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NEWSLETTER

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FOR "EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED."

Leadership requires action and example. A good leader (and remember, we are all leaders) sets a vision and then engages with others to meet the vision.

Consider what bad leaders do. They say: 'Do this and do that' but merely sit back and watch. They are not alongside in working to accomplish the vision. They take a *laissez-faire* approach. Even worse, they sit back and criticize when they think you're not doing it right. We can rightly say: How can we do it right without leadership?

Jesus is the good and perfect leader. He placed His entire self on the line for the vision His Father had set, the establishment of the Kingdom. He led and taught others the how and why. He set out clear goals and worked to get there - He alongside His disciples. He corrected His disciples when they went astray, but did so in a fair and evenhanded manner.

On the First Sunday in Lent our Epistle is taken from St. Paul's letter to the Church at Rome. Paul is doing two things. He is contrasting the Law of Moses with its legalistic claim

against the free gift of salvific grace offered through Jesus.

St. Paul tells the Church that they have the Word of God and that if they confess Jesus as Lord and believe fully in Him they have salvation. They need not offer animal and grain sacrifices or carry out other precepts of the Law to obtain forgiveness or salvation. It is already theirs in Jesus' sacrifice.

So too for us.

From there, Paul calls on us to lead by our proclamation. This was a call to bold leadership because to confess Jesus as Lord was quite hazardous then. For a Jew it could mean being cast out of family and community including great economic sacrifice. For a Gentile the penalties could include not only separation from family and community, but also arrest and prosecution, later even martyrdom. That's not too far from reality today.

Yet, lead we must without fear. Let us engage and through our Lenten action and example draw many to Christ trusting the assurance that no one who believes in Jesus will be put to shame.

Our Lenten Journey Toward Holy Week



We began our Lenten journey quite late this year, on March 5th with Ash Wednesday.

Join in increased prayer each

Friday as we gather to observe the sacred tradition of Stations of the Cross at 3pm. Every Sunday we gather for Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm. These observances help us better understand the loving devotion Jesus had for us. Walk with Him in these devotions so that we may rejoice with Him at Easter.

Lent is time devoted to repentance, a turning away from the ways, events, and situations that are harmful to us - and not just turning away from something - but turning toward God and the way He desires we live and act.

Let us live Lent mindfully with prayer (Sunday and daily Holy Mass, Stations, Lamentations, private prayer, bible reading, our

Seniorate Lenten retreat on Saturday, April 5th), sacrifice (fasting - no meat on Wednesdays and Fridays), penance (recollection of and turning away from sinful behaviors), and charity (Lenten giving).

We ask you to participate in our annual directed giving campaign (see below) as an act of charity and almsgiving to offer up food and other things needful for those in our local community.

Passiontide begins April 6th and Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on April 13th.

Please be attentive to our schedule and join us. There is truly no greater experience than to allow our brokenness to be filled by Jesus.

Directed Giving for Lent:



Place your donations of food by the Mary Altar.

1st Week (March 9),

FEELING FRUITY: Canned Peaches, Pears, Fruit Cocktail, Pineapple or Applesauce, 100% Juice in Cans.

2nd Week, VEGGIE MANIA (March 16): Canned Corn, Canned Peas,

Canned Beans, Canned Potatoes, Canned Sweet Potatoes.

3rd Week (March 23), DINNER IS SERVED: Canned Beef Stew, Canned Pork and Beans, Instant Potatoes/Stuffing Mix, Macaroni and Cheese, Spaghetti or other Pasta, Canned Spaghetti Sauce.

4th Week (March 30), SCHOOL NEEDS: Pencils and Pens, Folders and Notebooks, Crayons, Tape and Elmer's Glue.

Passion Week (April 6), BABY MAKES THREE: Disposable Diapers, Baby Wipes, Liquid Formula, Jars of Baby Food.

