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JUST AS WE HAVE BORNE THE IMAGE OF THE MAN OF DUST, WE SHALL
ALSO BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE MAN OF HEAVEN.

Throughout the PreLenten and Lenten season we have been focused on God's imagery. We have considered the many ways in which God's Holy Word in Scripture, and in particular in the Person of Jesus, draws for us mental images of what He wants us to see and be.

When we see God's images we quickly perceive who and what He wants us to be, to become, and what He does not want us to be. He draws us a picture so we might clearly perceive His intent for us. We've all heard the old saying: 'Can you draw me a picture?' Well, God does.

Among our reflections we saw that we must resist evil and persevere as Jesus did in His desert fast. In the Transfiguration we saw that we are to be people of light entering into the fray and the chaos. In the parable of the fig tree owner we saw that we are to be fruitful and that we must avoid barrenness. We will continue to see images that speak to us, images of judgment and of what the Lord has done for us in His passion and death.

At the end of our Lenten journey as will occur at the end of our lives we reach the image of the resurrected Christ.

St. Paul reminds the faithful of Corinth that they have been changed by their faith in Christ. Our former image as dust, of the earthly, has been transformed into the image of Jesus, of the heavenly. That is the wonderful promise of Easter to we who are Easter people.

St. Paul goes on to tell them and us that our image has been changed. We are no longer just flesh and blood nor are we perishable. Because of that we will inherit the kingdom of God and will be imperishable.

Because of Jesus, and by our acceptance of His salvation in our baptism (which we will specifically recall and celebrate on Holy Saturday morning) and lived faith in the image He wishes us to bear, we will be transformed to be like Jesus and live in glory forever.

Let Easter joy fill our hearts and strengthen us to bear His image.

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 further on in this Newsletter.

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

Easter Wishes

My dearest family in Christ,

On behalf of my family, I extend to you every blessing for this Easter and throughout the Easter season. May the

resurrected Christ continue to reign in our hearts and in our lives as we follow Him and adhere to a faith both ancient and new. We recognize, even among our trials, His wonderful gifts; most especially the joy we have in Him.

You have blessed me abundantly and I love you and thank God for your mighty witness. I am overjoyed to share with you once again the awesome celebration of the resurrected Christ.

Drodzy Bracia i Siostry,

Jezus zmartwychwstając śmierć pokonał, a cudu tego dla nas - ludzi dokonał, abyśmy z czasowego życia ziemskiego mogli przejść do boskiego życia wiecznego.

Niech Zmartwychwstanie Pańskie, które niesie duchowe odrodzenie, napelni wszystkich spokojem i wiarą, oraz da siłę w pokonywaniu trudności i pozwoli z ufnością patrzeć w przyszłość...

Radosnych i błogosławionych Świąt Zmartwychwstania Pańskiego spędzonych w gronie najbliższych życzę.

ks. Jakub i rodziny

Then, 50 Days of Easter

We so look forward to your being with us as we continue to celebrate the Easter season that begins April 20th and does not conclude until Pentecost on June 8th (for 50 days!). Continue to rejoice in His resurrection with the apostles, our Holy Church, and our entire family in the faith.

How to say Happy Easter

The Paschal greeting is an Easter custom among Christians. Instead of saying "hello," "good morning," or some other greeting we are to greet each other with "Christ is Risen!" The proper response is "Truly, He is Risen." Here is the Pascal greeting in several languages:

- English: *Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!*
- Spanish: *iCristo ha resucitado! iEn verdad ha resucitado!*
- Italian: *Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!*
- Polish: *Chrystus zmartwychwstał! Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał!*
- Swahili – *Kristo Amefufukka! Kweli Amefufukka!*
- German: *Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!*
- Norwegian: *Kristus er oppstanden! Han er sannelig oppstanden!*
- Rastafarian – *Krestos a uprisin! Seen, him a uprisin fe tru!*

- French: *Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité!*
 - Greek: *Χριστός ανέστη! Ἀληθῶς ανέστη!*
 - Ukrainian: *Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!*
 - Scottish: *Tha Crìosd air èiridh! Gu dearbh, tha e air èiridh!*
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Basket Social is April 27th



There is a sign-up sheet for baskets. Free baskets are available if you need them. This year's Basket Social (along with the GREATEST BESTEST Polish Food) will be held on Sunday, April 27th at the spacious and beautiful South Schenectady Firehouse, 6 Old Mariaville Road, Schenectady. Please start bringing your baskets in and sign-up to help. Any questions, please see Gayle Clas. Thank you.

