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**NEWSLETTER**



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**2024**

BUT THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT YOU CANNOT BE SURE OF. YOU MUST TAKE A CHANCE.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 goes on to tell us:  
*If you wait for perfect weather, you will never plant your seeds. If you are afraid that every cloud will bring rain, you will never harvest your crops.*

This past May brought us some pretty awesome weather. We had quite a bit of August in May.

Did we expect that? Perhaps not. On Memorial Day we expected cold and rainy weather, but we persevered and held Holy Mass at the parish cemetery. The rain stopped, the sky cleared, and the sun came out. It was perfect. *Every cloud did not bring rain.*

In our faith lives - which should define the entirety of our lives - Ecclesiastes advises us that taking a chance, setting aside worry, is worth it. In fact in Matthew 6.25-34 Jesus commands his followers not to worry. He even goes so far as to say that worrying is a characteristic of an unbeliever.

We are called to be the same kind of risk takers the Apostles and saints were because if we take those risks we build the Kingdom.

Setting fear aside and taking chances in small things leads to doing so in bigger ways.

We realize that even if we make a few mistakes or get rejected once and awhile God will work it all out for good.

Indeed, God makes good use of us if we only trust and move forward with Him. Moses had a speech impediment and told God, "I can't talk." Gideon told God, "I'm too young." Abraham said, "I'm too old." Yet look at what God accomplished with them once they trusted in Him and accepted His call.

What is God saying to us right now? What dreams has God placed in our hearts? What steps have we been hesitant to take? Now is the time to hear Him, pursue those dreams, take those steps, and watch as God opens doors, provides resources, and works miracles in our lives.

Today, choose faith over fear. Trust that God's plans for us are good, even if the path ahead seems uncertain. *There are some things that you cannot be sure of. You must take [the] chance God offers.*

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## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

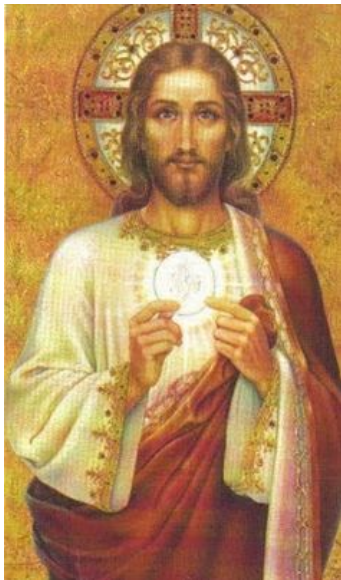
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***Heavenly Father, Master of the harvest, we humbly ask You to send more laborers into Your fields, for the work is indeed great. Grant more faithful priests and deacons to Your Polish National Catholic Church. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our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

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## EUCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

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Please join us on Thursday, June 20th and 27th 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.

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## Vocations - Good News

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I have been so blessed. Over the past six years, as Chair of the Churchwide Sacred Vocations Commission, I have been meeting with a group of 20 men discerning their call to the Holy Priesthood. We

hope to have up to five students in residence in the Fall and we pray to be joined by more soon after.

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

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## Clergy Pension – Donate and Pray

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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.



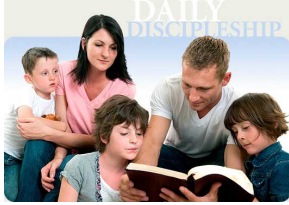
Why pray – because, frankly, the picture above says it all - pennies. Our pension plan is so poor that our retired clergy often end up impoverished. A retired priest and his spouse receive a total of \$600 per month. They lose their housing and all the other benefits they had as active clergy and must 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!

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## Father's Day

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On Sunday, June 16th 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. We will also have a wonderful breakfast following 10am Holy Mass.

