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AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY, THE CHURCH. HE IS THE BEGINNING, THE FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD, THAT IN EVERYTHING HE MIGHT BE PREEMINENT.

The end of May marked the end of the Easter Season at Pentecost (May 24th). Following Pentecost we celebrated and will celebrate Trinity Sunday (May 31st), Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi (June 7th), and finally Word of God Sunday (June 14th).

This wonderful time can be thought of as the Season of the Church. In this season we focus on the mysteries of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Trinity, The Body and Blood of Jesus, and Holy Scripture.

In fact, the Church Herself is a mystery, a Divine reality that is historically visible yet spiritually invisible. St. Paul said: *This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the Church.* (Ephesians 5:32 RSV)

In these mysteries we find the totality of our being as Christians.

In the Holy Spirit we have the life of the Church. In the Holy Trinity we find the aim of the Church. In the Body and Blood of Jesus we have the food of the Church. In the Word of God we have the illumination of the Church.

Life, Aim, Food, Illumination, wonderful places - literally, locations where we find inspiration, inclusion, beauty, nourishment, and light.

Too often we think of the Church only as a building or an institution. While both are important expressions of the Church, they do not exhaust her reality. We must look beyond these visible markers and learn to rejoice in the Church's deeper mystery.

We enter more deeply into that mystery through prayer, asking God's blessing upon her faithful people. We enter it through the study of Scripture, seeking to understand God's plan as we journey toward together. Above all, we enter it through our communion life, where Christ continually unites us to Himself and to one another.

When we live in this way, Christ is not simply one influence among many, but our true Lord. Our beginning and our end are found in Him. The word preeminent comes from a Latin term meaning "to rise above." Let us therefore allow Christ to rise above all things in our hearts

NEEDED: STRONG, DETERMINED, BRAVE, AND FAITHFUL MEN



Our Holy Church sets the month of June aside and encourages the faithful to pray for the clergy of our Holy Church and for an increase of vocations.

Men who respond to Jesus' call are strong, determined, brave, and faithful. Are you ready to respond to God's call? Now is the time to respond to His revelation. Take action.

To respond, please talk to Fr. Jim who is the National Vocation Committee Chair or contact the Savonarola Theological Seminary of the Polish National Catholic Church, 1031 Cedar Ave, Scranton, PA 18505 through the Seminary Website at <https://www.savonarola.net/>.

Vocations - Good News

I have been so blessed. Over the past eight years, as Chair of the

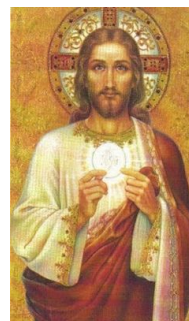
Church-wide Sacred Vocations Commission, I have been meeting with a group of many discerning their call to the Holy Priesthood. We are going to have a little nationwide contest to guess the number I am working with. It is a truly amazing number and new inquiries come in each week.

Our prayer is working - God's promise to hear us and respond is always true. Please continue to pray.

JUNE - MONTH OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, Master of the harvest, we humbly ask You to send more laborers into Your fields, for the work is indeed great. Grant more faithful priests and deacons to Your Polish National Catholic Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR



Please join us on Wednesday, June 24th at 5pm for a Eucharistic Holy Hour for vocations. Spend time before the Lord in the Holy Eucharist praying in faith for this much needed gift.

What we will receive will be in proportion to our effort at prayer.

Clergy Pension – Donate and Pray



Did you know that retired priests receive a pension from the Church? On Father's Day, we are asked to make donations toward that pension fund. They are so very needed.

Why – because, frankly, the picture above says it all - pennies.

Our pension plan is so poor that our retired clergy often end up impoverished. A retired priest and his spouse receive a total of \$600 per month. They lose their housing and all the other benefits they had as active clergy and must venture out to live on that meager amount. They sacrificed their lives for their flock, must they sacrifice again? Should the priest die, the widow is left with \$300 a month. A shame!

Father's Day



On Sunday, June 21st we honor all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, spiritual fathers, and those special men in our lives that exemplify the strength and dedication of fatherhood in our lives.

Within the family community, the man is called upon to live his gift and role as husband and father. We can look to the example of sacrificial love exemplified by St. Joseph and if we see these traits in the men around us we know that they are working with God.

Let us pray for God's blessing on our faithful fathers - those who are with us and for the eternal rest of those who have merited eternal life.

A Fathers' Day Prayer: *God our Father, In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Summertime Events

Summertime events are on. **Please participate in these events:**

Men's Retreat: 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" The registration costs are covered. Attendees receive all meals, beverages, and snacks; Retreat materials and printouts. Information for sign-up is in the back of the church.

Kurs 2026 will be centered on celebrating our 250th anniversary as a Nation. Our spiritual theme is based on Psalm 33:12 – *Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen as His heritage*. Kurs is held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4th through 11th (8 days). If you have not done so, please register at <https://www.kurscamp.org>. Please remember, the parish and Diocese pays all fees, so when registering do not pay.

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.

Annual Parish Picnic TBD.

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

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

1 Christine Griessler, Cody Houser
5 Caleb Johnson, Marc Wienclawski
6 Peter Battaglia, Linda Carringi, Frances LaGreca, Amber Laporte-Smith, Ryder Prusky

8 Sabrina Brook
11 Claudia Bertasso
15 Michael Houser
16 Timothy Olsen, Mikaela Hoefler
19 Amber Oravsky
22 Edward Bertasso
24 Seth Garrison

Anniversaries

22 Peter & Elizabeth Battaglia
22 Larry & Donna Panfil

Wishing you all many years!

With Thanks

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

To all who prayed with us this past Memorial Day at the parish. Unfortunately, we could not go to the cemetery due to rain and wet conditions.

