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**NEWSLETTER**  
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BE OF THE SAME MIND, HAVING THE SAME LOVE, BEING IN FULL  
ACCORD AND OF ONE MIND.

The passage above is taken from the second chapter, second verse of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians. Starting at verse five we enter the great Christological hymn:

*Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, Who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited*

Christology is a branch of theology relating to the person, nature, and work of Jesus Christ. It focuses on the hypostatic union—how Jesus is simultaneously fully divine and fully human. It considers the various aspects of His roles, for instance Jesus as prophet, priest, sacrifice, redeemer, and savior. These roles speak to us in a very particular way during Holy Week and Easter.

We hear the text of this Christological hymn as our Epistle on Palm Sunday. The reading of that Epistle prepares us for the hearing of the Passion narrative. We see Jesus's great trial, suffering, and death. We pause to wonder why it had to be that way. As St. Paul says, it is because He *humbled Himself*.

The days of Holy Week walk us through Jesus' experiences. Ever since I was a young man I continually committed myself to walking with Jesus through these days, from having His feet anointed in preparation for His death, to Judas' betrayal, the Last Supper, His arrest, trial, scourging and crowing with thorns, mocking, journey to Calvary, crucifixion, death, and burial. I wanted and still desire to be there for Him. It is a really small sacrifice considering what He did for me.

I suppose I found particularly personal reasons for being there. Each of our reasons might be different. For me it was that Christological hymn. All powerful God came down among us, took on our humanity, humbled Himself and lived powerlessly for my sake.

I was powerless, I was poor, I was sick, and in all that I recognized God considering and even adopting my powerlessness so that in time I too could be made perfect. Of course, there is still work for me to do, but I can do it now with Easter joy.

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## Join us for Holy Week & Easter

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We so look forward to seeing you for Holy Week as we join together in fellowship to pray, sacrifice, fast, increase our charity, and forgive.

March 29th is Palm Sunday marking the start of Holy Week.

We reach the high point of the year's joy on Easter Sunday, April 5th, with our Solemn Resurrection Holy Mass at 8am and a second Holy Mass at 10am.

See the detailed Holy Week and Easter schedule below and in the attached calendar.

Walk with Jesus in the days so as to rejoice with Him in the eternal celebration of His resurrection.

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### Holy Week Schedule

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- March 29: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am with Blessing and Distribution of Palms. Holy Mass at noon. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- March 30: Holy Monday. Daily

Bread Food Pantry from 3 until 5pm. Fr. Jim at Seminary.

- March 31: Holy Mass of Chrism at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton at 4pm. Jim attends.
- April 1: Spy Wednesday. Private Confessions from 3pm until 5pm.
- April 2: Maundy Thursday, Reception of Oils, Holy Mass, Procession, Reposition and Stripping of the Altars at 7pm.
- April 3: Good Friday, Church opens for private prayer at noon. Reflection of the Seven Last words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations at 2pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 3pm.
- April 4: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises at 10am. Basket Blessings and Private Devotion until 2pm.
- **April 5: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter Proclamation and Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Second Holy Mass at 10am.**

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## Easter Wishes

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*My dearest family in Christ,*

*On behalf of my family, I extend to you every blessing for this Easter and throughout the Easter season. May the resurrected Christ continue to reign in our hearts and in our lives as we follow Him and adhere to a faith both ancient*



*and new. We recognize, even among our trials, His wonderful gifts; most especially the joy we have in Him.*

*You have blessed me abundantly and I love you and thank God for your mighty witness. I am overjoyed to share with you once again the awesome celebration of the resurrected Christ.*

### ***Drodzy Bracia i Siostry,***

*Jezus zmartwychwstając śmierć pokonał, a cudu tego dla nas - ludzi dokonał, abyśmy z czasowego życia ziemskiego mogli przejść do boskiego życia wiecznego.*

*Niech Zmartwychwstanie Pańskie, które niesie duchowe odrodzenie, napęlni wszystkich spokojem i wiarą, oraz da siłę w pokonywaniu trudności i pozwoli z ufnością patrzeć w przyszłość...*

*Radosnych i błogosławionych Święt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego spędzonych w gronie najbliższych życzę.*

*ks. Jakub i rodziny*

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## **Then, 50 Days of Easter**

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We so look forward to your being with us as we continue to celebrate the Easter season that

begins April 5th and does not conclude until Pentecost on May 24th (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in His resurrection with the apostles, our Holy Church, and our entire family in the faith.

