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"BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE INSULT YOU, PERSECUTE YOU AND FALSELY SAY ALL KINDS OF EVIL AGAINST YOU BECAUSE OF ME."

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus begins with the Beatitudes. In the ninth Beatitude above, Jesus continues by saying those insulted because of Him will *"Rejoice and be glad, because great is [their] reward in heaven."*

At this year's Men's Spiritual Retreat we erected a huge "Cross on Kicker Hill."

Some members of our Polish National Catholic Church may remember the term "Kicker." That, along with the words "warchoły" (brawlers and sowers of discord), *'heretics, unbelievers, and masons'* were used by Roman Catholics to denigrate members of the Church. In some places these words are still used. The rhyme thrown at us was: "Ringer, ringer, ring that bell. Kicker, kicker, go to hell."

Members of the Church had to choose their response. Would they return insult for insult or act in accord with Jesus' gospel way of life? They chose to act as Jesus commanded. The Solemnity of Brotherly Love was instituted in 1906 to counteract these acts of

hatred. At various gatherings of the Church and Its Societies banners stating: "Bóg z nami — Kto przeciw nam?" "God is for us — Who will stand against us?" were on display.

The Cross on Kicker Hill is a paradigm for building and the future.

As a Church and as a parish, our focus must remain on growth, building the Kingdom of God here and right now. This is done through our presence as a sanctuary of peace and security for anyone wishing to pray. It occurs through our individual acts of evangelization, bringing family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers into the family of God. It is in how we love and care for all we come into contact with. It is who we are - builders.

You may have heard of other Churches closing - Baltimore, Buffalo, and likely soon in the R.C. Diocese of Albany; nearly 50% of parishes closing. We must be prepared, going forward, as a place of refuge and welcome and a sure symbol of God's Kingdom being **built** right here. *Rejoice! Be glad!*

Fr. Jim Away

Fr. Jim will be Chaplain at this year's Kurs Encampment. He will be away from July 4th through July 13th. He will also be away for the biennial Youth Convocation, July 22nd through 26th and for the Central Diocese Clergy Retreat, August 26th through 28th. If there is an extreme emergency during this period, please call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-453-2258.

MEN'S RETREAT THANK YOU



The YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat concluded June 15th. 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 Proverbs 27:17, "*As iron sharpens iron so one man sharpens another.*" How we help each other develop and

grow as men of faith was of particular emphasis. For instance, Fr. Senior John Kowalczyk spoke on St. Paul's various companions and how they helped, supported, and developed him.

A dedication to prayerful devotion existed throughout as we gathered as a group and individually before the Holy Eucharist. We placed special emphasis on Scripture where Jesus is predicted or prefigured (Old Testament), revealed (the Gospels), and lived and taught (Acts and the Epistles).

As mentioned in this month's introduction, the 'Cross on Kicker Hill' was raised up and blessed. On Flag Day a new flag was blessed and was raised. An amazing amount of food was prepared and consumed.

The highlight of the Retreat was our Keynote Speaker, SSG Earl Granville. He spoke about the challenges he has faced (loss of a limb in Afghanistan, the death of his brother by suicide) and moving from self-centeredness to a new life of focus on overcoming and helping others to overcome.

Stay tuned for an article in an upcoming issue of God's Field which will cover each day's highlights.

I express my heartfelt thanks to all who participated and to Prime Bishop Anthony, Fr. Jason, the retreat master, the Central Committee of the YMSofR, and to all my brothers for sharing in this time; doing this work.

HNJ at the Altamont Fair



We have undertaken sponsorship of the Chapel at the Altamont Fair (August 13-18).

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

Friday, August 16th 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. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Hall.

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 2024** with the theme 'The Gifts of God for the People of God'

and 'Celebrate every day as if it were a HOLIDAY' will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4th through 13th (10 days).



- **July 22 - 26: CONVO 2024**, with the theme 'Running the Race' will take place at Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA. View the Convo website at <https://www.convo2024.com/>.
- **YMSofR Golf Outing** will take place in the Buffalo, NY area on Saturday, August 24.

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 18th 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.

Almighty and Eternal God, Father most kind, Who in Thy plan of Salvation of mankind did resolve, that one generation shall follow another in fulfilling the tasks of temporal life, and prepares wisely and good everything in the universe; keep in Thy tender care the youth of our Church, individually and collectively, that our youth may always understand those things which are in harmony with Thy holy Will and bring true happiness; - and that service to Thee in our youth is the only assurance of tranquility in the sunset of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

Independence Day Celebration at Spojnia Farm



As noted above, Independence Day marks a very important day in the life of our Church and Nation. On this day, 95 years ago, Blessed Francis Hodur consecrated the newly purchased Spójnia Farm in Waymart, PA.

