can 'go it alone.' To that end we are collaborating together, with the concurrence of the Parish Committee, to get this going.

The tentative plan is to have a weekly food bank satellite location at the parish beginning toward the end of June. It would likely be held Mondays from 3 until 5pm.

To understand the impact this effort would make, please see the short 2 1/2 minute film "Hidden Hunger" here: <https://youtu.be/iKbj8kFmAWg?si=u3-f0H228Jiqcke->

If you would like to participate in support of this effort by volunteering, please see Fr. Jim.

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## A Ministry for You?

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We need people to minister in Jesus' model as Altar Servers, Lectors, and School of Christian Living Teachers. Please see Fr. Jim.

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## ***Refinishing HELP***

### ***Needed***

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The parish has a very old set of wooden funeral candle bases (the base for the candles placed alongside the casket). They are in poor repair. They need to be thoroughly cleaned, stripped, and refinished in black lacquer. If you have the skills and can help make these part of the honor we pay to our dearly departed, please see Fr. Jim.

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## **Season of Mysteries**

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In the month of May we conclude the 50 day Easter Season with the celebration of Pentecost on May 19th.

The following Sunday (May 26th) is Trinity Sunday in which we encounter the Mystery of the Holy Trinity. The following Thursday (May 30th) we celebrate Corpus Christi - the Mystery of the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior which we receive at Holy Mass. NO, it is not a symbol or a representation - it is His Body and Blood. The Sunday following the completion of the Corpus Christ Octave (June 9th) is a new Solemnity established in our Holy Church - that of the Word of God.

Encountering these Mysteries (the Trinity, Body and Blood, and Word) help us to recognize the great love of God Who shows Himself forth in relationship, presence, and word for our upbuilding. We do not have to understand the how's and why's of these Mysteries, just to accept them in faith and with great joy.

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## ***The Altamont Fair***

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Our parish was able to secure sponsorship of the Chapel at the Altamont Fair (August 13—18). The Chapel was built in 1973 to fill the religious needs of the many traveling people and carnival workers. Almost all of the furnishings in the chapel were donated by individuals and churches. We will have a sign outside and literature in the Chapel. Fr. Jim will celebrate Holy Mass there. We could use volunteers for one day to staff the Chapel. See Fr. Jim for dates/times.



# May

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1		1 Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions follow.	2 Holy Mass at Noon.	3 Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Holy Mass at Noon.	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am with Baptism and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.  Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.		Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague follows.	Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions follow.	Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at Noon.	Commemoration of Bl. Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr (72nd Anniversary). Holy Mass at Noon.	Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
7th Sunday of Easter. Mother's Day. Holy Mass at 10am with May Crowning and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.		Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague follows.	Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions follow.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.	Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.  Mont Pleasant Memorial Day Service at 6:30pm.	Fr. Jim in Scranton.	Fr. Jim in Scranton.	Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola. Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	Memorial Day. Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am else at church.	Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague follows.	Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions follow.	Solemnity – Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	

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