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.*

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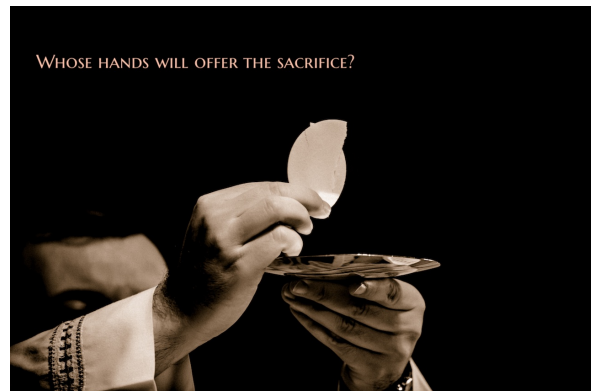
**NEEDED: STRONG,  
DETERMINED, BRAVE,  
AND FAITHFUL MEN**

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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. That prayer starts in family, both by words of prayer and the prayer of encouragement. Families are the seed of vocations and our work is so needed.

This month we also remember those who spent their lives serving God and His people, being now retired and in need of our financial support.



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. School, (570) 961-9288, Office, (570) 343-0100.

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## Summertime Events

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

- **Men's Retreat:** with the theme "Iron Sharpen Iron" taken from Proverbs 27:17 will be held June 12th through 15th at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center. As your pastor, I highly recommend and encourage all men of the parish to participate in this event. Great graces have been obtained by those who have taken part in the past. Let us come before the Lord in petition as the men of the Holy Church in "Devotion and Fellowship." The Diocese will pay all registration fees. Please register quickly. To register for the 7th Annual National YMS of R Bishop Bilinski Memorial Men's Spiritual Retreat please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/3au49ytc>.
- **Kurs 2024** with the theme Every Day a Holiday will be held at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and Recreation Center, Spojnia Farm, Waymart, PA from July 4th through 13th (10 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.
- **Convo 2024**, We encourage all families to register their youth ages 13 through 20 for Convo 2024. The early/discounted registration date is June 15th. Convo 2024 with the theme 'Running the Race' from 1 Corinthians 9:24 will take place from July 22nd through 26th at

Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pennsylvania.

- Also on tap, our **Annual Parish Picnic** on August 18th. Stay tuned for more info.
- **YMSofR Golf Outing** will be held August 24th at the Kis-N-Greens Golf Course, 213822 N Rd, Alden, NY.

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

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### **Milestones to Celebrate:**

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#### 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  
 28 Philip & Angela Jorczak

Wishing you all many years!

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### **With Thanks**

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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

cemetery.

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

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

To Andrea for her work on the parish garden around the sign and in-front of the parish house.

To Alyssa for her work on the natural pollinators beds on the side of the church.

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

To Joe for his care of the cemeteries and the parish grounds while Mike recovers from his injuries.

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

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## **May - June The Solemnity and Octave of Corpus Christi**

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On May 30th we celebrated the Solemnity of Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is a religious manifestation and confession of our Eucharistic faith. By the presence and active participation in the liturgy Catholics publicly profess their faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. This is a time when

Catholics show their love for Christ by honoring Him in a public way and show their love for their neighbors by bringing the Lord and Savior closer to them.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi has been solemnly celebrated in parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church since her organization. Its complete celebration lasts for eight days, an Octave.

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## **A New Solemnity**

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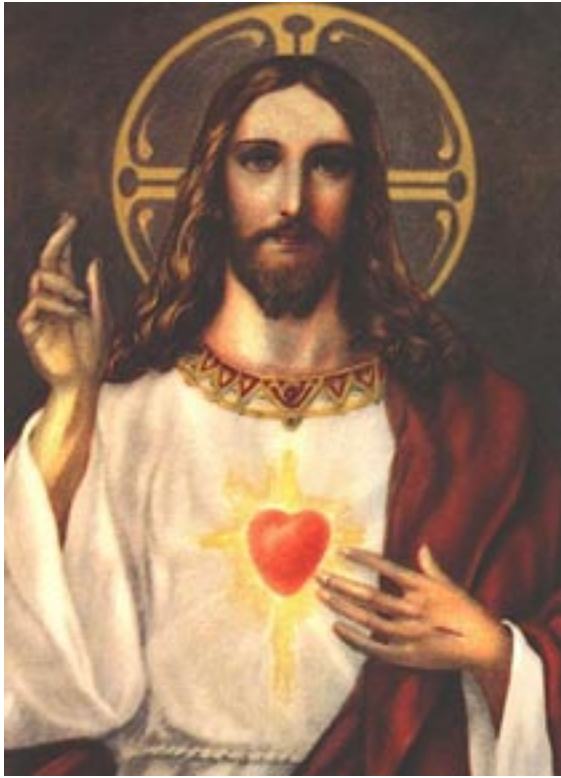