National Church Activities

April 26: 24th PNCC Scholars' Conference. Scranton, PA. See Father Jim if you would like a Zoom link.

May 30 - June 1: Mission and Evangelism Workshop - Denver, CO.

May 16 - 17: 78th Annual YMS of R/PNCC Bowling Outing,

Hamtramck, MI.

June 18 - 21: Men's Spiritual Retreat, Waymart, PA.

July 4: Independence Day Holy Mass stating at 11am. Waymart, PA.

July 4 - 12: Kurs Youth Encampment, Waymart, PA.

July 30 - August 1: National United Choirs Convention and Musicians Workshop, MeKeesport, PA.

August 15 - 17: Annual YMS of R Golf Tournament. Buffalo, NY.

National Youth Activities

Fr. Jim has once again been appointed chaplain for this year's **Kurs Encampment** being held July 4th through 12th (9 days!) at the Bishop Hodur Retreat and recreation Center in Waymart, PA. Sign up will begin in late-April.

Music Scholarships



The Church's Music Scholarship Program was instituted and tailored to develop musicians within the Polish National Catholic

Church.

Including the 2024 Scholarships, the Church has given out 1,145 scholarships totaling \$358,085.

Applications for the 2025 Scholarship Program are available at

<http://nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com/music-scholarship-application.html>

and Junior Incentive Award applications are available at <http://nucmusicsscholarship.weebly.com/junior-incentive-application.html>.

We strongly encourage all who qualify to apply. The deadline for applying is May 1, 2025.

Milestones to Celebrate:

Birthdays

- 1 Kendell and Shirley Maliszewski
- 3 Patricia Gustuvson, Mark Caulfield
- 4 Timothy J. Olsen
- 5 Kathleen Caulfield
- 7 Albert Rios
- 8 Denise Broza
- 9 Lisette Rios
- 10 Timothy DeCocco
- 14 Trevor Wheelock
- 16 Debbie Martucci
- 18 Kyle Carlson
- 19 Philip Jorczaak
- 22 Kathy Smith, Nancy Heins
- 23 Michael Wienclawski
- 28 Linda DePaula
- 30 San D'Amico

Anniversaries

- 13 Paul & Michelle Zawistowski

Wishing you many years! Sto Lat!

Thank you, Merci, Dziękuję, Āċiū, Gracias, Mahalo, Grazie! God bless you!

To all who lived the disciplines of Lent and prayed more fervently through Lenten devotions, who engaged in acts of charity, and

practiced acts of Christian love and concern.

Thank you to all who are so generously giving through our Lenten directed giving program which is still ongoing.

To all who donated so generously to Operation SouperBowl 2025. Over \$200 was donated to Schenectady Shares which distributes food to providers throughout Schenectady County.

To all who helped in making pierogi for our Basket Social. Nearly 700 were made - amazing work all!

To all who attended our annual budget meeting. You honor the sacrifice of our ancestors who built this democratic model of Church and keep their hope alive by your participation.

To our organist and choir director Liz Battaglia with Mike Emanuele who make our Lenten worship all the more meaningful and beautiful.

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

Planning For:



Sunday Holy Masses are at 10am and Noon unless otherwise noted. Daily Holy

Mass is Tuesday through Friday at noon. Chaplet to the Infant of Prague on Tuesdays following Holy mass. The Daily Bread Food Pantry is each Monday from 3 to 6pm.

- April 4: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- April 5: **Seniorate Lenten Retreat** beginning at 11am at our parish. Lunch provided.

Passiontide

- April 6: Passion Sunday.
- April 11: Stations of the Cross at 3pm.
- April 12: Women's Empowerment Group at 10am. Thursday Musical Club performance at First Reformed Church, Schenectady at 2pm.

