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NEWSLETTER

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AS IN WATER FACE REFLECTS FACE, SO THE HEART OF MAN REFLECTS THE MAN.

Many passages in Scripture discuss our outward bearing, our words, the way we treat others as a reflection of what is within us.

Is that a sorry prospect for us? Is our first instinct to work on covering up and over those things that are not so pleasant?

If that is our instinct, and if we are truthful, we quickly realize that covering up isn't going to work. Remember our parents telling us that lies only compound lies. If we are old enough to remember the Watergate scandal, we may recall one of the lessons learned: The coverup is often worse than the crime.

It is daunting to recognize the brokenness we may have, taking account of those things that are not so good, how they seep out of us in words and actions, and how they turn our thoughts to evil things.

Thankfully there is a whole bunch of medicine offered this June.

There is of course the gifts we receive from the Holy Spirit celebrated on Pentecost -

particularly Wisdom and Understanding that help us recognize what is broken and commit to all need to heal.

On Trinity Sunday we see the relationship of the Father, Son, and Spirit and aspire to the mutual love They have.

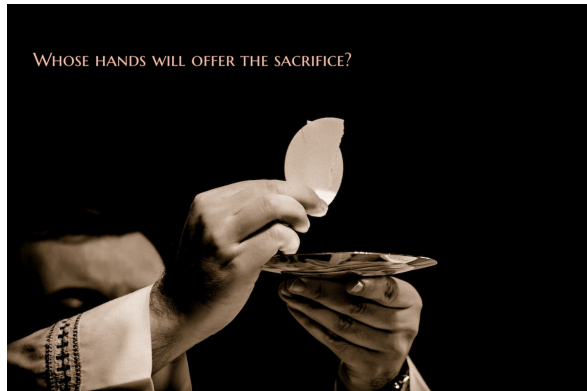
In the Holy Eucharist celebrated in the Octave of Corpus Christi we draw close to Jesus and take Him into ourselves - He Who is the source of all healing and love.

On The Solemnity of the Word we ascent to God's Word given to us, to walking the way Jesus showed we must walk. There we find ideal compliance with God's way of life.

Throughout the month we most particularly focus on Jesus' Sacred Heart. His heart is the model for ours. His outpouring is the manner by which we are healed.

As His blood and water was poured out for the sake of love and healing, let us set to work on carrying the image of His heart stamped on our hearts so that His heart in us shines forth in our outward bearing.

NEEDED: STRONG, DETERMINED, BRAVE, AND FAITHFUL MEN



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.

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 through the Seminary Website at <https://www.savonarola.net/>.

Vocations - Good News

I have been so blessed. Over the past seven years, as Chair of the

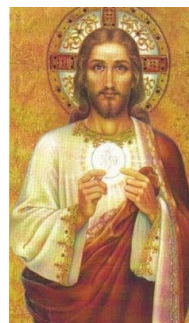
Churchwide Sacred Vocations Commission, I have been meeting with a group of many discerning their call to the Holy Priesthood. We hope to have up to five additional students in residence in the Fall and we pray to be joined by more thereafter.

Our prayer is working - God's promise to hear us and respond is always true. Please continue to pray.

JUNE - MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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.

EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR



Please join us on Thursday, June 26th at Noon for a Eucharistic Holy Hour for vocations. 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.

Clergy Pension – Donate and Pray



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 – 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!

Father's Day



On Sunday, June 15th 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.*

Summertime Events

Summertime events are on. **Please participate in these events:**

Men's Retreat: 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. Information for sign-up is in the back of the church.

Kurs 2025 with the theme Handed On will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4th through 12th (9 days). If you have not done so, please register at <https://www.kurscamp.org>. Please remember, the parish and Diocese pays all fees, so when registering do not pay.

NUC Convention and Music Workshop, from July 30 - August 1, McKeesport, PA.

Annual Parish Picnic will likely take place on August 17th. Stay tuned for more info.

YMSofR Golf Outing in Buffalo-August 15-17.

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

Milestones to Celebrate:

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

Anniversaries

22 Peter & Elizabeth Battaglia
22 Larry & Donna Panfil

Wishing you all many years!

With Thanks

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.

To the members of our Parish Committee for their hard work and sacrifice.

To Paul, Pete, and Jeff for branch cutting at HNJ Cemetery.

