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AND WE ALL, WITH UNVEILED FACE, BEHOLDING THE GLORY OF THE LORD,
ARE BEING TRANSFORMED INTO THE SAME IMAGE FROM ONE DEGREE OF
GLORY TO ANOTHER.

Summertime brings wonderful things to our lives. There are activities, fairs, celebrations, and time with family. There tends to be a more relaxed mood. Some people update their soundtrack to the Beach Boys and other summer favorites. We even tend to feel better. And... we do not have to shovel snow and bundle up, although maybe this year we should invest in a new umbrella.

Summer is a model for transformation and that is a wonderful thing. We may not like change, but being transformed has a far better connotation.

In Christianity, transformation refers to the ongoing process of becoming more like Christ, a journey of spiritual growth that begins with our baptism and continues throughout our lives. It's not a one-time event, but rather a dynamic process of being renewed, sanctified, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Those words are an echo of what we celebrated in June - the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, the life of

the Trinity which is the model God created us in, the Holy Eucharist which richly fills us with the grace to be transformed into the image of Christ, and the celebration of God's Word which calls us to walk in God's way, to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

We may have heard comments in a movie or television show, or from a negative person: You haven't changed since you were a kid; you're still the same. We should not take that to heart. A good comeback: No I have not changed, but I am being transformed.

The fact is that as believing Christians we have opened our lives to transformation.

As we enjoy the beauty and richness of this summer season, let us take some time to reflect on that journey of transformation. Both as a parish and as individuals we are not what we were yesterday or in the days, months, and years that have passed. Jesus calls us to be ever new and to celebrate the transformation He brings to us.

Fr. Jim Away

Fr. Jim will be Chaplain at this year's Kurs Encampment. He will be away from July 4th through 12th. He will also be away for the Civil Air Patrol New York Wing Cadet Encampment from July 21st through 26th. He and Renee are taking a vacation from August 1st through 7th. This year's Clergy Retreat will be held from August 11th through 13th. If there is an extreme emergency during these periods, please call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-453-2258.

MEN'S RETREAT THANK YOU



The YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat concluded June 21st. It was a joy to be together with the men of the Church in prayer, adoration, and learning. Paul Zawistowski from the parish also attended.

This year's focus was on the Creed and how we live our Trinitarian Faith. Paul did a wonderful write-up and presentation on the experience which is available at church.

HNJ at the Altamont Fair



We have undertaken sponsorship of the Chapel at the Altamont Fair (August 12-17).

This is a wonderful privilege. We will be placing information about our parish in the chapel and will have a sign outdoors.

Friday, August 15th has been designated as our day to be present at the chapel. Fr. Jim will hold Holy Mass at 11am that day. The Chapel is located near Gate 3 in the Grove Area across from the Hometown Heroes Museum.

We request volunteers to be greeters/welcomers at the chapel that day after Holy Mass between noon and 8pm.

Admittance to the Fair is complimentary for all volunteering (we will provide you with tickets). Please see Fr. Jim if you have questions.

Summertime Events

We welcome all to great summer events including:

- **Kurs 2025** with the theme 'Teamwork' will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4th through 12th (9 days). Since the Church is celebrating the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, and the Symbol of Faith, our Creed, our faith theme will be: 'The Nicene Creed – the Church coming together as a team to face major challenges.'
- **NUC Convention and Music Workshop**, from July 30 - August 1, MeKeesport, PA.
- **YMSofR Golf Outing** will take place in the Buffalo, NY area on Saturday, August 15-17.

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

Our Annual Parish Community Picnic

Church Picnic



Our annual picnic will be held on the parish

grounds on Sunday, August 17th starting at 11:15am. Invite friends and family. Bring a dish to share.

Happy Summer

We wish all of our young people and

all the youth of our neighborhood a joyful and blessed summer season.

As we reflect on the successes and challenges of this past school year, may we see them as opportunities for growth.

Let us pray especially that our Lord watch over and protect our young people and children this summer.

With Thanks

To all who continue to pray, sacrifice, and serve in Christian love and charity on behalf of our parish.

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

To Liz and Mike for their service each Sunday.

To all who attended our Eucharistic Holy Hours for vocations and prayed for vocations throughout June. Keep it up!