Holy Week

- April 13: Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am with Blessing and Distribution of Palms. Holy Mass at noon. Bitter Lamentations / Gorzkie Żale at 3pm.
- April 14: Holy Monday.
- April 15: No Daily Holy Mass. Holy Mass of Chrism at St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton at 2pm.
- April 16: Spy Wednesday. Holy Mass at Noon. Private Confessions until 2pm.
- April 17: Maundy Thursday, Reception of Oils, Holy Mass, Procession, Reposition and Stripping of the Altars at 7pm.
- April 18: Good Friday, Church opens for private prayer at noon. Reflection of the Seven Last words at 1pm. Bitter Lamentations at 2pm. Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb at 3pm.

- April 19: Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises at 10am. Basket Blessings and Private Devotion until 2pm.
- **April 20: Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter Proclamation and Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Second Holy Mass at 10am.**

The Easter Season

- April 21-26: Bright Week.
- April 25: Feast - St. Mark, Evangelist.
- April 26: Basket Social Set-up
- **April 27: Low Sunday. ONE HOLY MASS at 8:30am. Basket Social starting at noon.**
- April 30: Solemnity – St. Joseph the Workman. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 1: Feast - Ss. Philip and James, Apostles. Holy Mass at Noon.
- May 3: Solemnity - Finding of the Holy Cross.

Participating Online

We broadcast daily and Sunday Holy Masses and devotional services live online on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HolyNameOfJesusSchenectady/> and on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@HolyNameOfJesusNCC>.

Confirmation and First

Communion Classes

Classes can start at any time. If any adult or youth would like to participate, please let Fr. Jim know.

Memory Eternal!

With deep sadness and hope in the resurrection we commend the following to your prayers:



Śp. Carolyn Opalka

Mrs. Carolyn Opalka of Richmond, VA, formerly of Bronx, New York, passed away on February 13, 2025, at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at Johnston-Willis Hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her mother, Josephine Strahl; her father, William Strahl; sisters Angela Lowe, and Marianne Strahl; and brother William Strahl.

Carolyn lived a life devoted to others, both professionally and personally. She spent her career in the insurance industry, beginning as a producer, where she helped countless clients with their commercial insurance needs. Her journey continued as a manager of underwriting, where her expertise and dedication shone brightly.

Above all, Carolyn's heart was with her family. She cherished her role as

a loving wife and mother, always ensuring her husband, sons, and grandchildren were well cared for. Her circle of friends was equally important to her, and she was deeply loved by those who had the privilege of knowing her.

Carolyn had a passion for reading and exploring the world, creating cherished memories as she traveled with her family and friends. She was a woman of strength, wit, and wisdom, and her independent spirit was an inspiration to all who knew her. A true light in the lives of those around her, Carolyn will be remembered fondly and missed more than words can express.

She is survived by her sister Debra Gabrielsen (Bay Shore, NY), her husband Leonard of 53 years (Richmond, VA), son James Opalka and wife Kristin (Richmond, VA), son Matthew Opalka (Columbia Falls, MT), and two grandchildren, Avery and Delsen.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to the Hawthorne Cancer Foundation at www.thehawthorne.org.

Śp. Marianne S. Weglinski

Marianne S Weglinski, 73, died peacefully on April 1st, 2025, at her home in Schenectady, New York. She departed in the loving embrace of her siblings and her son.

Marianne was born in Herzogenaurach, Germany in 1951 to parents Stefan and Elisabeth Weglinski. She emigrated to the

United States in 1957 and settled in Schenectady, where she lived for the entirety of her life. She attended and graduated from Linton High School in 1969. Marianne enjoyed a long career as an executive administrative assistant at Ellis Hospital for 45 years. She was a caring and dedicated member of the Ellis community where she made many friends that she maintained throughout her life. She also worked part-time at the Customer Service desk at the Albany Walmart, because for Marianne, one job was never enough. Additionally, Marianne spent many years volunteering her time in the service of the Schenectady Soccer Club, Proctor's Theater, and the Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Mont Pleasant, where she was a lifelong parishioner.

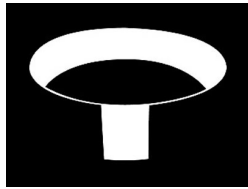
Throughout her life, she enjoyed the company of her friends and family, traveling, and spending time with her two granddaughters, Norah and Willa, who she loved more than anything. She was a self-proclaimed "control freak," especially in the kitchen where she was an avid cook, who loved to feed others, always arriving to any occasion with dishes in hand. Marianne's love and commitment to others was limitless, her strength without rival, and the world was made a better place because she was in it.