Holy Week (April 13), SPECIAL NEEDS DIET: Low Sodium Soups, Canned Fruit in Juice (not in syrup), Canned Tuna in Water, Low Sodium Crackers, Organic Applesauce.

Seniorate Lenten Retreat



Our Seniorate Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, April 5th at our parish starting at 11am.

The retreat will include a Penitential Service, a Penitential Litany, Stations of the Cross, Lamentations, Lunch, and a very brief Seniorate meeting.

Please let Father Jim know if you are attending (everyone is strongly

encouraged to attend) so proper preparations of food and materials may be made.

THEN JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER



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.

April 13th is Palm Sunday marking the start of Holy Week.

We reach the high point of the year's joy on Easter Sunday, April 20th, with our Solemn Resurrection Holy Mass at 8am and a second Holy Mass at 10am.

See the detailed Holy Week and Easter schedule in our April Newsletter.

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

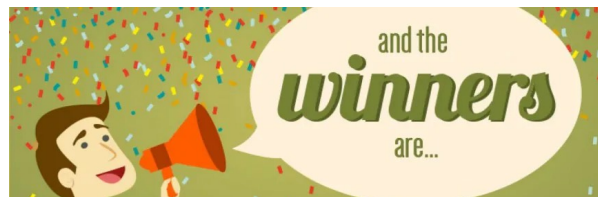
Our Annual Financial Meeting - March 2nd

Our annual financial meeting will be held on Sunday, March 2nd. Please attend and help decide on our financial future.

The Basket Social 2025

There is a sign-up sheet for baskets in the church and in the hall. Free baskets are available if you need them. This year's Basket Social (along with GREATEST BESTEST Polish Food) will be held on Sunday, April 27th at the spacious and beautiful South Schenectady Firehouse, 6 Old Mariaville Road, Schenectady.

Outrageous Valentine's Raffle Winners!!!



Congratulations to all who have won in our Outrageous Valentine's Raffle. Thank you to those who re-donated their winnings as a special blessing. These funds support youth participation in parish, diocesan, and National Church events.

The winners are: Adam Konicki, Stan Podkulski, Lisa Wilson (2x), Jon Linscott, Olivia Padula, George Sykala, Ed Charnews, Bill Frank, Alyssa DePaula, SOCL Donation

(Gail Clas), Carol Kupiec, Christiana Supinski, Denise Broza (2x incl. \$100 winner), Robert & Martha Binkowski, Pete Battaglia, Patti Badovinac, Kelly Supinski, Bishop Bernard, Renee Konicki, Gail Clas (2x), Blake Horton, D. Morris, Lu Carlson, Dave & Carol Taylor, Eugene Gretkierewicz.

Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję, Āčiū, Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie!



To all who attended our annual meeting. To all who ran for office and were elected. You honor the sacrifice of our ancestors who

built this democratic model of Church and keep their hope alive by your participation.

Thank you for your Souper Bowl Sunday generosity. \$212 (the largest yearly amount ever) was collected and donated to Schenectady Shares.

Thank you to our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia and Mike Emanuele for his musical stylings.

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

HARMONIA CHOIR

Our parish has a very rich and nationally recognized choral history. If you would like to join the Harmonia

Choir, please do. See Fr. Jim or Liz Battaglia with any questions.



Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

9 Marianna Zemken
13 Christopher Maliszewski
14 Paul Zebrowski Sr., Deborah Kusek
16 Steven James
18 Justyne Rios
19 Justin Smith, Stanley Podkulski, Danielle DeMidio
21 Susie Spooner, Gary Podbielski, Matthew Zembrzuski
23 Erin Pross
24 Amber Houser
26 Elizabeth Battaglia, Nylyse Rios, Sarah Limmer
27 Skyler Dee
28 Frances Pawlowski
30 Susan Malinowski

Wishing you all many years!

Planning For:



Holy Mass each Sunday at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted.

