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BUT THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO GIVES US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

As this newsletter was being prepared we were in the midst of final preparations for our 19th Annual Basket Social. The gołabki (gołumbki, golumpki, piggies) were being made, the programs printed, the baskets organized and sorted, and finally everything moved into place (tables, the microphone/speaker, food, all the odds and ends).

Leading up to the Basket Social there was of course normal trepidation. Will anyone show up? What other events will pull people away that weekend? The only worry I did not hear concerned the weather, but I am sure someone must have mentioned it.

The weeks leading up provided perfect opportunities to talk about what really mattered: faith that overcomes all things, confidence, victory in Christ, and the care of the Good Shepherd - on the very day of the Basket Social.

Immersed in the Easter Season those are the things we celebrate and most central to our celebration is victory, winning.

In the end, the Basket Social was a great success, the most successful ever. We literally won.

In this winning we are reminded to really focus on the victory we have in Christ Jesus. Yes, we did very well. Yes, this year was a success. But what happens tomorrow and the day after and into eternity.

1 Corinthians 15:57 reminds us of what should be primary to us, at the top of our agenda. It is not momentary wins and occasional losses, but eternal victory in the defeat of death by the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. It is the forgiveness of our sins.

St. Paul continually focuses his teaching on Jesus' victory which has made us a new people. He tells us: *"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us"* (Romans 8:37).

As we prepare for the big things in the life of our faith family, our own families, and our daily lives let us concentrate on what resolute faith teaches us - that we are indeed winners, victors, and conquerors through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Week and Easter Joy

This year's Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday were a complete joy!

The church was beautifully filled with its people, enrolled in the Kingdom of God, and we shared in Jesus Who has saved us.

Basket Social BEST EVER



The 19th Basket Social is now in the books. Due to your support and hard work we raised a record amount of money, over

\$9,000. **THANK YOU!!!**

Good Shepherd Sunday



On Sunday, April 30th we celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday. Holy Mass that day was offered for all parishioners of the former Good Shepherd parish in Amsterdam,

living and deceased.

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 14th 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.

May Marian Devotions

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

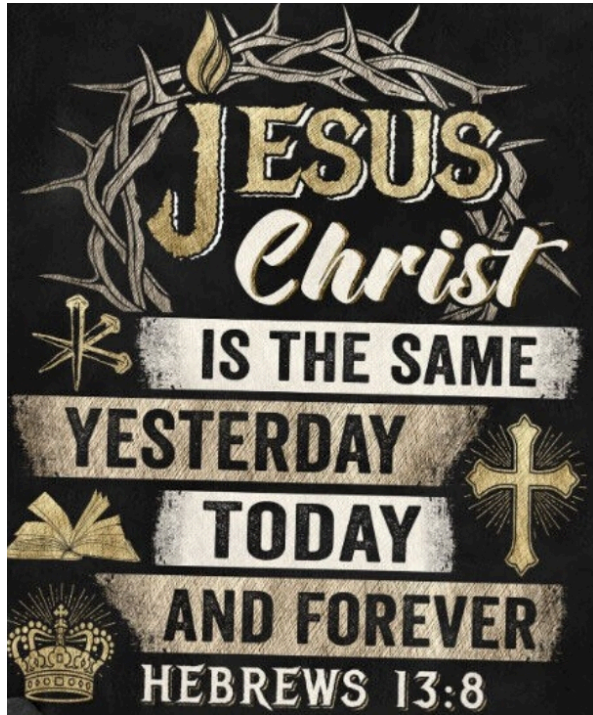
Solemnity of the Ascension



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 18th 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 14th through Saturday, June 17th 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: **Christ the Same** based on Hebrews 13:8: **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.**

In-Person attendance is \$125 for three nights or \$100 for two nights. The fee includes all meals, beverages, and snacks; Retreat materials and printouts; and a Retreat gift bag. **The parish will cover your registration.**

Meet the speakers and get information as well as sign-up at <https://sites.google.com/view/ymsofrmensretreat/home>.

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 29th 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
28 Marianne Węglinski

Anniversaries

22 Kenneth & Jennifer Brown
25 Fr. Jim & Renee Konicki
Wishing you all many years!

Kurs 2023



Kurs 2023 will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 1st through 8th (8 days).

This year's theme is Kurs 2.0 -Level Up Faith, "Take time to connect to God, friends, and self."

Kurs is open to youth ages 8 to 17. **The parish pays 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/>.

ANS Convention

The National Women's Adoration Society is holding its convention May 19 -20 at Holy Trinity Parish in Plantsville, CT. Two of our women, Liz and Denise are attending along with Fr. Jim.

Other Summer Activities

- **May 19 - 20: National Adoration Society Convention,** Plantsville, CT.
 - **June 2 - 4: 76th YMS of R Bowling Tournament** at Valley Lanes in Carbondale, PA. More details, contact Art Golembeski Jr., President YMS of R Bowlers at arthurgolembeski@gmail.com.
 - **June 14 - 17: Men's Retreat,** Waymart, PA.
 - **July 1 - 8: Kurs,** Waymart, PA.
 - **August 9 - 11: National United Choirs Convention and Music Workshop,** Dupont, PA.
 - **August 26 - 27: Annual YMS of R Golf Tournament.** Parma, OH.
 - **October 20-22: YMS of R Convention.** Norwich, CT.
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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 Karina, Mari, and Traviss for their service at the Altar.