Marianne is predeceased by her father, Stefan. She is survived by her mother, Elisabeth. Her son Eric Esner, daughter-in-law Sarah Esner,

and granddaughters, Norah and Willa. Siblings: Christine D'Amico (nephews Sam and Alex), Walter Weglinski and Michelle Dee (nieces Karina and Skyler), and Gary Weglinski (nephew Justin and niece Jolene).

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

God is Blessing His Church

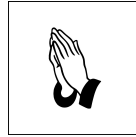


Because of your prayers God is blessing His Church with vocations to the priesthood and diaconate. We must

continue to pray with confidence in God's promise that He does indeed answer prayers made in faith.

As you may know, on March 25th, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, four of our seminarians were tonsured and received Minor Orders. Mr. Robert Grizzell was tonsured and received Minor Orders at Annunciation Parish in San Antonio, Texas on March 21st. On March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Deacon Justin Daviualt was ordained to the Holy Priesthood. Deacon Marcus Tinajero was ordained to the Holy Priesthood on March 8th. Deacon Sean Dodd will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood on May 10th. God bless them all.

Seminary Prayer Line



We have established a prayer line for the seminary. Send your prayer requests by E-mail to prayer@savonarola.net.

Seminary Support

If you can, please provide support to the Seminary Fund. Faithful PNCC member's support is vital to keeping the lights on and the seminarians' educational needs met.











The Parish Committee asks that we combine our donations

which we will then send on behalf of the parish to the Seminary to support those who will be our priests in the future. A basket has been placed out for that purpose.

While in Scranton I had the chance to look through old copies of the Seminary Newsletter from the 1970's. The generosity of Holy Name of Jesus' parishioners stood out and was mentioned in many articles.

Checks and cash are fine. Checks may be made out to the parish. The basket will be out for several weeks. Please be generous and may God bless your generosity!

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Holy Mass at noon. 1	 2	Holy Mass at noon. 3	 4 Holy Mass at noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.	5 Seniorate Lenten Retreat at the parish beginning at 11am.
6 Passion Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am and Noon. Lector: Larry Panfil.	7 Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.	8 Holy Mass at noon.	9  Holy Mass at noon.	10 Holy Mass at noon.	11  Holy Mass at noon. Stations of the Cross at 3pm.	12 Women's Empowerment Group at 10am. Thursday Musical Club Spring Performance at First Reformed at 2pm.
13 Palm Sunday. Holy Mass at 10am with the Liturgy of the Palms and Noon. Lector: Lauren DeBlois. Bitter Lamentations, 3pm.	14 Holy Monday. Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.	15 Holy Tuesday. Holy Mass of Chrism (Cathedral in Scranton) at 2pm.	16  Spy Wednesday Holy Mass at noon Private Confessions until 2pm.	17  Maundy Thursday, Reception of Holy Oils, Holy Mass, Procession, Stripping of the Altars, 7pm.	18  Good Friday, Church opens at noon. • Last Words - 1pm. • Bitter Lamentations - 2pm. • Liturgy of the Presanctified and Opening of the Tomb - 3pm.	19  Holy Saturday, Liturgy of New Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Blessing of Easter Baskets, 10am. Easter Basket blessings until 2pm.
20 Solemnity of the Resurrection/Easter, Procession and Solemn High Holy Mass at 8am. Lector: Joe Kaczynski. Holy Mass at 10am. Repast follows.	21 Bright Monday Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm. Parish Committee Meets at 6pm.	22 Bright Tuesday Holy Mass at noon.	23 Bright Wednesday Holy Mass at noon.	24 Bright Thursday Holy Mass at noon.	25 Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist. Holy Mass at noon. Scholar's Conference in Scranton, PA. Fr. Jim attends.	26 Bright Saturday Basket Social Preparation.
27 Low Sunday – Holy Mass at 8:30am ONLY. Lector: Larry Panfil. BASKET SOCIAL @ 12pm.	28 Meeting of PNCC Bishops. Daily Bread Food Pantry, 3pm until 6pm.	29 Holy Mass at noon. Meeting of Supreme Council.	30 Holy Mass at noon.			

EVENTS

May

Mother's Day, Memorial Day,
Ascension

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