Daily Holy Mass is held Tuesday through Friday at Noon unless otherwise noted. Following Tuesday Holy Mass we celebrate the Chaplet to the Infant of Prague / Koronka do Praskiego Dzieczątka Jezus. Food Pantry each Monday from 3 until 6pm.

- Mar. 2: Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am **ONLY**. Annual Financial/Budget meeting.
- Mar. 5: Ash Wednesday. Holy Mass with blessing and distribution of ashes at 10am and Noon.
- Mar. 7: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- Mar. 8: Women's Empowerment Meeting at 10am.
- Mar. 9: Daylight Savings Time Begins. 1st Sunday Lent (Solemnity - Institution of the PNCC). Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- Mar. 14: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- Mar. 16: 2nd Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- Mar 18: Parish Committee Meets at 6pm
- Mar 19: Solemnity - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Holy Mass at Noon.
- Mar. 21: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- Mar. 23: 3rd Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- Mar. 25: Solemnity - Annunciation of the BVM. Tonsure and Minor Orders conferred on Seminarians at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton at 10am.

- Mar. 28: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- Mar. 30: 4th Sunday in Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.

Great 2025 Events - Plan to BE THERE

Please join in on these great Spring and Summer 2024 events.

- May 16 - 18: 78th PNCC / YMS of R Bowling Outing in Hamtramck, MI. More details, contact Art Golembeski Jr., President YMS of R Bowlers at arthurgolembeski@gmail.com.
- May 30 - June 1: Mission and Evangelism Workshop in Denver, CO.
- June 18 - 21: Men's Retreat, Waymart, PA.
- July 4 - 12: Kurs, Waymart, PA.
- July 30 - August 1: National United Choirs Convention and Workshop, McKeesport, PA.
- Annual Golf Tournament - date and location TBD.

Scholarships and Stipends

PNCC Stipends: Now is the time to start submitting college stipend applications to the Education and Youth Commission of the PNCC. The deadline for submission is May 15th (please note all applications must be

postmarked by this date).

Applications can be found in the February issue of God's Field at https://pncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/feb_2025_gods_field_online.pdf.

If there are any questions or concerns, please see Fr. Jim.

National United Choirs Music

Scholarship: Applications for the NUC Music Scholarship are currently available on the website, www.nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com. The deadline for applying is May 1st. If there are any questions please see Fr. Jim or contact the scholarship administrator at nucscholarship@gmail.com.

CarePortal - Love Day 2025

We participated in CarePortal's 'Love Day 2025.'

We, and 13 other churches, met needs—providing beds, furniture, and home essentials to

over 70 children. Doing so brought hope and stability to so many children.

Paul received the following from one of the families assisted on Love Day. The family is a grandmother raising five children. She received hygiene items, cleaning items, mattress



covers, and pull-ups. Paul provided information about our Food Pantry and about the church: *"God bless. You helped me out more than I expected. Food bank is wonderful I never knew where to go raising 5 grandbabies. A lot of times it's a struggle. 🙏 I can't say thank you enough I'll save your phone number God bless."*

To date we have met 73 requests, have served 231 children, and have made an economic impact of \$141,500.

We could also use more volunteers to help. See Paul Zawistowski.

God's Field / Rola Boża

Did you know you can access all issues of God's Field online at <https://pncc.org/godsfield/>. There are also copies in the parish hall. Subscriptions are available for \$54.50 per subscription year (March through February). Send a check to the God's Field, 1006 Pittston Ave., Scranton, PA 18505-4109.

New Priests, Clerics Coming Soon



We have lots of joyful news for this late winter and spring.

On Saturday, March 8th Deacon Dr. Marcus Tinajero will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood at Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Buffalo.

Deacon Justin Daviault will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood at Holy Trinity parish in Plantsville, CT on March 21st, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM.

Several of our seminarians will be tonsured and will receive Minor Orders on Tuesday, March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the BVM.

Deacon Sean Dodd will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood at St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr Cathedral in Scranton, PA on Saturday, May 10th, the Commemoration of the 74th Anniversary of the Martyrdom of Bishop Joseph Padewski.