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

To Paul, Pete, Jeff, and Larry for branch cutting and clean up at HNJ Cemetery.

To Lauren, Jeff, Dottie, Gary, and Amy for your ministry with the Food Pantry.

To Paul and Jeff for their hard work in caring for those in desperate need through CarePortal ministry.

To Liz and Mike for your beautiful music which praises and honors God.

To Linda, Lindy, and Denise for work

on the pot planters and the indigenous garden.

To Joe and Andrea for your oversight of the kitchen, coffee hour, and cleaning.

To all who volunteer to provide for coffee hours.

To Joe for his care of the cemeteries and the parish grounds.

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

Synod Year - PRAYER



This September 28th through the 30th, our Holy Church will gather for

its XXVII Holy Synod. Fr. Jim, Paul Zawistowski, and Renee will be attending.

Each Holy Synod is important and each marks a pivotal moment in the life of the Church. At this Synod we will be electing up to three candidates to be bishop.

Because of the Church's need, and most particularly for the good order of the Church, sound and faithful bishops must be selected. This will not happen 'just because' or 'by accident' - it will happen because of our prayer.

Please pray each and every day for the Holy Spirit's outpouring upon the Church. Let us pray in simple

words and wholeheartedly:

Come Holy Spirit, enkindle the hearts of Thy faithful with the fire of Thy love.

Parish Chairperson's Corner

Our parish has been very active over the past month. We have overhauled the parish website with the expert help of Flight Creative. They have expertise in marketing and communication services. As you have seen, they created welcome cards, prayer cards and updated our brochure.



The website has enhanced data mining and analysis capabilities to help us reach more people to help grow our parish. In the future they will be helping us promote activities and events in the community and at church to promote our parish and our ministry.

Other accomplishments include spring cleanup at the Holy Name of Jesus cemetery. Thanks to Pete, Jeff, and Larry. Thanks to Joe for his regular diligence in landscaping at both the Holy Name and Good Shepherd cemeteries and the parish grounds.

We have replaced the stairlifts. There will be a dedication ceremony to recognize Ed Sargalis's generosity. We have replaced the men's room light, fan and heater. We will be replacing one of the furnaces with a higher capacity furnace. The Kimball's will be

repairing the front steps. We will also replace the side door.

Men are encouraged to attend the YMS of R retreat at Spojnia Farm later this month. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to guide their children to attend Kurs and Convocation this summer.

— Paul Zawistowski

Christmas Vigil Raffle

<p>Annual Christmas Vigil Raffle GRAND PRIZE UP TO \$2,500* <small>*Based upon sale of 100 tickets. Otherwise proceeds split 50/50*</small> Drawing on December 11, 2022 WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE</p>		<p>No. 001 No. 001</p>	<p>NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____</p>
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This year we are offering you a 1 in 100 chance of winning \$2,500! Hey, that's pretty good! Our Christmas Vigil 50/50 Raffle with a single Grand Prize of \$2,500 based upon sale limited to 100 tickets will be underway soon. See Joe Kaczynski, to get signed up. We will draw a winner at our Christmas Vigil Dinner on December 13th. You do not need to be present to win. Please promote this to friends and family.

PNA Offers



The Polish National Alliance (PNA) has great offers for those needing insurance or who wish to invest in higher yielding annuities and IRAs. See Fr. Jim if you have questions or would like to sign up. We are Lodge P-140.

Do You Belong? Do They Need Help?



Do you belong to a community group or association that might need some meeting space? See Fr. Jim or Paul. Maybe we can help.

Built in Schenectady



Union Pacific's famed Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest operating steam locomotive, will journey to the

East Coast this summer for the first time as part of a coast-to-coast tour celebrating America's 250th anniversary. The tour includes major display events in eight cities and more than 50 whistle-stops in 10 states, including stops for the first time in Indiana, Ohio, New York and Pennsylvania.

The Big Boy No. 4014 was built at American Locomotive (ALCO) in Schenectady. The last time it was on the East Coast was when it left Schenectady to go out west. ALCO manufactured 25 Big Boy locomotives for Union Pacific who used them to haul freight over the high peaks.

Seven other Big Boys survive in museums. The 4012 is at the Steamtown National Historic Site in Scranton. The 4012 and 4014 will be side-by-side during the tour.

June

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Sacred Vocations Month – Please Pray

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	¹ Food Pantry 3pm, until 6pm. Fr. Jim at Seminary	² Fr. Jim at Seminary	³ Fr. Jim at Seminary	⁴ Solemnity of Corpus Christi. No Holy Mass	⁵ Within the Octave. No Holy Mass	⁶ Within the Octave.
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Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	Within the Octave. Food Pantry 3pm, until 6pm.	Within the Octave. No Holy Mass	Within the Octave. No Holy Mass	Feast – St. Barnabas, Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon.	Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus. Holy Mass at Noon. followed by Devotions to the Sacred Heart.	Commemoration - St. Anthony of Padua.
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Solemnity of the Word of God. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	Food Pantry 3pm, until 6pm Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm..	Fr. Jim at Seminary	Men’s Spiritual Retreat	Men’s Spiritual Retreat	Men’s Spiritual Retreat Juneteenth	Men’s Spiritual Retreat
²¹	²²	²³	²⁴	²⁵	²⁶	²⁷
12th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Father’s Day.	Food Pantry 3pm, until 6pm.	No Holy Mass	Solemnity – St. John the Baptist. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at 5pm.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon. followed by Devotions to the Sacred Heart.	
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13th Ordinary Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.	Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry 3pm, until 6pm.	Holy Mass at Noon.				
COMING UP:	July 4: Independence Day Celebration at Spójnia Farm starting with Holy Mass at 11am. Kurs Begins.		July 4 – 11: Kurs		Pray for the upcoming Synod: Come Holy Spirit!	

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