Word of God Sunday is our newest solemnity in the PNCC, and will be celebrated this year on June 9th. It is designed in our Church to be observed the Sunday after Corpus Christi Sunday. The liturgical color is white, and the readings are found in the PNCC ordo (liturgical calendar). The Word of God Sunday is a very important occasion for us, because of the uniqueness of the Word of God as Sacrament in the PNCC. May we give thanks and praise to God for His Many Blessings!

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# The Sacred Heart

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Christ's Sacred Heart of love is expressed most profoundly in the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist. Jesus' giving of Himself, is celebrated joyously on Corpus Christi and in its Octave. At the end of the Octave we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Devotion to the Eucharist and to the Sacred Heart are as inseparable as devotion is to the mystery of Christ's human and Divine love. In the Sacred Host dwells the God-man, Jesus; in His Person pulses His Heart of flesh through which we are loved with the perfection of His

humanity, the fullness of His Godhead, one Person who not only loves but is Love.

Let us use the month of June to get acquainted or re-acquainted with the Sacred Heart of Jesus. You'll be glad you did!

Devotion to the Sacred Heart is a wonderful historical expression of our piety for Christ. It calls us to conversion, love, gratitude, and dedication to Christ and His saving work.

There are two things that should meet in devotion to the Sacred Heart: Christ's Heart of flesh and Christ's love for us. True devotion to the Sacred Heart means devotion to the Divine Heart of Christ insofar as His Heart represents and recalls His love for us.

You can find a Litany to the Sacred Heart in your PNCC Prayerbook on page 123.

*Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy Most beloved Son, and upon the praise and satisfaction He offers Thee on behalf of sinners, and when they come to Thee imploring Thy mercy, graciously pardon them, in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.*

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## Planning For:

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Holy Mass on Sundays is at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted. Daily Holy Mass is held Tuesday

through Friday at Noon. The Chaplet to the Infant of Prague is held on Tuesdays following Holy Mass.

- June 1: Sacred Vocations Month Begins. Saturday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. **Pizza & Game Night at 5pm.**
- June 2: Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 10am with Exposition and Benediction. Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 6: Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 7: Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus. Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 8: Women's Group Meets, 10am till Noon.
- June 9: Solemnity of the Word of God. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.
- June 11: Fr. Jim at Seminary. No Noon Holy Mass.
- June 12 - 15: **YMSofR Men's Spiritual Retreat.** No Noon Holy Masses.
- June 16: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Father's Day.** Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. **Special Breakfast.**
- June 17: Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.
- June 19: Juneteenth. No Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 20: Holy Mass at Noon. Holy Hour for Vocations at 5pm.
- June 23: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon.

- June 24: Solemnity - St. John the Baptist. Holy Mass at Noon.
- June 27: Holy Mass at Noon. Holy Hour for Vocations at 5pm.
- June 29: Feast - Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles.
- June 30: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at Noon ONLY.**
- **July 2: Solemnity of the Visitation.**
- **July 4: 95th Anniversary Celebration at Spójnia Farm & Family Day Celebration. Holy Mass at 11am.**
- **July 4 - 13: KURS Encampment.**
- July 7: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. **Holy Mass at Noon ONLY.**

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| <b>Annual Christmas Vigil Raffle</b><br><b>GRAND PRIZE UP TO \$2,500*</b><br><small>*Based upon sale of 100 tickets.<br/>Otherwise proceeds split 50/50*</small><br>Drawing on December 11, 2022<br><small>WINNERS WILL BE CONTACTED VIA PHONE</small> |  | No. 001<br><small>REFERENCE TO PRESENT ID. WIN.</small> | No. 001 | NAME: _____ | ADDRESS: _____ | PHONE: _____ | EMAIL: _____ |
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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 15th. You do not need to be present to win. Please promote this to friends and family.