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## **How to say Happy Easter**

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The Paschal greeting is an Easter custom among Christians. Instead of saying "hello," "good morning," or some other greeting we are to greet each other with "Christ is Risen!" The proper response is "Truly, He is Risen." Here is the Pascal greeting in several languages:

- English: *Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!*
- Spanish: *¡Cristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado!*
- Italian: *Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!*
- Polish: *Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał!*
- Swahili – *Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!*
- German: *Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!*
- Norwegian: *Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!*
- Rastafarian – *Krestos a uprisin! Seen, him a uprisin fe tru!*
- French: *Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité!*
- Greek: *Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη!*

- Ukrainian: Христос воскрес!  
Воістину воскрес!
- Scottish: *Tha Crìosd air èiridh! Gu dearbh, tha e air èiridh!*

## Basket Social is April 26th



There is a sign-up sheet for baskets. Free baskets are available if you need them. This year's Basket Social (along with the GREATEST BESTEST Polish Food) will be held on Sunday, April 26th at the spacious and beautiful South Schenectady Firehouse, 6 Old Mariaville Road, Schenectady. Please start bringing your baskets in and sign-up to help. Any questions, please see Gayle Clas. Thank you.

### National Church Activities



**April 11: 25th  
PNCC Scholars'  
Conference.**  
Scranton, PA. See  
Father Jim if you

would like a Zoom link.

**May 29 - 31: Mission and  
Evangelism Workshop** - Westfield,  
MA.

**May 15 - 17: 79th Annual YMS of  
R/PNCC Bowling Outing,**  
Woodlawn, NY (Buffalo area).

**June 17 - 20: Men's Spiritual  
Retreat,** Waymart, PA.

**July 4: Independence Day Holy  
Mass** starting at 11am. Waymart,  
PA.

**July 4 - 11: Kurs Youth  
Encampment,** Waymart, PA.

**August 3 - 7: Youth Convocation  
(CONVO),** Camp Monadnock in  
Jaffrey, NH.

**August 22: Annual YMS of R Golf  
Tournament.** At Sleepy Hollow Golf  
Course in Greenfield Township, PA  
near Scranton.

### National Youth Activities

Fr. Jim has once again been appointed chaplain for this year's **Kurs Encampment** being held July 4th through 11th (8 days!) at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and recreation Center in Waymart, PA. Sign up will begin in late-April. Remember, the parish pays for your participation.

### Music Scholarships



The Church's Music Scholarship Program was instituted and tailored to develop musicians within the Polish National Catholic Church.

Including the 2025 Scholarships, the Church has given out 1,156 scholarships totaling \$367,285.

Applications for the 2026 Scholarship Program are available at <http://nucmusicscholarship.weebly.com/>

[music-scholarship-application.html](http://music-scholarship-application.html)  
and Junior Incentive Award  
applications are available at [http://  
nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com/  
junior-incentive-application.html](http://nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com/junior-incentive-application.html).

We strongly encourage all who  
qualify to apply. The deadline for  
applying is May 1, 2026.

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### **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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#### Birthdays

- 1 Kendell and Shirley Maliszewski
- 3 Patricia Gustuvson, Mark Caulfield
- 4 Timothy J. Olsen
- 5 Kathleen Caulfield
- 7 Albert Rios
- 8 Denise Broza
- 9 Lisette Rios
- 10 Timothy DeCocco
- 14 Trevor Wheelock
- 16 Debbie Martucci
- 18 Kyle Carlson
- 19 Philip Jorczaak
- 22 Kathy Smith, Nancy Heins
- 23 Michael Wienclawski
- 28 Linda DePaula
- 30 San D'Amico

#### Anniversaries

- 13 Paul & Michelle Zawistowski

Wishing you many years! Sto Lat!

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**Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję, Āċiū,  
Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie! God  
bless you!**

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To all who lived the disciplines of  
Lent and prayed more fervently  
through Lenten devotions, who  
engaged in acts of charity, and  
practiced acts of Christian love and  
concern.

Thank you to all who are so  
generously giving through our  
Lenten directed giving program.

To all who donated so generously to  
Operation SouperBowl 2025. Over  
\$159 was donated to Schenectady  
Shares which distributes food to  
providers throughout Schenectady  
County.

To all who helped and continue to  
help in making pierogi for our  
Basket Social.

To all who made soups for our soup  
sale.

To all who attended our annual  
budget meeting. You honor the  
sacrifice of our ancestors who built  
this democratic model of Church  
and keep their hope alive by your  
participation.

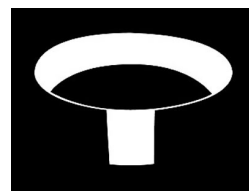
To our organist and choir director Liz  
Battaglia with Mike Emanuele who  
make our Lenten worship all the  
more meaningful and beautiful.

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

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### **God is Blessing His Church**

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Because of your  
prayers God is  
blessing His Church  
with vocations to  
the priesthood and  
diaconate. We must

continue to pray with confidence in  
God's promise that He does indeed  
answer prayers made in faith.

As you may know, on March 19th,

the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, four of our clerics were raised to the Order of Deacon. Two men in our Diaconate Program were raised to the Order of Subdeacon on March 3rd. Fr. Jim is working with an additional eight men who will be entering the Church. An additional four men from Holy Trinity parish in McKees Rocks, PA are taking an introductory class. That is 18 men all together. God bless them all.

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## **St. John Chrysostom's Easter Homily (an excerpt)**

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Are there any who are devout lovers of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Are there any who are

grateful servants? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord! Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages!