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

To Linda for her work on the pot planters on the church steps.

To Joe and Andrea for your oversight of the kitchen, coffee hour, and cleaning.

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!!!

The Solemnity and Octave of Corpus Christi

On June 19th we will celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ at the Annual Men's Retreat.

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.

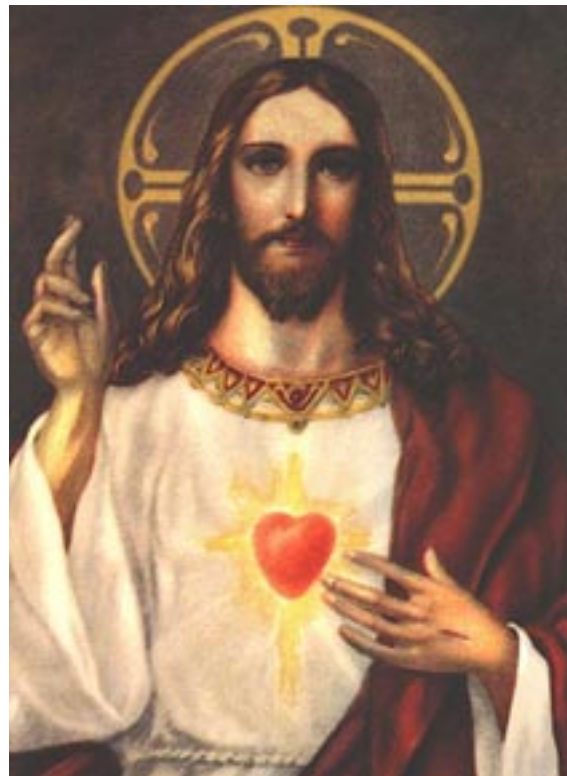
The Solemnity of Corpus Christi has been solemnly celebrated in parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church since her organization. Its complete celebration lasts for eight days, an Octave.

A New Solemnity

Word of God Sunday is our newest solemnity in the PNCC, and will be celebrated this year on June 29th. It is designed in our Church to be observed the Sunday after Corpus Christi Sunday. The liturgical color is white, and the readings are found in the PNCC ordo (liturgical calendar). The Word of God Sunday is a very important occasion for us, because

of the uniqueness of the Word of God as Sacrament in the PNCC. May we give thanks and praise to God for His Many Blessings!

The Sacred Heart



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 our piety for Christ. It calls us to conversion, love, 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. Join us on Wednesday, June 4th, 11th, and 25th for Sacred Heart devotions at noon.

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.

Planning For:

Holy Mass on Sundays is at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted. Daily Holy Mass is held Tuesday through Friday at Noon. See the attached calendar for details.

Christmas Vigil Raffle

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

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>	
	
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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 14th. You do not need to be present to win. Please promote this to friends and family.

PNA Offers



The Polish National Alliance (PNA) has great offers for those needing insurance or who wish to invest in higher yielding annuities and IRAs. See Fr. Jim if you have questions or would like to sign up. We are Lodge P-140. More info coming soon.

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Sacred Vocations Month – Please Pray

Sunday 1	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7
7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon with Baptism. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	Food Pantry 3pm, until 6pm.	Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.	Devotions to the Sacred Heart at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	Food Pantry 3pm, until 6pm.	Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.	Feast – St. Barnabas, Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon followed by Devotions to the Sacred Heart	Holy Mass at Noon.	Commemoration - St. Anthony of Padua. Holy Mass at Noon.	Women's Group Meets at 10am. Pizza and Game Night at 5pm.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Trinity Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Father's Day.	Food Pantry 3pm, until 6pm Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm..	Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.	Men's Spiritual Retreat	Solemnity pf Corpus Christi. Men's Spiritual Retreat Juneteenth	Men's Spiritual Retreat	Men's Spiritual Retreat
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Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	Food Pantry 3pm, until 6pm.	Solemnity – St. John the Baptist. Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.	Devotions to the Sacred Heart at Noon.	Octave of Corpus Christi. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at Noon.	Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus. Holy Mass at Noon.	
29	30					
Solemnity of the Word of God. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles (translated). Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry 3pm, until 6pm.					
COMING UP:	July 4: Independence Day Celebration at Spójnia Farm starting with Holy Mass at 11am. Kurs Begins.		July 4 – 12: Kurs			

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