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## Brochures

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The parish has a good supply of brochures for you to share with others (yes, there's still a bunch). These are great tools for evangelism. Just hand them to friends and family. It is that simple. Let's not find them unused in the back of the parish basement ten years from now. It is up to you!

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## PNA Offers

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The Polish National Alliance (PNA) has several great offers for those needing insurance or who wish to invest in higher yielding annuities and IRAs. Annuities and IRAs are now paying 5.4%. See <https://pna-znp.org/insurance-plans/annuity-plans/> and <https://pna-znp.org/insurance-plans/ira-plans/> See Fr. Jim if you have questions or would like to sign up.

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## How to Speak the Truth in Love

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Romans 15:14 tells us: *And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness,*

*filled with all knowledge, and able also to admonish one another.*



Thinking on it, the best, the deepest, and the closest friends we have, or have ever had, all have one thing in common ... they

have each loved us enough to tell us some things about our lives that no one else cared enough to tell us.

Jesus teaches us how we are to engage with a person in error. Read Matthew 18:15-17 for His solution.

To exert influence upon another (by life and word) to guide him/her into obedience of God's will as revealed in Scripture. *"It consists of reminding, warning, counseling, correcting, reproofing, and rebuking a person with the intention that they will carry it out."*

Admonition is God's antibiotic for the church; done Biblically, it is the most loving thing we can do ... for all concerned.

The test of love isn't patting people on the back and making them feel good all the time. The test of love is wanting what is best for them. Now, as we're thinking about that person that God might just want us to be His voice to speak into their life, do we love them? Do we love them enough to tell the truth? Is there a relationship or situation that needs my attention? Do I love this person enough to "speak the truth in love?"

With God's help, I will...



# June

2024

## Sacred Vocations Month – Please Pray

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday                                | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday                             |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|
|   |   |  |  |  |   | 1                                    |
|   |   |  |  |  |   | <b>Pizza and Game Night at 5pm.</b>  |
| 2   | 3   | 4  | 5  | 6  | 7   | 8                                    |
| Sunday in the Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski.                          | Food Pantry meeting at Noon.  | Octave Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague. | Octave Holy Mass at Noon.                | Octave of Corpus Christi. Holy Mass at Noon.                   | Solemnity - Sacred Heart of Jesus. Holy Mass at Noon. | Women's Group Meets at 10am.         |
| 9   | 10  | 11   | 12                                       | 13   | 14  | 15                                   |
| Solemnity of the Word of God. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.                                   |   | Fr. Jim at Seminary (tentative).                           | Men's Spiritual Retreat                  | Commemoration - St. Anthony of Padua. Men's Spiritual Retreat  | Men's Spiritual Retreat                               | Men's Spiritual Retreat              |
| 16  | 17  | 18   | 19                                       | 20   | 21  | 22                                   |
| 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois.<br><b>Father's Day Breakfast.</b> | Parish Committee Meeting at 6pm.  | Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.        | <b>Juneteenth.</b>                       | Holy Mass at Noon. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at 5pm. | Holy Mass at Noon.                                    | Solemnity – St. John the Baptist.    |
| 23  | 24  | 25   | 26                                       | 27   | 28  | 29                                   |
| 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.                                     |   | Holy Mass at Noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague.        | Holy Mass at Noon.                       | Holy Mass at Noon. Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations at 5pm. | Holy Mass at Noon.                                    | Feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles. |
| 30  |   |  |  |  |   |                                      |
| 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Holy Mass at Noon ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil.   |   |  |  |  |   |                                      |
| <b>COMING UP:</b>   | July 4: 95th Anniversary Celebration at Spójnia Farm & Family Day Celebration. Starting with Holy Mass at 11am. |  | July 4 – 13: Kurs<br>July 22 – 26: Convo |  |   |                                      |

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