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**“Whoever acknowledges Me
before others, I will also
acknowledge before My Father
in heaven.**

**But whoever disowns Me before
others, I will disown before My
Father in heaven.”**

- Matthew 10:32-33

**Ordinary 12
June 25, 2023**

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This Week

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Holy Mass

12 Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

+**deceased members of the Piekielek & Gliwa Families** int. Steffania Piekielek; +**Sophie Bondi** (1st Ann.) Int. Joseph & Debbie Parknavy; +**Edward Kustra** Int. Eileen Kustra

Sunday, July 2, 2023

Holy Mass

13 Ordinary Time

10:00 A.M.

+**Angelo & Josephine Tarli** int. Steffania Piekielek; +**Mildred & Ignatius Budzilowski** Int. Terry Allen

Lajkoniki Dancers

Our Lajkoniki dancers will be performing at the Vinoski Winery Polish Festival August 6, 2023. Doors open at noon and entertainment 1:00 P.M. The winery is located at 333 Castle Drive Rostraver, PA 15012. Free General Admission! Minors Under 21 be with Parent or Guardian. Formore information and table reservations call 724-872- 3333. Call Frank Pociask @724 861-0759. No dancing experience necessary.

**PNU Special Announcement 2023:
The Year of Transformation Update**

**Nothing is concealed
that will not be revealed,
nor secret that will not be
known.**

Matthew 10:26



The Board of Directors and Management Team are excited to announce that the Board of Directors have approved the language of a merger agreement between the Polish National Union and the Polish National Alliance.

On June 5, 2023, the Board of Directors met to discuss the merger agreement document prepared by our attorney Todd Martin. Attorney Martin was present at the meeting



to witness the discussion and motion to adopt the document. In early 2023, the Board of Directors invited eight organizations to discuss merger possibilities. From those eight organizations it was narrowed to three. The final three organizations were a part of individual in-depth discussions with the PNU Board. During the discussions, reporting was shared with one another to decide which organization would be the best fit for the PNU. The Board Merger Committee recommended in March to proceed with the Polish National Alliance. The PNA was the organization most closely aligned to that of the PNU and provided the members with the most positive benefits. What happens now? For the next 60 days the members may review the agreement once the document is executed between the two organizations and mailed to the members. They may comment to the Board of Directors in written form if there are any concerns. The delegates from the 31st General Convention will be contacted to review and vote for the approval of the merger with the PNA. The Management and Board of Directors urge the delegates of the 31st General Convention to approve the merger. As said previously, the merger with the PNA is under our terms negotiated with them and not being forced by the regulators to merge with no recourse. Also, all existing policies will not be affected, and policies still can be purchased. Fraternaly, Martin Wachna CEO, Polish National Union of America

Date change: *The next PNU District 5 meeting is rescheduled for July 8th at Holy Trinity Parish, McKees Rocks at 1:00 P.M. Not July 15th as previously scheduled. All PNU members are invited to attend to learn more concerning this exciting merger making our fraternal stronger.*

The Word This Week

Jeremiah was a courageous prophet who never shrank from his task of proclaiming the Word of God - even when this resulted in his persecution. Just before the passage we hear today, he was arrested, and beaten. The reading is divided into three sections: Jeremiah quoting his enemies, his statement about eventual victory and his prayer to the Lord of Hosts. The second reading is fairly simple, but still demands a degree of care: the basic idea is one of Paul's series of contrasts - here between Adam and Christ. Adam brought sin (and therefore death) into the world; Christ has given grace. Paul is developing a rather tight argument. Paul is saying that sin is more than a matter of simply transgressing the Law as given by Moses, therefore substantiating his claim that everyone has sinned - even before the Law was given. The real point of the reading, however, is the last paragraph, where Paul talks of the wonderful abundant free gift given in Christ. He is the One to come, and it is through him (as Paul is at pains to point out throughout the letter) that salvation comes. Which brings us to our Gospel. Today's Gospel turns our thoughts to the strange phenomenon of persecution: throughout the history of mankind, the truth has been a commodity that often leads to persecution: the prophets of the Old Testament were attacked because of their message, as was the Lord Jesus himself. For his followers, the same may be true. The point of the readings is not simply to face up to the reality of the opposition the Gospel may meet, but to remember where the truth of the Gospel comes from: the Father in heaven, who knows us and values us. So, we can be confirmed in our mission to witness to the truth, not fearing those who merely kill the body.

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