Please continue to pray for our seminarians and for a continued increase in vocations to the priesthood and diaconate.

Savonarola Theological Seminary and Institute



We have been working diligently to build out the Savonarola Seminary, not just physically, but also to encompass an Institute of Learning for all of the members of our Church.

Have you ever wanted to know more about the Bible, the Church Fathers, Evangelism, Catechesis, PNCC History, or other church subjects? Those opportunities are coming.

Church members will have the opportunity to take courses, and if desired, obtain a Certificate in these various areas of study.

Stay tuned for details in the future as this work progresses.

OPEN TO ME THE DOORS OF REPENTANCE



There is a beautiful Orthodox Hymn sung at this time of the year:

“Open To Me The Doors Of Repentance” It is short, the lyrics as follows:

Open to me the doors of repentance O Lifegiver; for my spirit rises early to pray towards Thy Holy Temple, bearing the temple of my body all defiled. But in Thy Compassion purify me by the loving kindness of Thy Mercy. Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Lead me on the paths of Salvation O Mother of God, for I have covered my soul in shameful sins and have wasted my life in lazy acts. But by your intercessions, deliver me from all impurity. Have mercy on me O God according to Thy Great Mercy and according to the multitude of Thy Compassions blot out my transgressions.

When I think of the many evil things I have done, wretched I am, I tremble at the fearful day of Judgement, but trusting in Thy loving kindness, like David I cry to Thee. Have mercy on me O God, have mercy on me O God, Have mercy on me O God according to Thy great Mercy.

The picture drawn here is of one who seeks God, who is self-aware of their failings, and the true darkness those failings entail. It shows that person approaching the Temple of God – the Holy Church – and with the help of our Blessed Mother’s intercession placing their full reliance on God’s mercy.



As we begin our Lenten journey this month let us rely on our true Lifegiver. We pray that He open to us the Doors of Repentance so that with the help of His mercy we receive the full and joy-filled benefits from our almsgiving, prayer, and fasting and arrive at Easter reflecting the image of what God has called us to be – no longer ash, but light.

Getting to know you...

Check out the February 2025 issue of God’s Field. You will find therein the Savonarola Theological Seminary Newsletter. Each of our seminarians was asked to tell us about themselves. Their stories are truly revealing and inspiring. Check them out here: https://pncc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/feb_2025_gods_field_online.pdf.

March

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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						Commemoration - St. David of Wales.
2	3	4	 5	6	 7	8
Quinquagesima Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am ONLY. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Annual Financial Meeting.	Daily Bread Food Pantry 3 until 6pm.	Commemoration - St. Casimir.	Ash Wednesday Holy Mass at Noon and 7pm - blessing and distribution of ashes.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.	Women's Meeting. 10am.
Day Light Savings 9	10	11	 12	13	 14	15
1st Sunday of Lent (Institution Feast). Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Bitter Lamentations, 3pm.	Daily Bread Food Pantry 3 until 6pm.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.	
16	17	18	 19	20	 21	22
2nd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Bitter Lamentations, 3pm.	Daily Bread Food Pantry 3 until 6pm. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Solemnity – St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm	
23	24	25	 26	27	 28	29
3rd Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Bitter Lamentations, 3pm.	Daily Bread Food Pantry 3 until 6pm.	Holy Mass with Tonsure and Minor Orders at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton, PA.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon.	Holy Mass at Noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm	
30	31					
4th Sunday of Lent. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil. Bitter Lamentations, 3pm.	Daily Bread Food Pantry 3 until 6pm.					

Upcoming in April

- April 5: Seniorate Retreat at Holy Name of Jesus
- April 6: Passion Sunday
- April 13: Palm Sunday
- April 17: Maundy Thursday
- April 18: Good Friday

- April 19: Holy Saturday
- April 20: Solemnity of the Resurrection (Easter)
- April 27: Low Sunday, **BASKET SOCIAL**

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