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NEWSLETTER
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IF THERE IS ANYTHING WORTHY OF PRAISE, THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS.

The scripture above, taken from St. Paul's letter to the Church at Philippi is proclaimed on the various National Holidays in our Church.

This reading is meant to call to mind the things we have to be thankful for and that are worthy of living out and defending. It was also used this year as the scriptural theme for the Kurs Encampment.

During the Encampment we focused on various traits we are called to embody: Confidence, Humility, Gratitude, Fortitude, Conviction, and Heroism. Let us pray that all of the youth attending as well as our adult leaders took these traits to heart and found new ways to live them out each day.

The capstone of both the Men's Retreat and Kurs was the Prime Bishop's presentation on Freedom given particularly in light of the 250th anniversary of our nation.

What is Freedom?

If you ask the average person on the street, the typical reply is: 'I can do whatever I want!' or 'I am free to do as I please!' Unfortunately, that

answer is 100% wrong, and is in fact a perpetuation of all that is wrong.

Properly understood, freedom is the ability and opportunity to live out the virtues previously mentioned plus all of the other good things we are called to do. Freedom allows us to excel and exceed our present circumstances and work for the betterment of our communal life. Freedom allows us to show forth our Christian commitment without fear, and work diligently for the establishment, not of our nation's power, but for God's Kingdom.

Those other things, doing whatever I want, doing as I please are mere excuses for the baser things in our life, be it simple laziness or engaging in sin without accountability.

St. Paul reminds us *whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things*. Let us do that with our freedom.

Fr. Jim Away

Fr. Jim will be Chaplain at this year's Kurs Encampment. He will be away from July 4th through 11th. He will also be away for the Civil Air Patrol New York Wing Cadet Encampment from July 18th through 25th. This year's Clergy Retreat will be held from August 17th through 19th. If there is an extreme emergency during these periods, please call Fr. Mark Gnidzinski at 518-453-2258.

MEN'S RETREAT THANK YOU



The YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat concluded June 20th. 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 the Breaking Chains and how we face our challenges, habits, failings, and addictions and work to overcome them.

HNJ at the Altamont Fair

We have undertaken sponsorship of

the Chapel at the Altamont Fair (August 18-23).

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



Friday, August 21st 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.

There is a limited number of complimentary Fair tickets available. Please see Fr. Jim.

Summertime Events

We welcome all to great summer events including:

- **YMSofR Golf Outing** will take place at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Course, 140 Sandy Banks Road, Carbondale, PA on Saturday, August 22nd.
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Happy Summer



We wish all of our faithful, our young people, and the youth of

our neighborhood a joyful and blessed summer season.

Let us pray especially that our Lord watch over and protect our country on its 250th anniversary.

Our Annual Parish Community Picnic Honoring Veterans



Join us for the Mont Pleasant Community & Veterans Family Day Picnic! Sunday, September 13th, from 11:30 AM until 4 PM. Sign-up sheets are at church.

Our picnic this year honors our community's service members and veterans and their families. Enjoy hot dogs, burgers, sides, desserts and drinks, **plus veteran resources, giveaways**, and great company. All are welcome.

If you know a veteran, please invite him or her. Let us honor what they have done for us, especially on this 250th anniversary of our nation.

Come celebrate the people who serve and have served!

Holy Name of Jesus is a proud Veteran/Military Friendly Congregation.

Let people know that additional parking is available at DeLegge Funeral Home, 1346 Chrisler Ave.

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 cornerstone of St. Stanislaus Cathedral was blessed on July 4,

1897. Spojnia Farm in Waymart was blessed and dedicated on July 4, 1929. The Retreat Center in Waymart was dedicated on July 4, 1990. One of the beautiful stained glass windows in the Cathedral depicts the Great Emancipator, Abraham Lincoln. 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 250th 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.

Milestones to Celebrate:

July Birthdays

2 Gayle Clas
3 John Clas, Kimberly Maliszewski, Richard Okonsky Jr.
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
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!

PNA Annuities



There are great PNA annuity rates available, up to 5.5% presently. Please see Fr. Jim if you are interested.

July & August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			July 1	2	3	4
				Solemnity – Visitation of the B.V.M.		Independence Day. Holy Mass and Picnic, Waymart, PA at 11am. Kurs Camp Begins.
14th Sunday in OT. Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 10am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil. Kurs Camp	Food Pantry 3-6pm. Kurs Camp	Kurs Camp	Kurs Camp	Kurs Camp	Kurs Camp	Kurs Camp Ends
15th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Lauren DeBloisi.	Food Pantry 3-6pm. Parish Committee Meets			Solemnity – Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.		CAP NY Wing Encampment
16th Sunday in OT. Service of Worship & Holy Communion at 10am ONLY. Lector Joe Kaczynski. CAP NY Wing Encampment	Food Pantry 3-6pm. CAP NY Wing Encampment	CAP NY Wing Encampment	CAP NY Wing Encampment	CAP NY Wing Encampment	CAP NY Wing Encampment	Feast of St. James the Greater, Apostle. CAP NY Wing Encampment
17th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Larry Panfil.	Food Pantry 3-6pm.					August 1
18th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Lauren DeBlois.	Feast – Finding of the Body of St. Stephen. Food Pantry 3-6pm. Convo	Convo	Convo	Solemnity – Transfiguration of the Lord. Holy Mass at Noon Convo	Convo	
19th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Joe Kaczynski.	Food Pantry 3-6pm. Fr. Jim at Seminary.	Fr. Jim at Seminary.	Fr. Jim at Seminary.	Fr. Jim at Seminary.		Solemnity – Dormition.
20th Sunday in OT. Holy Mass with blessing of flowers, herbs, & vegetables at 10am & Noon. Lector Larry Panfil.	Food Pantry 3-6pm. Clergy Retreat	Clergy Retreat	Clergy Retreat		Holy Mass at 11am at the Altamont Fair.	YMSofR Golf Outing. Carbondale, PA
21st Sunday in OT. Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Lauren DeBlois.	Feast - St. Bartholomew, Apostle. Holy Mass at Noon. Food Pantry 3-6pm.		Solemnity – Our Lady of Częstochowa. Holy Mass at Noon.			Solemnity – Beheading of St. John the Baptist.
22nd Sunday in OT. Youth Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am & Noon. Lector Joe Kaczynski.	Food Pantry 3-6pm.					

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