To the men of the parish who attended the YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat.

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

God bless you and reward you! Bóg zapłać! Thank you!!!

Our Church and A Prayer For Our Country

Independence Day held a special place in the hearts of the founding generation of our Church. The call to freedom and independence from



oppression was vivid in the minds of our organizers. So often the church looks for a religiously significant occasion on which to perform her special rites.

Our organizers saw the promises and opportunities of this nation as blessings from God and determined to specifically celebrate this day. In honor of the 247th birthday of our country let us pray:

We thank Thee, Lord, for America, our home. We bless Thee for the liberty, the opportunity, and the abundance we share. But above all we praise Thee for the traditions which have made our country great, and for patriots who have laid the foundations through faith, courage, and self-sacrifice. Teach us in our own day the meaning of citizenship, and help us to be faithful stewards of the responsibility which Thou entrusted to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for our Country from A Book of Devotions and Prayers According to the Use of the Polish National Catholic Church.

Milestones to Celebrate:

July Birthdays

2 Gayle Clas
3 Jaime Bylina, John Clas, Kimberly Maliszewski, Richard Okonsky Jr.
4 Ken Brown
7 Eva Kubinska

8 Michael Ruchalski
12 Stanley Podkulski
16 Lawrence Panfil Jr.
19 Jason Lennon
22 Matthew Zebrowski
26 Alexander Oravsky, Andrea Herman
27 Sebesany Rios, Kathleen Maliszewski
28 Mel Prusky
29 Ronald O'Connor

July Anniversaries

14 Chad & Amber Smith
20 Edward & Claudia Bertasso
27 Zachary Prusky & Kristen Smith

August Birthdays

1 Wendy Williams
5 Christine D'Amico
7 Karen Cimmino
8 Taylor Garrison
10 Matthew Hines, Renee Konicki, Joanne Bauer
12 Ginny Dinsmore
14 Stephanie Konicki-Ferguson
15 Roger Jarosz
18 Carson Hobson
19 Joanne Hernick
25 Alyssa DePaula Carlson
29 Tyme LaPorte Smith
30 Gabriella Martineau
31 Teresa Mazzone

Wishing you all many years! Sto Lat!

PNA Annuities



There are great PNA annuity rates available, up to 5.25% presently. Please see Fr. Jim if you are interested.

July & August

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		July 1	2	3	4	5
			Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M.		Independence Day. Holy Mass and Picnic, Waymart, PA at 11am. Kurs Camp	Kurs Camp
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
14th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at Noon ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil. Kurs Camp	Food Pantry 3-6pm. Kurs Camp	Kurs Camp	Kurs Camp	Kurs Camp	Kurs Camp	Women's Empowerment Group at 10am. Kurs Camp Ends
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
24th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Joe Kaczynski.	Food Pantry 3-6pm. Parish Committee Meets	Holy Mass at Noon.	Solemnity – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
16th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Lauren DeBlois.	Food Pantry 3-6pm. CAP NY Wing Encampment	CAP NY Wing Encampment	CAP NY Wing Encampment	CAP NY Wing Encampment	Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle.	Commemoration Ss. Joachim & Ann,
27	28	29	30	31	August 1	2
17th Sunday in OT. 1 Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Larry Panfil.	Food Pantry 3-6pm.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon. NUC Convention,	Holy Mass at Noon. NUC Convention,	NUC Convention,	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
18th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at Noon ONLY. Lector Joe Kaczynski.	Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen. Food Pantry 3-6pm.		Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord.			Women's Empowerment Group at 10am.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
19th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Lauren DeBlois.	Clergy Retreat Food Pantry 3-6pm.	Clergy Retreat	Clergy Retreat		Solemnity – Dormition. Holy Mass at Noon. Holy Mass at 11am at the Fair.	YMSofR Golf Outing. Buffalo, NY
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
20th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector Larry Panfil. Parish Picnic.	Food Pantry 3-6pm.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
21st Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Joe Kaczynski.	Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle. Food Pantry 3-6pm.	Solemnity – Our Lady of Częstochowa. Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist. Holy Mass at Noon.	
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22nd Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Lauren DeBlois.						

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