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

Gracias
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ARIGATO
thank you

To EVERYONE who made the 19th **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 everyone who chipped in and worked so hard throughout Holy Week in serving, cleaning, preparing the altars, playing, singing, and just being there for Jesus.

To Alyssa and her team for a wonderful **Easter Basket project**. These baskets were not only physically beautiful, but spiritually uplifting and a real light in people's lives. Just seeing the faces of those who received them was enough to know that this project brought meaning beyond words.

To Joe Kaczynski for your wonderful work at our cemeteries.

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 every weekday at Noon.

- May 1: Translated Solemnity of St. Joseph the Workman. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 2nd: Translated Feast, Ss. Philip & James, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 3: Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Polish Constitution Day. Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions at 3pm.
- May 4 - 5: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 7: 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass 10am with baptism and Noon. Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.
- May 8 - 9: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 10: Commemoration – Bl. Joseph Padewski, Martyr (72nd Anniversary of Martyrdom). NO Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions at 3pm.
- May 11 - 12: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 13: Women's Empowerment Group graduation at 10am.
- May 14: 6th Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day. Holy Mass 10am with May Crowning and Noon.
- May 15 - 16: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 17: Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions at 3pm.
- May 18: Solemnity – Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 19: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 21: 7th Sunday of Easter. Deacon Service at 10am.

- May 22: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 23: Commemoration: Bl. Jerome Savonarola, Martyr. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 24: Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions at 3pm.
- May 25 - 26: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 28: Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- May 29: Memorial Day - Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am.
- May 30: Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 31: Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions at 3pm.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO LOVE - WE NEED YOU!

We have numerous opportunities to give of ourselves in unconditional ways. **Please seriously consider putting in the volunteer work necessary to serve our community**, those most in need. Let us in this way imitate the love of our God.

CarePortal helps keep families together and bridges urgent needs for the most basic of things needed for safe living. To help out see Paul or Lauren.



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Greatness inc., a Schenectady based not-for-profit organization and the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York to operate a **Food Pantry** exclusively serving the Mont Pleasant community. The Food Bank and the Schenectady Foundation have identified Mont Pleasant (our neighborhood) as a food desert with a population in great need. A couple of volunteers to support Fr. Jim in oversight would be very helpful.

Jesus in speaking of the greatest commandment spoke of only one thing: Love. Love of God and love of

neighbor. These two loves are equal and inseparable and we cannot claim to be Christian unless we treat them so (cf. 1 John 4:20-21).

Refinishing HELP Needed



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 honor we pay to our dearly departed, please see Fr. Jim.

Confirmation and First Communion Classes

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

Father's Day Honors and Prayer for Vocations



The month of June offers us the opportunity to both say thank you and to focus our prayer on the future fathers - servants of our Holy Church.

In mid-April, Fr. Jim attended Holy Mass along with the Rite of Tonsure and the reception of Moor orders by our Seminarian Sean Dodd. We expect two more to enter the Seminary this Fall. We need to support these men by both our prayer and by acknowledging what they do for us.

In June we pray for all fathers, both lay and clergy, past and present as a means of expressing gratitude,

remembrance, and love for all they have done for our families and for our Church.

For continued support of our Clergy Pension Fund and to acknowledge ALL FATHERS, we will publish in the June issue of God's Field - Rola Boza your name and the name of the father you wish to acknowledge or remember.

For each acknowledgement or remembrance, we are requesting a minimum donation of \$25, payable to the Clergy Pension Fund P.N.C.C.

We feel that this will have a two-fold affect, by acknowledging or remembering OUR FATHERS, LAY OR CLERGY, for all they have done for us and also to bolster our Clergy Pension Fund in order to show our continued support for our Clergy/our Church Fathers who make so many sacrifices each day in service to our Church.

All donations received go toward the Clergy Pension Fund of the Polish National Catholic Church.

To honor your dad or one of your spiritual fathers, please send the name of the person(s) to be remembered along with a \$25 donation per person honored by June 1st to the

Clergy Pension Fund
1006 Pittston Avenue
Scranton, PA 18505

Please make checks payable to the "Clergy Pension Fund P.N.C.C."

Thank you for your support.

May

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Solemnity. (translated) – St. Joseph the Workman. Holy Mass at Noon.	2 Feast (translated) – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon.	3 Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross. Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions at 3pm.	4 Holy Mass at Noon.	5 Holy Mass at Noon.	6
7	8 Holy Mass at Noon.	9 Holy Mass at Noon.	10 Commemoration of Bl. Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr (72nd Anniversary). NO Holy Mass today. May Devotions at 3pm.	11 Holy Mass at Noon.	12 Holy Mass at Noon.	13 Women's Empowerment Group Graduation at 10am.
14 5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.	15 Holy Mass at Noon.	16 Holy Mass at Noon. Food Bank.	17 Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions at 3pm.	18 Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at Noon.	19 Holy Mass at Noon. ANS Convention.	20 ANS Convention.
21 7th Sunday of Easter. Service of Worship and Holy Communion at 10am ONLY. Lector: Joe Kaczynski	22 Holy Mass at Noon.	23 Commemoration of the Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola. Holy Mass at Noon.	24 Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions at 3pm.	25 Holy Mass at Noon.	26 Holy Mass at Noon.	27
28 Solemnity of Pentecost. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.	29 Memorial Day. Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am else at church.	30 Holy Mass at Noon.	31 Holy Mass at Noon. May Devotions at 3pm.			

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