If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain

no loss. And if any delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay. For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that toiled from the first.

To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor. The deed He honors and the intention He commends. Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day! You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden!

Feast royally on it, the calf is a fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness! Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it. He destroyed Hell when He descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh...

Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead.

# April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 1 Spy Wednesday Private Confessions from 3pm until 5pm.	 2 Maundy Thursday, Reception of Holy Oils, Holy Mass, Procession, Stripping of the Altars, 7pm.	 3 Good Friday, Church opens at noon. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last Words - 1pm.</li> <li>Bitter Lamentations - 2pm.</li> </ul> Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb - 3pm.	 4 Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Easter Baskets, 10am. Easter Basket blessings until 2pm.
5 Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter, Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Lector: Larry Panfil. Holy Mass at 10am. Repast follows.	6 Bright Monday Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3pm until 5pm.	7 Bright Tuesday Holy Mass at noon.	8 Bright Wednesday Holy Mass at noon.	9 Bright Thursday Holy Mass at noon.	10 Bright Friday Fr. Jim at Seminary	11 Bright Saturday Women's Empowerment Group at 10am. Diocesan Council Meeting in Scranton. Fr. Jim attends.
12 Low Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	13 Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3pm until 5pm.	14 Holy Mass at noon.	15 Holy Mass at noon.	16 Holy Mass at noon.	17 Holy Mass at noon.	18
19 3rd Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Thursday Musical Club Spring Performance at First Reformed at 2pm.	20 Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm. Parish Committee Meets at 5pm.	21 Holy Mass at noon.	22 Holy Mass at noon.	23 Holy Mass at noon.	24 Holy Mass at noon.	25 Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. Basket Social Preparation. XV Scholar's Conference. Fr. Jim participates.
26 Good Shepherd Sunday – Holy Mass at 9am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil. <b>BASKET SOCIAL @ 12pm.</b>	27 Meeting of PNCC Bishops. Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3pm until 5pm.	28 Meeting of the Supreme Council. Holy Mass at noon.	29 Holy Mass at noon.	30 Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman. Holy Mass at noon.		

**EVENTS**

**May:**

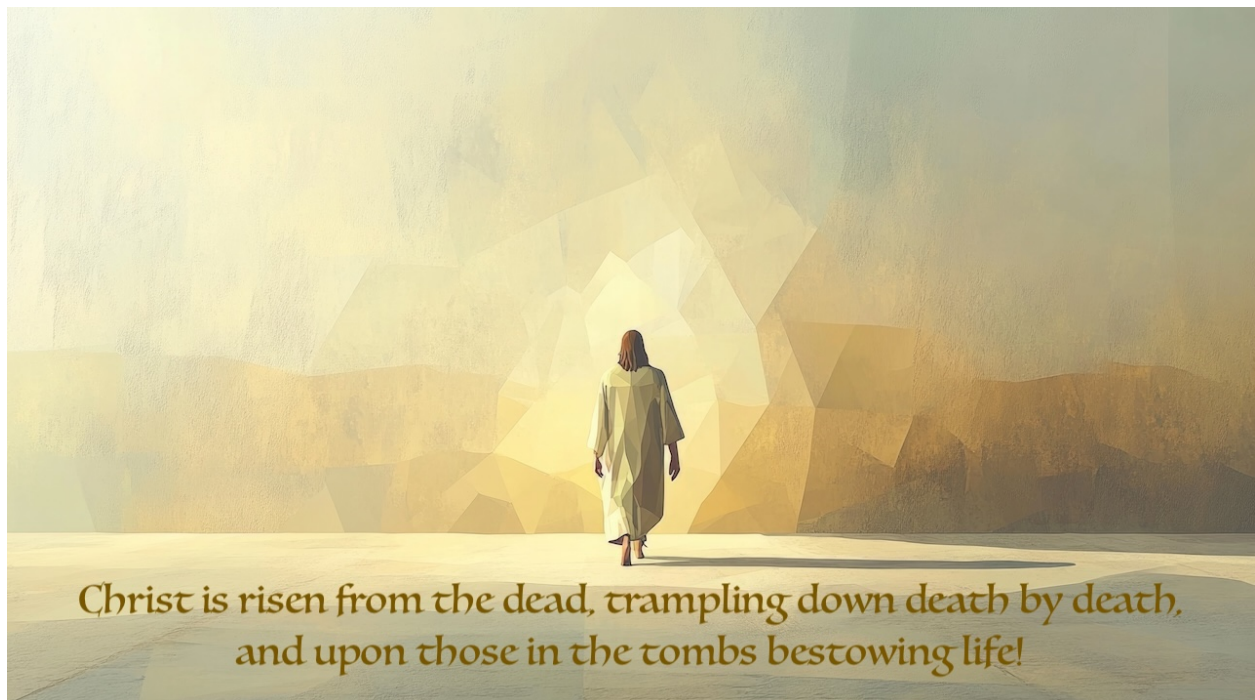
**Mother's Day, May Crowning, Ascension, Pentecost, Memorial Day.**

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and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!*