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"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD..."

In this Easter Season we hear much about God the Father's character, i.e., what He is all about.

Each of us may see God the Father in different ways. Perhaps some really connect with what Jesus told us, He is our dad, a loving and caring Father. For others, we may see Him as a judge. Some may see in Him the balance of justice and mercy

St. John, the beloved disciple, would later write much about the character and nature of love as found in God: *So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.* (1 John 4:16-18)

The thought of God as love moves John to talk about God's love "perfected among us." The Greek word translated "perfected"

(teleios) means "reaching a goal", or "finishing" and "completing" something. It is the word Jesus cried from the cross, "*It is finished!*" (John 19:30). Jesus was telling the world that in His death God's redeeming work was finished, having reached the Father's goal.

As much as John speaks of love he speaks of us. He uses words like *we*, *us*, and those who *abide*. God's perfect love completed the work of salvation in Jesus on the cross, but we who abide here still have much to do.

As we accord more and more to the way of Jesus we reach a perfection of love that is like the Father's. We come into a unity of love as exists between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God's love takes active action in us reaching love's goal and causing His Kingdom to grow.

We have a goal we are headed toward. So, let us live His love in greater and greater ways, eventually reaching that point where we can truly empty ourselves for love of our brothers and sisters, and can say along with Jesus, we have completed our work.

Holy Week and Easter Joy

This year's Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday (April 20th) 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.

21st Annual Basket Social Celebration



The 21st 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. **THANK YOU!!!**

Good Shepherd Sunday



On Sunday, May 11th we celebrate 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.

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 11th is also 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.

May Marian Devotions

We will offer sung Marian Devotions throughout May on Wednesdays at 3pm. Please join us.

Solemnity of the Ascension



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 29th at Noon in celebration of the Solemnity.

Men's Spiritual Retreat



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 18th through Saturday, June 21st 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: **"For us Men, and for our Salvation" Men of the Creed: Living the Truth We Profess** in recognition of this year's 1700th anniversary of the Nicene Creed..

The registration costs are covered. 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.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLY MASS



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 26th 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.

Milestones to Celebrate:

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

Anniversaries

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

Wishing you all many years!

INDEPENDENCE DAY FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION — BE THERE —

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.

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.

Kurs 2025



Kurs 2025 will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation

Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4th through 12th (9 days).

Kurs is open to youth ages 8 to 17.
The full cost for participation is

covered.

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

God bless you!



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.

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

To EVERYONE who made the 21st **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 Gayle for her leadership.

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

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 and Tom for installation of the new tankless water heater.

To all of you - you are a blessing

and a treasure. Thank you!!!

Planning For:

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 are at 3pm on Wednesdays. Food Pantry is Mondays from 3pm until 5:30pm.

- May 1: Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Polish Constitution Day.
- May 4: 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass 10am and Noon. Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.
- May 10: Commemoration – Bl. Joseph Padewski, Martyr (74th Anniversary of Martyrdom). Ordination of Deacon Sean Dodd to the Holy Priesthood at 10am at St. Stanislaus Cathedral. Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.
- May 11: Good Shepherd Sunday and Mother's Day. Holy Mass 10am (with May Crowning) and Noon.
- May 16-17: Annual PNCC/YMSofR Bowling Outing, Hamtramck, MI.
- May 18: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass 10am and Noon.
- May 19: Parish Committee Meets at 6pm. Mont Pleasant Veterans Memorial Service at 6:30pm (corner of Chrysler and Van Velsen St.)
- May 20: Commemoration - St. Bernadine of Siena. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 23: Commemoration: Bl. Jerome Savonarola, Martyr. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 25: 6th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass 10am and Noon.
- May 26: Memorial Day - Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am.
- May 29th: Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 30 - June 1: Mission & Evangelism Workshop, Denver, CO.

The Angelus?



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.

℟. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

℣. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Amen.

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

℣. Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

℟. The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,

℣. Has risen as he said, alleluia.

℟. Pray to God for us, alleluia.

℣. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

℟. 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.

A Ministry for You?

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

The Altamont Fair

Our parish was able to secure sponsorship of the Chapel at the Altamont Fair (August 12—17) once again.

The Chapel was built in 1973 to fill the religious needs of the many traveling people and carnival workers.

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 greet Chapel visitors and talk about our parish. See Fr. Jim for dates/times.

Lord, who...?

Lord, show me who needs Your love today, and give me opportunities to love them. Help me have eyes to see every person as an image-bearer of God and give me Your heart for everyone around me. In Jesus' name, Amen!

May

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon.	2 Holy Mass at Noon.	3 Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Polish Constitution Day
4 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.	5 Food Pantry, 3-6pm	6 Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague follows.	7 May Devotions at 3pm.	8 Holy Mass at Noon.	9 Fr. Jim in Scranton.	10 Commemoration of Bl. Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr (73rd Anniversary). Ordination at the Cathedral. Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.
11 Good Shepherd Sunday. Mother's Day. Holy Mass at 10am with May Crowning and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	12 Food Pantry, 3-6pm	13 Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague follows.	14 May Devotions at 3pm.	15 Holy Mass at Noon.	16 PNCC/YMSofR Bowling Outing, Hamtramck, MI Holy Mass at Noon.	17 PNCC/YMSofR Bowling Outing, Hamtramck, MI
18 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	19 Food Pantry, 3-6pm Parish Committee Meets at 6pm. Mont Pleasant Memorial Day Service at 6:30pm.	20 Commemoration – St. Bernadine of Siena. Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague follows.	21 May Devotions at 3pm.	22 Holy Mass at Noon.	23 Commemoration - Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola. Holy Mass at Noon.	24
25 6th Sunday of Easter Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.	26 Memorial Day. Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am else at church. NO Food Pantry.	27 Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague follows.	28 May Devotions at 3pm.	29 Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at Noon.	30 Mission & Evangelism Conference, Denver, CO. Holy Mass at Noon.	31 Mission & Evangelism Conference, Denver, CO.

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