On July 4th, we will begin with Holy Mass at the Farm celebrated by Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky at 11am. Following Holy Mass, we will hold the re-dedication of the Great

Hall. Following the blessing a Polish style picnic lunch will be served. Members of the Spójnia Board will be on hand to point out accomplishments to date and building plans for the future.

The afternoon will have fun and games for everyone. Please plan on attending this big event in the life of our Church.

God Bless Gabby Martineau

On her graduation from Hamilton-Fulton-Montgomery BOCES. For nine years Gabby has also been an Ambassador with the Montgomery County NY Dairy Promotion and will continue as an Ambassador next year. The Ambassador Program is funded by New York State and develops youth advocates for the dairy industry. The program builds critical professional skills and confidence among young individuals who are passionate about the dairy industry.

Gabby will be attending Herkimer College starting this Fall. God bless you in your accomplishments and be with you on your journey.

Food Bank Progress

As mentioned in our May Newsletter, there is still a great need for a food bank in Mont Pleasant.

We have been regularly meeting with representatives from the Daily

Bread Food Party at St. Luke's on State Street, the Northeast Regional Food Bank, the Schenectady City Council, and others and have developed a plan of action.

Grants have been obtained to procure equipment (refrigerator, freezer, shelving, rolling carts, and dollies) and they have been put in place in the side room next to the stage.

The tentative Ribbon Cutting and start date is July 29th. The tentative ribbon cutting will take place at Noon that day. The Food Bank will be open every Monday from 3pm to 6pm. This especially helps the working poor.

We are seeking volunteers who might help in making calls Monday mornings from 9am to 11am (you do not need to be there the whole time) and from 2pm to 6pm on Monday afternoon for packing boxes and serving guests. Again, you do not need to be there the whole time.

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

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!

Planning For:

Holy Masses on Sundays are at 10am and Noon and Daily at noon unless otherwise noted.

- July 2: Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M.
- July 4: Annual Independence Day Holy Mass & Picnic at Spójnia

Farm, Waymart, PA starting at 11am. Kurs Begins.

- July 4 - 13: Kurs Encampment, Waymart, PA.
- July 7: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at Noon ONLY**

No Daily Holy Masses July 4 - 13. Fr. Jim at Kurs.

- July 6: Commemoration of John Hus, Priest and Martyr
- July 13: Women's Empowerment at 10am.
- July 14: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 15 Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.
- July 16 - 19 Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 20: Rich Liebert Memorial Service at Emmerich Funeral Home. Time TBD.
- July 21: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- July 22 - 26 **CONVO 2024.**

No Daily Holy Masses July 22 - 26. Fr. Jim at Convo

- July 25: Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon.
- July 26: Commemoration of Ss. Joachim & Ann, Parents of the B.V.M. Food Bank Kick-off.
- July 28: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 3: Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen.
- August 4: 18th Sunday in Ordinary

Time.

- August 6: Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord.
- August 10: Women's Empowerment at 10am.
- August 11: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- August 15: Solemnity - Dormition of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at Noon with Blessing of flowers, herbs, fruits, and vegetables.
- August 18: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **One Holy Mass at 10am. Parish Picnic follows.**
- August 24: Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle. YMSofR Golf Outing. Buffalo, NY.
- August 25: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Youth Sunday.

No Daily Holy Masses August 26 - 28. Fr. Jim at Clergy Retreat.

- August 26 - 28: Central Diocese Clergy Retreat, Easton, PA.
- August 26: Solemnity - Our Lady of Czestochowa.
- August 29: Solemnity - Beheading of St. John the Baptist.
- September 1: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
- September 2: **Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon at Good Shepherd Cemetery (weather permitting, otherwise at church).**

Relationships, Marriages Parenting - Growth and Learning

The Rev. Dr. Stan Jasiurkowski who is a U.S. Army Chaplain has been writing articles for God's Field concerning issues of relationship, marriage, parenting, and family life. These articles are very insightful, come from lived experience, and are an asset to all of us who are in relationship.

Among the articles are:

The Foundation of a Healthy Marriage, January 2024 at https://pncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/jan_2024_gods_field_online.pdf

Communication: The Lifeline of a Christian Marriage, February 2024 at https://pncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/feb_2024_gods_field_online.pdf

Navigating Marital Conflict: Understanding and Managing Perpetual Problems and Reignite the Spark: Oxygen Event Helps Couples Breathe New Life into Love, March 2024 at https://pncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/mar_2024_gods_field_online.pdf

Faith and Psychology on the Path to Enduring Love, April 2024 at https://pncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/apr_2024_gods_field_online.pdf

The Significance of Forgiveness in Christian Marriage, May 2024

at https://pncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/may_2024_gods_field_online.pdf

Parenting as a Divine Responsibility, June 2024 at https://pncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/jun_2024_gods_field_online.pdf

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The Cross on Kicker Hill



July & August

2024

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

September 2: Labor Day. Holy Mass at Noon at Good Shepherd Cemetery (weather permitting, otherwise at church).

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