



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



FOR THE SON OF GOD, JESUS CHRIST, WHOM WE PROCLAIMED AMONG YOU, WAS NOT YES AND NO, BUT IN HIM IT IS ALWAYS YES.

Throughout human history we have always, using a modern aphorism, had agency. Having agency means that we have the power to say yes and no, to do things or not do things. We have the power of choice, to go down the straight and narrow path or to follow the wide and destructive path.

In 2 Corinthians 1:17-20 St. Paul reflects on choices, our yeses and nos. The problem with humanity is that both our choices and promises tend to vacillate. A reputation for keeping promises can be destroyed easily. Our reliability can be exceptional until it isn't. It happens in big and small ways. The other night I promised to pick up milk on the way home - and forgot completely.

Human promises are often unreliable. Why? Humans are subject to change. They can be "yes" one moment and "no" the next.

What Paul is pointing out is that God does not fail in what He promises.

God's promises are always trustworthy and consistent. What He promises, He fulfills without fail. He is not a God who is fickle and subject to change. He is *always yes*.

As Christians we are called to measure the depth of our yes and no. God is asking for our yes to His will, and this is not something complex. It is how we live devoutly each day, whether our doors are open or closed. Do we live the Christian ideal of prayer, kindness, charity, devotion, fellowship, grounding in scripture, and worship? This is well measured when we compare our response to God in light of the Blessed Virgin's response. Remember, she could have said no to God's plan. She had agency to do so, yet her faith, instilled in her from her earliest life, resulted in a yes, not just for a moment, not just for the birth of a baby, but for her lifetime.

As we spend time contemplating what Jesus has done for us, because Mary said yes, let us work on offering God our constant yes.

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## Holy Week and Easter Joy

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This year's Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter Sunday (April 5th) were a complete joy!

The church was beautifully filled with its people, committed to our Lord and His work, and we continue to share in Him Who has saved us.

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## 22nd Annual Basket Social Celebration

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The 22nd Basket Social is now in the books. Due to your support and hard work we raised a substantial sum

of money - the highest ever - which will greatly support our ministry and work. **THANK YOU!!!**

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## Mother's Day

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Sunday, May 10th 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.

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## May Marian Devotions

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We will offer sung Marian Devotions throughout May on Wednesdays at 3pm except for May 20th. Please join us.

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## Solemnity of the Ascension

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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 14th at Noon in celebration of the Solemnity.

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## Men's Spiritual Retreat

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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 17th through Saturday, June 20th 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:

## **"Broken Chains- For God and Country"**

based on Psalm

107:14 "God brought them out of



darkness,  
the utter  
darkness,  
and broke  
away their  
chains" We  
will also be  
celebrating

several auspicious events - the 250  
Anniversary of our Nation, a  
rededication of the Savonarola  
Theological Seminary, and the  
presentation and placement of a  
special plaque (it's a little secret).

The registration costs are covered.  
Attendees receive all meals,  
beverages, and snacks; Retreat  
materials and printouts; and  
excursions and a Retreat gift bag.  
Meet the speakers and get  
information as well as sign-up at  
[https://sites.google.com/view/  
ymsofrmensretreat/home](https://sites.google.com/view/ymsofrmensretreat/home). Please  
turn registration forms in to Fr. Jim.

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## **MEMORIAL DAY HOLY MASS**

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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 25th 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.

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## **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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### Birthdays

- 1 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

### Anniversaries

- 22 Kenneth & Jennifer Brown
- 25 Fr. Jim & Renee Konicki

Wishing you all many years!

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## **Independence Day Family Day Celebration — BE THERE —**

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We invite all to join us at Spójnia Farm  
and the Bishop Hodur Retreat and  
Recreation Center for a day of worship,  
fellowship and enjoyment on July 4th.

This day is also the opening of the United  
Y.M.S. of R. Kurs Encampment, so you  
will have the opportunity to encounter and  
spend time with many youth from around  
the P.N.C.C.

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# Kurs 2026

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Kurs 2026 will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and

Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4th through 11th (8 days).

Kurs is open to youth ages 8 to 17. **The full cost for participation is covered.**

We strongly encourage you to sign your children and young people up as soon as possible. Registration is online at <https://www.kurscamp.org/>.

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## God bless you!

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*Gracias*  
MERCI  
ARIGATO  
*thank 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 Liz Battaglia and Mike Emanuele for sharing your musical talents.

To EVERYONE who made our **Lenten Journey, Holy Week, the Triduum, and Easter** so very beautiful. From quiet prayer to decorating, to a kind word or act of charity, you are serving and

honoring Him who gave His all for us.

To EVERYONE who made the 22nd **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 Gayle for her leadership.

To Joe Kaczynski for your wonderful work at our cemeteries and parish grounds.

To Mike Emanuele for taking care of the sidewalks throughout the winter and to Pete for his backup support.

To Pete for taking care of the lawn sprinklers and cemetery water turn-on.

To Pete and Mike for replacing all of the fluorescents in the church with new LED fluorescents.

To Paul, Mike, and Pete for your assistance with the new chairlift installation.

To Paul for constant troubleshooting and just getting things done.

To John for repairing the coffee maker waterline.

To all of you - you are a blessing and a treasure. Thank you!!!

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## ***Lots of NEW Things***

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God reminds us that He makes all things new. Because of the many blessings that are being bestowed upon the parish we have:

- A new website to be published on

or about May 15th.

- New visitor materials (prayer cards, brochures, bibles for veterans, logos and branding)
- A new chairlift system.

The visitor materials and website were developed in partnership with Flight Creative.

These new things were made possible due to a generous donation as well as the funding from the Diocesan Enlivening program.

We will have a dedication of the new chairlift system soon.

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## A Ministry for You?

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We need people to minister in Jesus' model as Altar Servers, Lectors, and School of Christian Living Teachers. Please see Fr. Jim.

Volunteers are always welcome to assist at the Food Pantry on Mondays. See Lauren with any questions.

If there are young people in your lives that need volunteer or service hours we would welcome their help.

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## Sunday Mass Intentions for May

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May 3: For Rev. śp. Zbigniew Pastuszek and śp. Marian Pięta. off.

by Krystyna Pastuszek

May 10: For all mothers living and departed; For śp. Josephine Panfil (42nd anniversary) off. by Larry Panfil; śp. Maria Witkowska; For Elizabeth Węglinski (1st anniversary) off. by the Węglinski Family.

May 17: Rev. śp. Maryan and śp. Severina Gorzela off. by Michelle Zawistowski.

May 24: open.

May 31: open.

There are open Sunday Masses for intentions for the rest of 2026 as well. Intentions may be offered for the departed, for health, healing, and wellness, for God's blessings, and for anniversaries or birthdays.

See Fr. Jim to schedule.

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## VMFC Corner

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Veteran Military Friendly Congregations (VMFC) is a program that promotes community, acceptance, and support for Veterans and their families.

Faith is a proven and fundamental component to healing, recovery, and

the mental health and well being of Veterans. As such, our mission is to bring our servicemen and women closer to God and highlight the healing power of God.

We honor and recognize Veterans for their service through prayer and advocacy so they can access and receive the benefits they need and want.

We have free beautiful Veteran's Bibles available. If you are a veteran or know of a veteran that would like one, see Fr. Jim.

**We congratulate Tim Olsen** who recently retired after 25 years of dedicated service in the New York Army National Guard.

In the month of May we also honor May 1 – Silver Star Banner Day – A day to recognize those who have been awarded the Silver Star Medal and the sacrifices of injured and ill service members.

May 8 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day – This date recognizes the service and sacrifices of military spouses.

May 13 – Children of Fallen Patriots Day – A day to honor the children left behind by the brave men and women who gave their lives while defending our freedom.

May 16 – Armed Forces Day – Observed on the third Saturday every May, this is a day dedicated to paying tribute to men and women currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

May 25 – Memorial Day – A solemn

occasion to honor the men and women who died while serving in the military.

If you wish to join the support team, please let Fr. Jim or Paul know.

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## EVENTS of Note

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Fr. Jim will be at the Savonarola Seminary May 1st and 2nd conducting semester end interviews.

Fr. Jim will be conducting the Western Diocese Clergy Retreat from May 18th through 20th at the Lindenwood Retreat & Conference Center in Plymouth, IN.

The Mission and Evangelism Workshop will be held May 29th through 31st at St. Joseph's Parish in Westfield, MA.

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## Lord, who...?

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Lord, show me who needs Your love today, and give me opportunities to love them. Help me have eyes to see every person as an image-bearer of God and give me Your heart for everyone around me. In Jesus' name, Amen!

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## Tracy's Signature Celebrations

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Tracy creates custom decor for special events, from birthdays to weddings, to any kind of party. Her designs are custom so they fit with your vision. You can call Tracy at 518-421-3049. There are also flyers in the parish hall.

# May

# 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Feast – Ss. Philip & James, Apostles. Fr. Jim in Scranton.	Fr. Jim in Scranton.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
5th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.  Memorial Holy Mass at the PACC at 4pm.	Solemnity – Finding of the Holy Cross (translated). Food Pantry, 3-6pm	No Holy Mass today.	May Devotions at 3pm.	No Holy Mass today.	No Holy Mass today.	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
6th Sunday of Easter. Mother's Day. Holy Mass at 10am with May Crowning and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.  Bl. Bishop Joseph Padewski, Martyr (75th Anniversary).	Food Pantry, 3-6pm  Parish Committee Meets at 5pm.	No Holy Mass today.	May Devotions at 3pm.	Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord. Holy Mass at Noon.	No Holy Mass today.	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
7th Sunday of Easter. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	Food Pantry, 3-6pm  Fr. Jim leads Western Diocese Clergy Retreat	Fr. Jim leads Western Diocese Clergy Retreat	No May Devotions  Fr. Jim leads Western Diocese Clergy Retreat	Holy Mass at Noon.	No Holy Mass today.	Commemoration - Martyrdom of Jerome Savonarola. Holy Mass at Noon.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Pentecost. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	<b>Memorial Day.</b> Holy Mass at the Parish cemetery (weather permitting) at 10am else at church.  NO Food Pantry.	Holy Mass at Noon.	May Devotions at 3pm.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Mission & Evangelism Conference, Westfield, MA.	Mission & Evangelism Conference, Westfield, MA.
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Trinity Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.						

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